

Golden Bears visit Huskies in CWUAA final

by Martin Coutts

Off their performance in the second half of the season, they didn't deserve it. But they still got what they wanted. And they may well have got it where they wanted it (i.e. in Saskatoon).

The Bears' hockey team, despite the worst record in the Conference in the latter half of the season (4 wins, 8 losses), travels to Saskatoon this weekend for a best-of-three showdown with the Saskatchewan Huskies for the Canada West title. The winner will represent the Conference in the National finals, to be played the following weekend in Moncton, New Brunswick.

The two teams will clash at 6:30 p.m. Edmonton time on Friday and Saturday with a 3rd game, if necessary, slated for 1:00 p.m. Edmonton time on Sunday afternoon. All games will be played at that architectural wonder otherwise known as the Rutherford Arena, on the U of S campus.

The Bears have their work cut out for them if they hope to upset the two-time national finalist Huskies in their own barnyard, er, backyard. The Bears not only stumbled through the second half of the season, but lost two of their premier forwards to injury in the process. Both Team Captain

Garnet "Ace" Brimacombe and top rookie Craig Dill suffered season-ending knee injuries that killed any chances the Bears had for finishing in first place.

Brimacombe's loss also left the team woefully short of playoff experience at the University level. Only defenceman Dan Peacocke and left winger Terry Sydoryk have previously played in a Canada West championship series.

However, there are a few silver linings to the dark cloud.

The Bears actually fared better against the Huskies in Rutherford Rink than they did in the supposedly friendly confines of Varsity Arena. Alberta won two out of four league contests between the teams in Saskatoon, and only one out of four here in Edmonton.

They also lost their last five home league games against all comers, which prompted Coach Clare Drake to state that, "we're definitely happy to be going on the road."

The Bears had their greatest success against Saskatchewan when they played a tight checking, hard hitting, *playoff-style* brand of hockey. In each of their three wins over Dave King's boys, the

Bears conceded two goals or less. But in each of their five losses to the Huskies, they let in five goals or more.

And finally, the Bear players have no difficulty whatsoever in getting psyched up for Saskatchewan. In fact, as the

regular season wound down, they were often not mentally prepared to play UBC or Calgary because they had their sights set on the rematch with the Huskies. There's no doubt that they'll be pumped up and ready to go when the puck is dropped on Friday night.

BEAR NOTES: Center Breen Neeser will be ready to play this weekend and defenceman Rick Carriere should be ready to go...both players had had shoulder problems...your fearless forecaster predicts that the series will go the full three games.

Swim teams head east for finals

The Nationals are coming...the Nationals are coming.

Indeed the Panda and Golden Bear swim teams will not be excluded from the plethora of CIAU events happening in March. Twenty-five athletes will represent the University of Alberta in Sherbrooke, Quebec, as the swimming and diving teams go for gold tomorrow.

Last season, the Bears finished fourth and the Pandas were sixth at the Nationals.

Coach John Hogg has attracted some fine athletes this year. World-class swimmers Peter Szmidt and Cam Henning lead the way. The two stars are complemented by the strong Bears spirit including team captain Brent DesBrisay, Brian Carleton, and Jeff Riddle.

For the Pandas, watch for Megan Watson in the 100m and

200m breaststroke. In addition, Beth May, Lisa Hiruki, and Jan Meunier will be strong contenders.

Don McGavern's Pandas diving team will have to be reckoned with at the Sherbrooke Finals. Charlene Bromley, Tara Marvin,

and Alison Godfrey will be looking for the best.

The final Canada West standings this year were: Men: U of C 199, U of A 115, UBC 108, Vic 47, and Man 23. Women: U of C 147.5, U of A 139, UBC 128, Man 46.6, and Vic 35.

Here's the schedule

There's hockey and basketball playoffs this weekend for the Bears. Here's the schedule:

Hockey: Bears at Huskies, 1982-83 Canada West playoffs. Best of three final. Friday, March 4 at 6:30 pm. MST; Saturday, March 5 at 6:30 pm. MST; Sunday, March 6 at 1:00 pm. MST at Rutherford Arena, Saskatoon.

Basketball: Calgary.

Friday, March 4: 1. Vic vs. Sask - 7:00 pm., 2. ALBERTA vs. Vic - 9:00 pm.

Saturday, March 5: 1. Loser 1 vs. Loser 2 - 7:00 pm., 2. Winner 1 vs. Winner 2 - 9:00 pm.

Last chance

by Jim Gerwing

Campus Recreation is in the last full month of its schedule for the winter session and as the programme winds down, participation and interaction remain the catch-words.

A mini-Universiade skating party is being sponsored by the women's contingent of the intramural department on Saturday, March 5th at 7:00 pm. The theme is to dress up in the colours of the Universiade symbol. So come out and be a corporate billboard. Dress in your best red, green, yellow, black and blue. Prizes will be awarded for those participants who best represent the colours of the student games logo. The male of the species are welcome to attend.

Another Campus Rec. sponsored programme you won't want to miss is the "Bears Den Drop Inn" (Friday, March 10 starting at 7:30 pm.) The Bears den is in the west wing of the P. Ed. and Rec. building and overlooks the ice arena. Anyone participating in intramurals is invited to drop in after their activity for some liquid sustenance and rehash the evenings events.

Upcoming athletic events in the intramural department include for the women the Race and Fun Run (3 and 5 kms.) which starts at 1:00 pm. Saturday March 19 right betwixt the P. Ed. and Rec. building and SUB. Registration will immediately precede the event.

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