

Injuries foil Pandas season

by Mark Spector

The Alberta Pandas basketball team began the 1984-85 season with only one goal; a national championship.

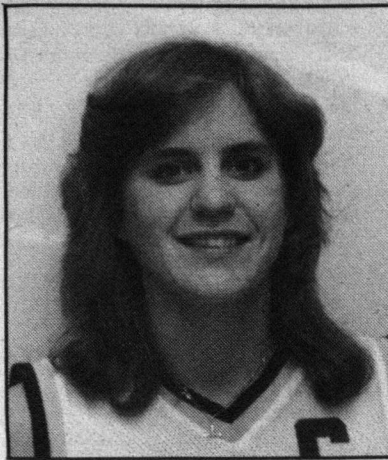
"We moved into the year with our top seven players from last year. And because we finished fourth in the country last year it seemed like a legitimate goal," explained coach Debbie Shogan. And, as with any respected coach, Shogan's team believed in her goal.

At the season's outset, not a single Panda stated that they would settle for anything less than the CIAU crown.

But neither did a single Panda know what would befall the club before the new year.

Injuries would spell the demise of this promising Pandas squad. A knee injury to all-Canadian post Toni Kordic while competing in the Los Angeles Olympics, would keep her out of the line up until mid-December. She was never to fully recuperate from this injury. And even though she was to be selected as a CIAU all-star once again, by Kordic's standards, she has not had a good year.

But the fatal blow was yet to be dealt to the Pandas. Canada West All-Star, and fifth year Panda Laura Cabott would go down late in December with a serious knee injury. Shogan describes this incident as the turning point in the season.



Sue Tokariuk

"Laura's absence (and the loss of outside shooting) caused us to go inside too much, and other teams began to pick up on that. It was also a psychological blow. You just cannot lose a player who is in her fifth year."

Cabott would return to the team, against all medical predictions, for the playoffs. But because she was virtually in preseason form, she understandably was not a force to be reckoned with.

But nobody was giving up. For Lisa Janz and Trish Cambell, who Debbie Shogan describes as one of the most intelligent players in the country, would adequately fill the shoes of the missing Cabott. And guard/forwards Jenny Webking and Sue Tokariuk did enjoy excel-

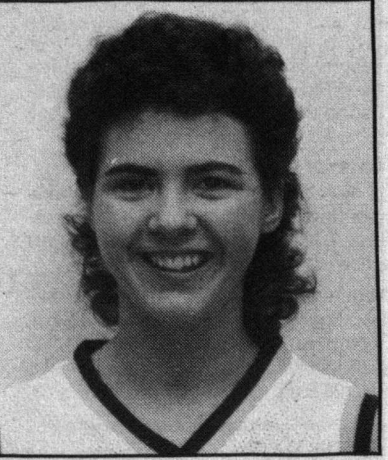


Laura Cabott

lent seasons. Alberta earned second place in the Canada West conference, and received a wildcard berth into the nationals.

Unfortunately a loss in the opening game of the CIAU tournament relegated Alberta to the consolation pool, which they promptly won. It was obvious that Lakehead University, the Pandas opponent in the consolation final, had thrown in the towel once the championship was out of reach. But not Alberta; their team pride was obvious, as they trampled over Lakehead to end the season on a winning note. That victory earned Alberta fifth place in Canada.

Regarding next year, coach Shogan makes no bones about a possible shake up. "We can't stand pat



Shelaine Kozakavich

and expect to compete with (national champions) Victoria. If we need to replace four people in order to be stronger, then obviously we are going to have to do that."

But Alberta should have a fairly strong nucleus around which to build. Starting Guard, and Panda quarterback, Shelaine Kozakavich will return, bringing four years of valuable "swing-man" experience to Shogan's offence.

Trish Campbell and Lisa Janz will

be back for strength up front, while 6'-2" center Yolanda Kruyer will battle for a starting spot. Sue Tokariuk, my vote for this year's MVP (Most Valuable Panda), has completed eligibility at Alberta, and will make an excellent high school teacher/coach somewhere in Edmonton. Laura Cabott has also played her last University Basketball game.

Dawn Schooler, and Rhonda Wolfram have all showed ample improvement this season, and should stay in the line-up next year. Guard Debbie O'Byrne is coming off a season that was plagued with illness, and despite playing well this year, can hope for a better season next year.

The only question marks for next year's team are Toni Kordic and Jenny Webking.

So another Panda basketball season has come to a close, and it may turn out to be a very memorable one for coach Shogan who sums it up this way. "Given the very difficult injuries that we had, we can really be satisfied with fifth in the country. But given the goals that we had at the beginning of the season...It is still a disappointment."

Track team first

This past weekend the University of Alberta sent 22 athletes to the CIAU Track and Field Championships in Windsor, Ontario. The Pandas came away with a share of

first place tied with Canada West rival University of Saskatchewan. The Bears placed seventh. A total of 26 Universities from across Canada participated.

The Pandas scored in 11 of 13 events earning 42 points. Eva McCargar started the trend capturing a bronze in the high jump (1.70). Freshman Joanne Otto placed third in the 600m (1:38.28). The highlight of the first session was the 4x800m relay. There was never more than three meters separating the foursome of Kersten Madsen, Patti Lehnhoff, Birgit Otto, Mary Burminski, and their UVIC counterparts. However, UVIC prevailed setting a new Canadian record (8:47.52). The Pandas second place finish (8:48.18) gave the team "All Canadian" recognition.

The second session went equally as well for the Pandas. Carmelle Hunka won the bronze in the 60m hurdles (8.86) and teamed up with Vivian Stevenson, Janice Cherry and Noella Lee Pong for a bronze in the 4x200 relay. Burzminski, in her final individual race as a Panda won the silver medal in the 1000m (2:48.80). Burzminski's second place gave her "All Canadian" status for the second time on the weekend and fourth time in her career at U of A.

With just the 4x400 relay remaining the Pandas were leading with 38 points, Saskatchewan and York both had 35 points. The Pandas needed at least a third place finish to tie for first place. Burzminski, Otto and Cherry sent anchor runner Lee Pong away in third place. However, Olympian Molly Killingbeck quickly passed Lee Pong leaving the Panda's in fourth place going into the final turn. Lee Pong's final surge was enough to spring the team into third place for a bronze medal and the team championships.

The Bears weakened by the graduation of key athletes and injuries placed a respectable seventh out of 26 universities. The only medal performance came in the 4x400m relay where the quartet of Kent Tomanson, John McLennan, Brian Cookshaw and Brian Monohan ran a seasonal best performance (3:19.47) in placing third, narrowly missing out on bronze medals were Monaghan fourth in the 600m (1:19.74) Angus McDonald fourth in the 1500 m (3:50.97) and Pat Buckie in the triple jump fifth (14.40m) less than one inch from the bronze.

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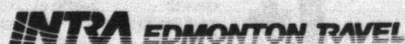
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