Improved Golden Bears appear likely to win hockey crown

By ED MARCHAND

If you are trying to pick a winner in intercollegiate hockey, forget it. Instead, go down to the Park Hotel and get drunk quietly. You'll get the same result—severe depression.

It seemed easy enough at first. Just check the records for the past few seasons for games won and lost, points for and against, and pick the team with the best record. The only problem here was that all the teams came out in first place. Every year college teams have a bigger turnover than the Edmonton Eskimos.

The next step was to feed all the records into an IBM machine, put the results on a scale with the coaches' horoscopes and divide by the number of cats on a hot tin roof. This put the Dinosaurs in last place so the system can't fail.

These are the results:

1. U of A Golden Bears

Coach Clare Drake should not have a worry in the world. Last year it was a dubious defence and a run of goalies, all quite leaky, that left the Bears in third place. This season all is tightened up behind the blue line with goalies Bob Wolfe and Hugh Twaddle and an experienced defence. On offence, watch for Brian Harper, Wilf Martin, Martin Leblanc and Austin Smith to pile up points.

2. U of M Bisons

The Bisons are the defending WCIAA and Canadian College champions, but coach Billy Robinson may soon have an ulcer. He has to find a new defence and a new goalie if the Herd hopes to repeat last year's performance.

3. U of S Huskies

The cold Saskatchewan winters always make these boys hustle, but Coach Eaves has found only two veteran defencemen in the Huskies den this winter. Brian Randall, last year's WCIAA scoring champion is back, but several other key players have been ruled ineligible. The Huskies will howl in pain this year.

4. U of A (Calgary) Dinosaurs

All the other teams are happy to have the Dinosaurs around because they are such easy marks. Sure, the Dino's have improved; they have no way to go but up. It's only their second year and coach Al Rawlins and crew will have to wait a little longer.

5. UBC Thunderbirds

The 'Birdies aren't in the running for WCIAA honors, but they do face off four times against the Bears in the annual Hamber Cup tilt. The rating system doesn't apply to the 'Birdies but rumor has it that they are a strong team if for no other reason than their goalies. Ken Broderick, who plays for Canada's national team, and ex-Oil King Russ Kirk are certain to frustrate the Bear forwards.

The Bears open their home season against the UBC Thunderbirds in Hamber Cup action on November 26 and 27.

Bears lose at basketball tournament

CALGARY—The basketball Bears were knocked right out of the UAC invitational basketball tournament at the weekend as they were downed 66-45 by Carroll College Friday night and 66-46 by the UBC Thunderbirds Saturday.

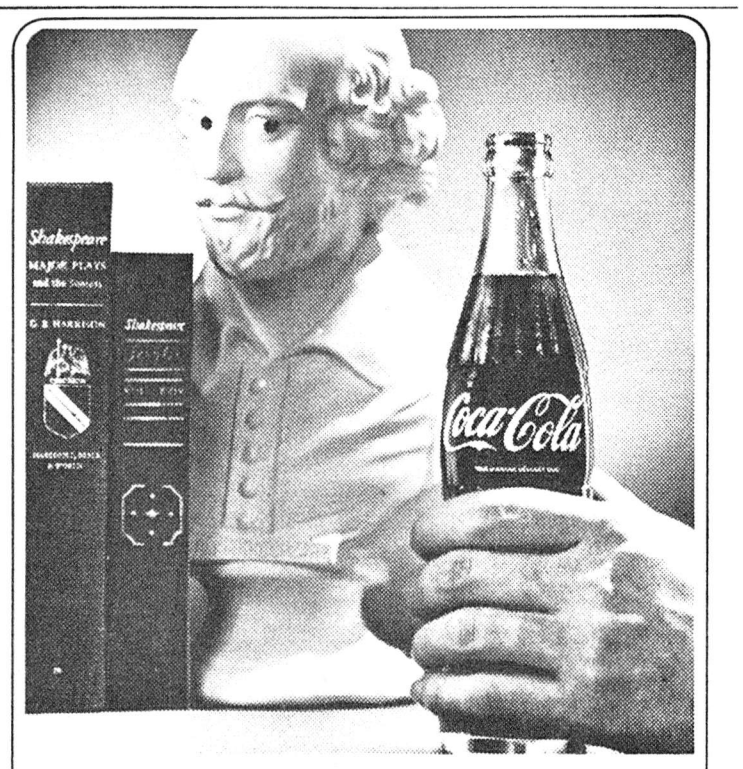
Carroll College of Montana won the tourney Saturday as they outswished the UAC Dinos 69-63 in the final.

Friday night's contest was a close one for the Bears until the last six minutes when Carroll took control of the ball and held the Bears virtually scoreless.

Ed Blott was high scorer for the Golden ones as he accounted for 11 points. Bruce Blumell was second high with nine.

The Bears were down by four points at the end of the first half in Saturday's game. UBC ran away with the game in the second half.

Blumell tallied 15 points to lead the Bear scoring.



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by Marion Conybeare

The women's Panda A team lost 38-28 to the Jasperettes in the opening game of the ladies basketball league.

The Jasperette team took the lead in the first quarter and never looked back. At the end of the second quarter the Pandas were trailing 25-10. They came on with a burst in the final quarter, but it was too late; the Jasperettes hung onto their lead.

The Pandas, however, had the night's top scorer. Bonnie Stewart scored 11 points, three better than the Jasperette's best.

The Panda B team outshot the Cubs 50-36 in the second game. The Cubs kept the Pandas in close check during the first half, remaining only three baskets behind.

The last half was less exciting with the Pandas quickly boosting their score. Panda high scorer Donna Bryks got 16 points. Eleanor Russel led the Cubs scoring with eight points.

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Phys ed, MLS, Pi Phi and ed are going to be hard to beat in intramural curling.

Phys ed beat Newman Club 7-1 while MLS beat arts 6-0 in the two opening games last week.

Pi Phi outcurled Newman Club 5-1 and ed downed LDS 5-1 in the second set of games.

Other results are: ed C-arts B, 2-1; lower res A-ed B, 4-0; upper res-pharmacy, 1-0; rehab med-ed B, 1-1; lower res C-ed B, 3-0; nu B-upper res B, 3-1; LDS B-upper res C, 3-0; nu C-lower res B, 3-1; Delta Gamma-house ec, 3-2; Pi Phi-Newman Club, 5-1; MLS-rehab med, 1-0; Theta-ag, 2-1; Alpha Gamma-Delta Gamma, 4-2; Delta Gamma-rehab med, 2-0; Theta-Alpha Gamma, 3-0.

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The women's swim team is training hard for the fifth annual Golden Bears relays meet, Dec. 11.

Teams expected to enter the relays include: Calgary Barracudas, Calgary Winter Club, Edmonton South Side Club, Edmonton West End Y, Lethbridge Amateur Club, and Red Deer Club.

Coach Mike Horrocks feels that the team, with many strong swimmers coming up from high school, is decidedly better than last year's. One of the strongest hopes for this years is Rae Edgar, provincial butterfly champion.

Marge Ewing and Diane Starr, Scona High graduates, are boosting the Bears' strength tremendously.

Two trophies are offered: one is the Jr. Trophy (in age group competition); and the other is the Sr. Trophy (in open competition).

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The intervarsity curling team should have a good season with Nancy Robb and Elaine Sowness of last year's team returning.

In addition, Pat Taylor and Nancy Horton, members of last year's winning team in the Provincial School Girls Championship have been added. Alternates are Kathy Bentley and Jackie Jewell.

The team trains with the U of A mixed curling league.

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The men's and women's gymnastic teams' tryouts are Friday, Nov. 26, 5:15 p.m. in the west gym. Fans are welcome.

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Women's basketball is at NAIT tonight. The Panda A team plays the Cubs at 7 p.m. The second game, at 8:15 p.m., puts the Panda B team against the Jasperettes.

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The synchronized swimming club still welcomes newcomers.

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