

U of A hoop teams seek revenge

by Tim Enger

This weekend marks the end of the season for both the Bears and the Pandas basketball teams. Both teams play at home and will take on the men's and women's teams from the Universities of Lethbridge (Friday night) and Calgary (Saturday night).

Sounds very similar doesn't it? Well, it is.

The only place where the teams differ is their approaches to the playoffs. While the Pandas have just about everything assured, the Bears face a maze of mathematical possibilities that could have them finish anywhere from second, and open the playoffs at home, to sixth, and out of the playoffs.

"If we win both games this weekend we're in the playoffs for sure," said Bears' assistant coach Steve Roth. "And if we can play the way we did last weekend against UVic, I don't see any problem."

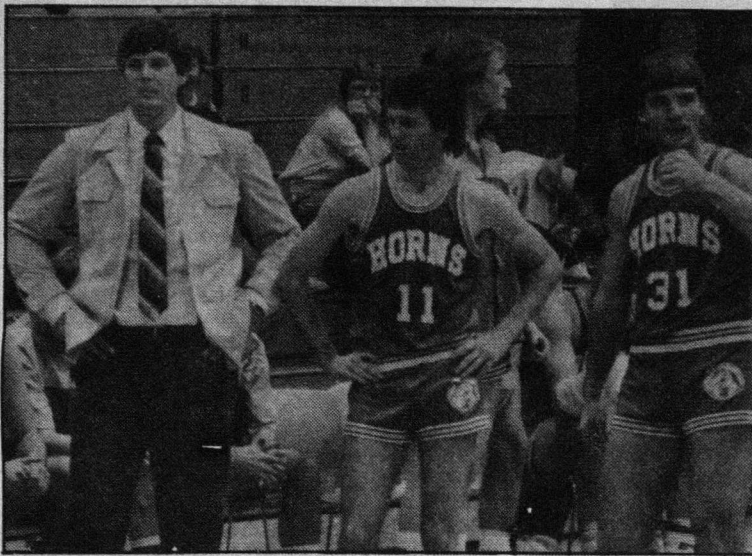
After a miserable performance in UBC last Friday, the Bears shocked everyone by manhandling the number one team in the country (Victoria) on their home court the next night.

"It was really a satisfying game," said Roth, "because we played in almost a businesslike manner. Nobody stood out because everyone played so well."

The Bears seemed to have found the starting line-up that works best for them and with sixth man Chris Toutant they form a considerable threat as the playoffs approach. But they have to get there first.

"We could lose both games this weekend and still make the playoffs," added Roth, "but we'd rather earn our way in."

The Lethbridge game on Friday night should prove the toughest test for the Bears. The seventh ranked Pronghorns bested Alberta by seven last time they met in Lethbridge, and they are well-known for their pressing defences. The Bears will counteract the press with



The Lethbridge bench couldn't believe what had happened after Alberta's stunning 79-78 upset win in last year's hoop playoffs. Photo Bill Doskoch

the slick dribbling of freshman guard Sean Chursinoff. The Calgary native has taken the pressure off senior guard Gerry Couzens and allowed him to move to off-guard where he can use his deadly accurate shot more effectively.

The Calgary game on Saturday is a bit more of a mystery. The once highly ranked Dinosaurs have fallen on hard times lately, losing four of their last five (including a 21 point loss to Lethbridge last weekend).

"Calgary's a hot and cold team," said Roth. "When they're cold they can be beat pretty easily, but when they're hot, look out." The last time the Bears and Dinos met in Calgary, the Dinos shot the lights out and handed the Bears their third straight loss at the time.

As for the Pandas, they have things a wee bit easier. "It's 95% assured that we'll make the playoffs," said head coach Sherry Melney. Barring a set of unlikely upsets this weekend, the Pandas will travel to Lethbridge next weekend to compete in the Canada West conference championships. But they must go in as a second or third place club to avoid having to face

the powerful Victoria Vikettes in the opening game.

Again, the Lethbridge team should be their toughest match-up this weekend. "They are the only team we haven't defeated this year," said forward Annette Sanregret, "but we have been working on ways to beat their press so we're looking forward to playing them."

Calgary, on the other hand, is a bit easier to figure out. "Their inexperience is the most noticeable thing about them," adds Sanregret, "so we hope to really confuse them with our press."

All games will be played in the Varsity gym: Lethbridge on Friday night (6:45 for the women and 7:30 for the men) and Calgary on Saturday night (same times).

Basketball Banter — Everyone is healthy for the Bears... Sanregret is the only injured Panda with a muscle strain in her thigh, but she will play on the weekend... The **Canada West Conference** has four representatives in the top 10 of the nation for female basketball, **Victoria (No. 1), Lethbridge (No. 4), Alberta (No. 6), and Calgary (No. 8).**

SCOREBOARD

CWUAA HOOP

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL				
	W	L	F	ABL
Victoria	8	1	629	443 -
Alberta	5	3	474	447 2 1/2
Lethbridge	4	4	505	482 3 1/2
British Columbia	4	5	544	576 4
Calgary	3	5	493	536 4 1/2
Saskatchewan	1	7	378	539 6 1/2

SCOREBOARD

Feb. 7	Alberta 59 at B.C. 63 (OT)
	Saskatchewan 38 at Victoria 81
Feb. 8	Alberta 43 at Victoria 74
	Saskatchewan 49 at B.C. 46
	Calgary 51 at Lethbridge 76

MEN'S BASKETBALL

	W	L	F	ABL
Victoria	8	1	709	643 -
Lethbridge	5	3	653	628 2 1/2
Calgary	4	4	651	654 3 1/2
Alberta	3	5	616	623 4 1/2
British Columbia	3	6	685	746 5
Saskatchewan	2	6	593	613 5 1/2

SCOREBOARD

Feb. 7	Alberta 68 at British Columbia 76
	Saskatchewan 74 at Victoria 78
Feb. 8	Alberta 79 at Victoria 65
	Saskatchewan 69 at B.C. 76
	Calgary 72 at Lethbridge 93

FUTURE GAMES

Feb. 14	Calgary at Saskatchewan
	Lethbridge at Alberta
Feb. 15	Calgary at Alberta
	Lethbridge at Saskatchewan
	British Columbia at Victoria

CWUAA HOCKEY

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS	PCT
Alberta	24	18	6	0	150	96	36	.750
Calgary	24	16	8	0	133	111	32	.667
Man.	24	15	9	0	133	109	30	.625
Sask.	24	14	10	0	116	94	28	.583
UBC	24	10	14	0	92	123	20	.417
Brandon	24	10	14	0	131	141	20	.417
Regina	24	7	17	0	104	131	14	.292
Leth.	24	6	18	0	85	139	12	.250

SCOREBOARD

February 7
Alberta 4 at Regina 5 (OT)
 Calgary 5 at Saskatchewan 4 (2OT)
 Brandon 4 at British Columbia 5

February 8

Alberta 5 at Regina 7 (OT)
 Calgary 5 at Saskatchewan 6
 Manitoba 5 at Lethbridge 3
 Brandon 4 at British Columbia 5

February 9

Manitoba 6 at Lethbridge 8

FUTURE GAMES

February 14
 Regina at Calgary 5:00 pm
 Saskatchewan at **Alberta** 6:00 pm
 British Columbia at Manitoba 6:30 pm

February 15

British Columbia at Manitoba 1:00 pm
 Regina at Calgary 2:30 pm
 Lethbridge at Brandon 6:30 pm
 Saskatchewan at **Alberta** 7:30 pm

February 16

Lethbridge at Brandon 1:00 pm

SCORING LEADERS

Player	Team	GP	G	A	PTS
T. Lenardon	Brans.	23	23	33	57
J. Mollard	Brans.	21	20	25	45
K. Petrush	Man.	24	15	26	41
R. Nasheim	Reg.	18	17	22	39
C. Dill	Alta.	23	20	18	38
P. Geddes	Cal.	24	14	23	37
G. Koebel	Alta.	24	11	25	36
A. Knoll	Sask.	22	19	16	35
J. Odland	Leth.	24	14	21	35
D. Cranston	Alta.	24	12	23	35

CIAU Top Ten Rankings

Hockey

1. York (2)
2. Moncton (1)
3. Wilfred Laurier (4)
4. U.Q.T.R. (5)
5. **Alberta (3)**
6. U.P.E.I. (6)
7. Calgary (8)
8. Toronto (7)
9. Dalhousie (9)
10. McGill (NR)

Basketball (W)

1. Victoria (1)
2. Toronto (2)
3. Laurentian (3)
4. Lethbridge (5)
5. McGill (6)
6. **Alberta (4)**
7. Lakehead (NR)
8. Calgary (7)
9. Winnipeg (8)
10. Laval (9)

Track and Field (M)

1. Toronto
2. UBC
3. Windsor
4. Calgary
5. **Alberta**
6. Manitoba
7. Western Ont.
8. Waterloo
9. Sherbrooke
10. Saskatchewan

Track and Field (W)

1. Manitoba
2. Saskatchewan
3. **Alberta**
4. Western Ont.
5. Toronto
6. UBC
7. Windsor
8. Sherbrooke
9. Lethbridge
10. Calgary

Swimming (F)

1. UBC
2. Calgary
3. Toronto
4. Dalhousie
5. Western Ont.
6. **Alberta**
7. Brock
8. McGill
9. Manitoba
10. Victoria

Alberta is not ranked in mens basketball, swimming, track and volleyball or in womens volleyball.

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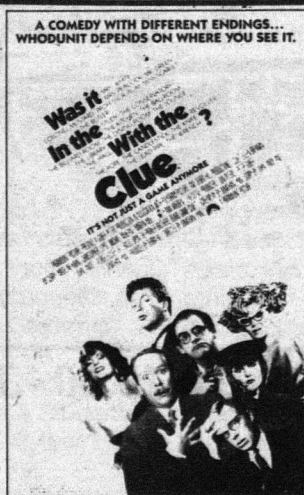
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FEBRUARY 21
 FRI.



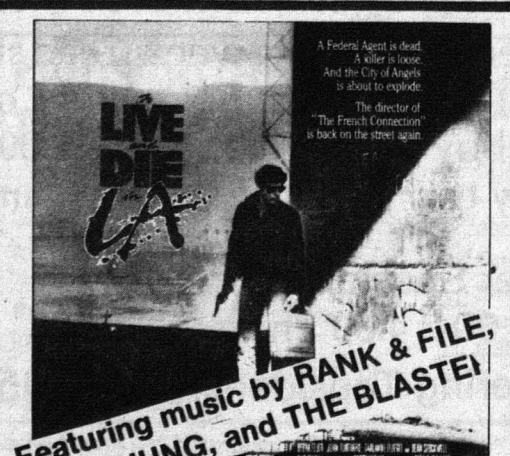
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FEBRUARY 16
 SUN.



8:00 p.m. Mature

FEBRUARY 23
 SUN.



8:00 p.m. RA