

Young Bears show youth in coast trip

by Alan Small

Usually when coaches say "it was a learning experience," that means they lost. The Bears matches this weekend were no exception.

The young Golden Bear volleyball squad got a taste of big time volleyball this weekend as they opened up their conference schedule against U of Victoria and UBC on the coast.

They lost a match Friday that Bears head coach Pierre Baudin was not pleased with in the least. The Bears lost in three games, 15-8, 15-6, 15-13.

"We didn't play well Friday," Baudin said, "we weren't prepared."

What resulted was a "no holds barred" team meeting which Baudin said "helped the team mature dramatically."

The meeting helped the Golden Bears get off to a great start against the UBC T-Birds where they won their first game of the match 16-14.

"Against UBC, we couldn't be better," Baudin said, "we were right on top of it."

After that win, they lost the next two, but were on their way to a win the fourth game, until, as Baudin said, "we got some bad calls at critical times."



The Bears were up 14-11 at the time. The Bears have had trouble putting away games like this one all year.

"We don't have that killer instinct," Baudin said, "we get cautious late in games. We have to start putting the ball on the floor with authority."

UBC ended up winning the fourth game 16-14 and the match 3-1.

"Saturday's game was a full team effort on the positive side," Baudin said, "Friday's was a full team effort on the negative side."

Baudin also was pleased with the play of Bryan Schaefer, who had nine kills Friday and 13 on Saturday, leading the Bears on both days.

"Schaefer is finally coming in to his own," Baudin said, "He played better defensively this weekend, which he hasn't done much of lately."

LAST SPIKES: The Bears are on the road again this weekend, as they play against the **Lethbridge Pronghorns** and the **Calgary Dinosaurs**. "Lethbridge will be a waste of time," said Baudin, who usually has little to say for the usually inept club from the south, Calgary will be much different as they are one of the top teams in the country. Baudin is hoping that his troops will get it together for the Dinosaurs. "We know what we're going up against. There will be no surprises," Baudin said.



Photo Bruce Gardave

Hockey Bears split with Bisons

The Bear hockey club split a pair of games with the Manitoba Bisons this weekend in Winnipeg. They lost the first 7-4 but came back with a 5-2 triumph in the closing game. Bear defenceman Brent Severnyn scored a natural hattrick in the second along with a pair by forward Jeff Helland. Wes Craig, Todd Stokowski, Parie Proff, and Sid Cranston scored in the opener. The 7-4-1 Bears host the Regina Cougars to a couple of games this weekend.

Pandas dig pit in losses to Lethbridge

by Alan Small

The Panda basketball club dug themselves into a deep hole this weekend, as a pair of losses to the Lethbridge Pronghorns has sunk their record to 0-4.

Although the scores were lopsided, 66-52, and 74-53, Panda head coach Diane Hilko believes that her team played better than it looks on the scoreboard.

"If we keep them off the offensive boards, we might have snuck a game from them," Hilko said.

They were tied at the first half of the first game 16-16 as the Pandas slowed down the Pronghorns tough fast break style of play. In the second half however, a quick three



minutes of the Lethbridge fast break had put the game out of the Pandas reach.

"The girls were not ready for it

(fast break)," Hilko said.

The second game was more of the same for the Pandas, as the Pronghorns made a higher percentage of field goals and put the Pandas back on the bus home with two more losses to their credit.

"Those two games against Saskatchewan could come back and haunt us," Hilko said.

The Pandas will have a chance to redeem themselves as they play a couple of games against the U of S Huskies this weekend in the

friendly confines of Varsity Gym.

"We have to keep them off the offensive boards," Hilko said, "Our defensive rebounding will have to be 110% better. And we'll have to stop taking so many unnecessary fouls."

IN THE PAINT: Both games go at 6:30 in Varsity Gym Friday and Saturday... The Lethbridge Pronghorns are seventh ranked in the nation and will be hosting the nationals in women's basketball come March.

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