

Pandas ranked sixth

by Brent Jang

Debbie Shogan's Pandas are ranked sixth in the nation according to CIAU figures released yesterday.

Victoria is ranked number one while two other Canada West clubs, Saskatchewan and Calgary, round out the top ten in women's basketball.

"The strength of our league is shown with four out of six (Canada West) teams ranked," said Coach Shogan, who is also working on her doctorate in education philosophy.

With the move up the rankings, Shogan says there will be added pressure on the Pandas as Canada West play starts up this weekend.

UBC visits on Friday but should not pose much of a problem. UBC were 0-20 last season and coach Jack Pomfret has quite a task of rebuilding.

"UBC has been quite weak the last three or four years...their weakness is in ball handling. We'll be going to our strengths," says Shogan.

And the Pandas' strength lies in large part with national team member Toni Kordic. Shogan says many teams assume if they stop Kordic, they stop the Pandas.

"That's a mistake. Toni's been in foul trouble before, and other people have come through for us," says Shogan.

One of those players has been the much improved Shelaine Kozakovich: "She's the type of player that can change the complexion of a game," says Shogan.

Lisa Janz is another player to look for off the bench.

Shogan says that for the most part, the Pandas are "shooting the ball really well." However, the Pandas have been without an effective outside shooter recently.

The team usually looks to Laura Cabott for the long range shots, but Cabott has been off of late. Shogan says this situation should change soon, since Cabott has been working hard on her shooting.

The rest of the starters, Annette Sanregret, Susan Tokariuk, and Sherry Knutsvig, are all capable of hitting double figures on any given night. This will help to take some of the scoring load off center Toni Kordic.

Shogan says that her team has been averaging three players in double figures per game.

The Pandas will have to improve their passing game on Saturday when they take on number one Victoria.

Victoria is led by Tracie McAra, Sandy Chambers, and Shelley Godfrey. McAra is one of the most consistent shooters in the nation from 25 feet out.

Chambers is the type of player that can score 20 points a game and shut down her opponent as well, says Shogan.

Both games this weekend start at 8:00 p.m.

Notes: According to a press release by Steve Knowles, Kordic leads the Pandas averaging 15.6 points a game, followed by Annette Sanregret with 10.4 and Susan Tokariuk with 10.3.

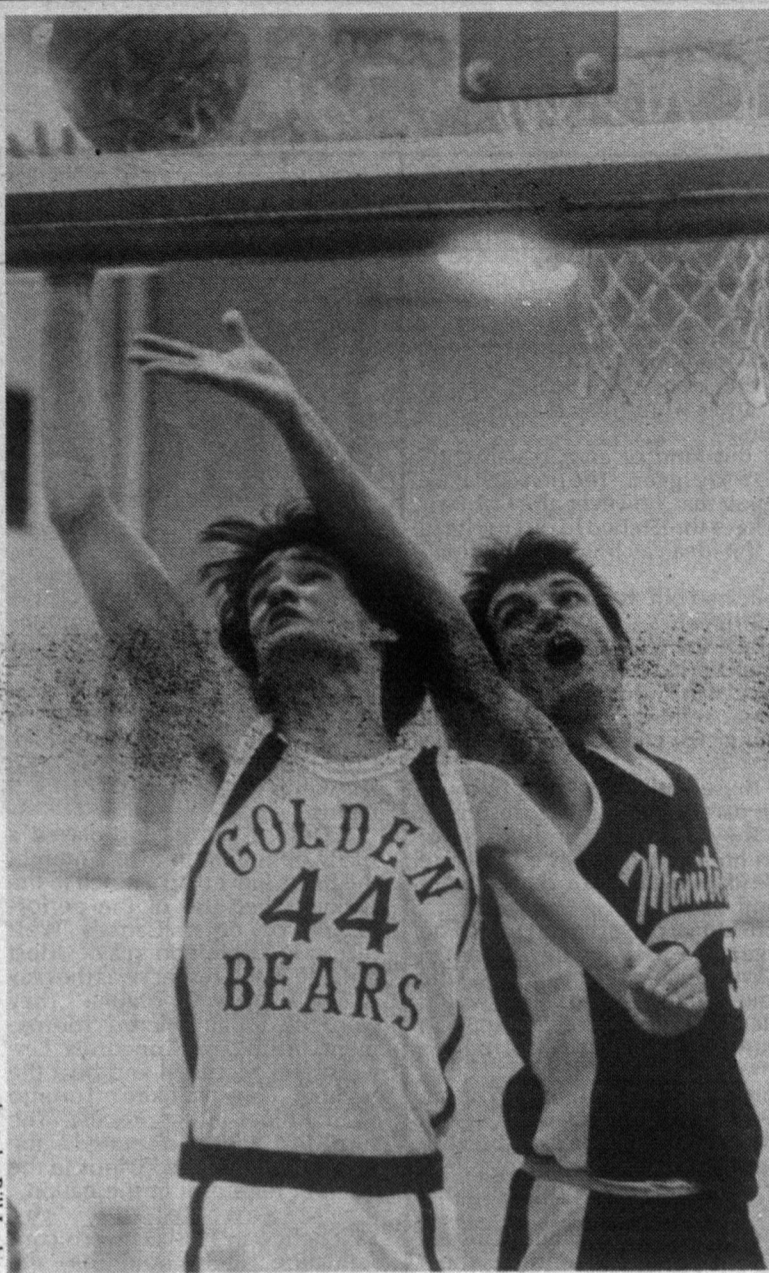


Photo by Bill Ingles

University of Manitoba beat the Bears last night 72-66 at Varsity Gym. Tom King led the Bisons with 22 points followed by Ken Kyliuk with 19 and Tim Harrold with 16. Mike Kornak led the Bears with 17 points, with Leon Bynoe adding 15 and Jim Pratt popping 12.

Can Law repeat as champs?

by Margo Schmitt

Law and LDS are the dominating units in the Campus Recreation Men's and Women's Intramural Conferences respectively.

In the last 7 years, Law has placed first in the conference 6 times, beaten out only by the Shooters two years ago.

Normally the faculty has a 90% participation rate; however, this year the trend appears to be waning. The question remains whether Law can once again repeat their performance.

In the Men's "A" Conference, Law took the top spot with 1566 points, followed by Engineering with 1155 points. The Wrecking Crew came up third with 1113 points.

In the Men's "B" Conference, Geology is the current top unit with 478 points. The Zetes are at present second with 418 points and CSA sits at third spot with 319 points.

In the Women's Intramural Conference, the Shooters sit in first place with 85 points, followed by LDS and Recreation with 78 and 55 points respectively.

The main gym will be the site of the Men's Intramural Basketball Finals held tonight starting at 8:30 pm. The finalists in Div. 1 and Law "A" and Dentistry. This game gets underway at 8:30 on court 3. In Div. 2, Law "B" is pitted against Zeta Psi on court 3, also at 8:30. At 9:30 on court 1, Delta Upsilon takes on LDS for first place standings in Div. 3. These teams have worked hard to get to the finals, so come out and support them this evening.

A major up and coming event is the Campus Recreation Winter Outdoor Fair to be held Tuesday, January 18 from 7-9:30 pm in the west gym of the P.E. and Recreation Centre. This event is co-sponsored by Campus Recreation and the Faculty Outdoor Education and Recreation Committee, and features exhibits by local alpine ski, cross-country ski, and winter camping equipment merchants. The merchants will be displaying a large variety of equipment and will answer any questions related to waxing, camping opportunities, etc.

Also, the U of A Alpine and Nordic (Cross-country) Ski Clubs will operate information booths and a ski equipment exchange. Anyone wanting to sell any ski equipment should bring that equipment to the west gym so it can be displayed for prospective buyers. There will be bargains galore, so anyone who wants some second hand equipment "cheap," should drop by between 7 and 9:30 pm.

Other up and coming events include Men's Bowling, Men's Badminton, Co-Rec Midwinter Volleyball Tournament, and Women's Curling.

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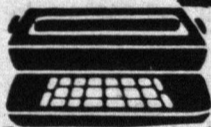
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