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## I got the TSN blues

Have you ever flipped on TSN to find that the baseball game you were planning to watch wasn't on, or that you miscalculated the time zone difference? And instead you found Australian Rules Football or even the ever popular darts?

These are just two examples of sports that do well in the countries that they are from, and come to Canada to be shown to a small but fanatic, audience of participants of the sport or perhaps just to that element who will watch any sport, no matter how violent or tedious it might be.

Last weekend, the Canadian Masters Snooker Championships were on the CBC at midnight.

Snooker, the number one television sport in **Britain** is trying to make inroads into **Canada**. I now see what makes this sport so popular.

Since almost everyone has played pool or snooker, one can fantasize about being half as good as these table marksmen, who use their pool cue like magic wands, directing ball after ball into the pocket with **robot-like** efficiency.

Oh, to be that good for one night in a bar (to make beer money for the next weekend).

One subtle difference though is the **broadcasters**.

Unlike the non-stop talking machines that we have for our three main sports (hockey, football, and baseball), these foreign sports announcers have a style all their own.

British soccer announcers are very quiet when they do a soccer broadcast. So quiet, in fact that the viewer can hear the chanting of the fans in the background quite clearly.

Or the announcer describing the snooker — his voice was never raised above that certain pitch (don't want to distract the athletes, now).

Like all sports, these fringe sports have their own style. Hockey has its fast-action, football its heavy collisions

What makes darts so popular in Britain is the ideal of throwing your darts and then going to drink some

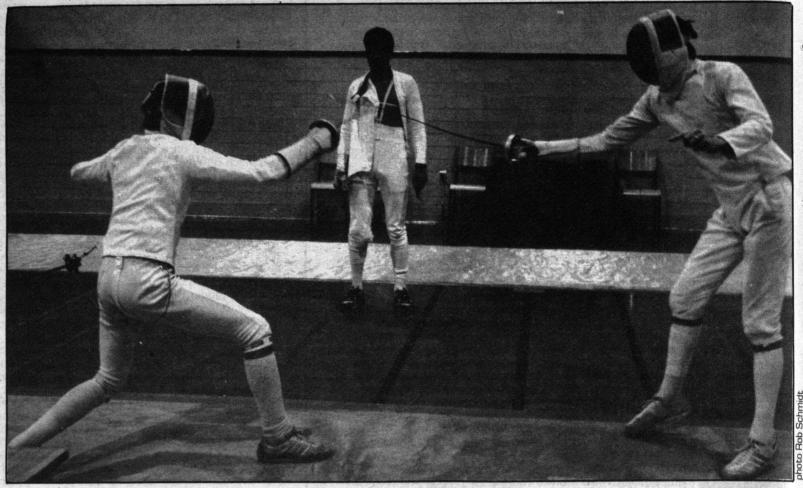
## All on national television.

In snooker, when one player is sinking ball after ball, the camera shifts over to the helpless opponent, who somehow doesn't show the frustration which everyone knows he has.

Finally, there are sports like yachting, which is a very subtle sport, where one cannot feel for the sport at all unless he is out there on the boat.

So think of that when you watch TSN and are frustrated with the action that's on at that time.

Like Roller Derby



Kerry Anderson of the U of A Fencing Club thwarts an advance by Laurie Shong in elimination rounds at the Francis Wetterberg Open 1986, held last weekend. Laurie Shong went on to win the men's epee event in the U of A hosted tournament. Othr winners from a field of over 100 western Canadian entrants include U of A student Elizabeth Hivon in women's foil, Glenn Samson in men's foil, and Chris Dyck in men's sabre.

## Snowjob! Bobcats steal two.

by Blaine Ostapovich

Brandon 6 Alta. 5 Brandon 4 Alta. 3

BRANDON — Christmas came early for the University of Brandon Bobcats when, amid a freak snowstorm, the Bobcats played Grinch and stole away both ends of a two game weekend series against the league-leading Golden Bears.

Friday night the X-mas present came in the form of a referee named Hodgson, who may be the worst referee this side of stampede wrestling. Throughout the contest several Alberta players were manhandled, and in particular players were run at after the whistle.

Bears defenseman Parie Proft says its difficult to play under those circumstances. "Its tough, you have to try and not let him take away your concentration ... not to focus your concentration on the refereeing."

Nonetheless, the Bears persevered and the teams were tied after each period 1-1, 3-3, 5-5.

Curtis Brandolini scored in the first period for the Bears, Steve Cousins, 27 seconds into period



number two, and Stacey Wakabayshi with the man advantage halfway through the game. Craig Dill and Wes Craig tallied in the third for Alberta, and it was on to Overtime.

The Golden Bears outshot Brandon 9 to 2 in the extra frame but the Bobcats Lindsey Dyck scored the only goal in OT to give Brandon a 6-5 victory.

Bruce Thompson scored two for the Bobcats with Glen McNabb, John Davis and Dave Lewis also scoring.



Denis Leclair-a pair Saturday

Saturday the Bears went to play, already behind the eight-ball. Four year veteran Dave Otto came down with a bad flu bug and stayed back at the hotel, while rookie Rob Glasgow broke his ankle in game one, so the Bears dressed only 14 skaters.

In addition, Dennis Cranston, Sid Cranston, Jack Patrick, Dean Clark and Jeff Lawson were back in Edmonton resting various injuries.

The story this night was to be goalposts. The Bears hit them on six occasions while outplaying the Bobcats, but simply could not get ahead on the scoreboard.

Denis LeClair scored twice for Alberta while Craig Dill netted a shorthanded marker for Alberta, as the Bears outshot the Bobcats 40 to 29, but were snakebitten by Brandon goaltender Gary Clark on a few occasions.

"We played well enough to win but certain circumstances were against us and it was disappointing not to get a win out of the weekend. We were so close to winning in each game," says Proft.

Snow Tracks... Glasgow will be out 4 to 6 weeks with his ankle... He and fellow rookie Jeff Lawson (shoulder) are the Bears two serious injuries... John Krill played in net both games for Alberta and was solid between the pipes... Fisti-



Craig Dill-three points Friday



**Brent Severyn-solid** on defense

cuffs were flying on a couple of occasions as the Bears Bill Ansell TKO'ed Bruce Thompson in a hearty fight on Saturday. Friday Alberta rookie Brent Severyn all but destroyed David Tresoor. Meanwhile, the Bears Jeff Helland didn't have much of a chance in his scrap when he was jumped from behind as he came in to aid a teammate . . . Bears next series is a big one this upcoming weekend: Friday in Calgary, Saturday they will host the Dinosaurs at Varsity. Both games can be heard on CJSR-FM 88.5 beginning at 7:15.

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Brandon	8	5	3	0	41	38	10		
Alta	8	5	3	0	58	42	10		
Man.	6	4	1	1	27	25	9		
Sask.	8	3	5	0	47	47	6		
Regina	6	3	3	0	36	38	6		
Leth.	6	1	5	0	29	45	2		
UBC	6	0	5	1	19	44	1		

The Lethbridge vs. Manitoba series was cancelled due to snow.

Scoreboard:
Fri. - Alberta 5 at Brandon 6 (OT); U.S.
Internat's 9 at UBC 7 (OT).
Sat. - Alberta 3 at Brandon 4; Calgary 4 at Sask. 6; U.S. Internat's 2 at UBC 5.

Future Games: Nov. 14: Regina at Manitoba, Sask. at Brandon, Alberta at Calgary. (CJSR-FM, 88.5, 7:15).

Sun. - Calgary 7 at Sask. 6 (OT).

Nov. 15: Regina at Manitoba; Sask. at Brandon; Calgary at Alberta (CJSR-FM 88.5, 7:15).

## Cross country takes second

The Golden Bear cross country team placed five runners in the top 15 competitors at the CIAU finals last weekend in London, Ontario, but when the points were tallied up, they found themselves in second place behind the University of Ottawa

Ottawa runners took the first three places, with John Halvorsen setting a new record with a time of 31:31.8 in the 10K event.

Ottawa claimed the national crown with 27 points, ahead of Alberta (54) and Manitoba (76).

The best Bear runner was Rob Cameron who finished in eighth place (33:09.9), followed in ninth spot by Dennis Colburn (33:11.9). Runner/coach Jerry Rose 12th (33:25.9), Scott MacDonald 13th (33:29.6), Tom Bessai 15th (33:33.8), Lee Miller 20th (33:48.4), and Angus McDonald in 40th (36:11.9) rounded out the finishers for the Golden Bears.