



Trix Kanneken needs to make up eight points to win her first Canada West scoring title.

Race for crown series highlight

Trix Kanneken will be the only University of Alberta basketball player to have anything definite at stake when Lethbridge brings its men's and women's teams to town this weekend.

With the Pandas virtually eliminated from the playoffs — and the Bears out of sight at the bottom of the standings — Kanneken's battle with Calgary's Janis Paskevich for the scoring title may be the most interesting part of the weekend.

Currently, she trails Paskevich by eight points, 312 to 304. Luanne Hebb of Victoria is another 55 points back with 249.

A big difference between the two (Kanneken and Paskevich) this year has been their shooting percentage. Kanneken is hitting only 41 percent of her shots compared to 57 percent for Paskevich.

The last two years — when she finished second and third in the scoring race — she also shot in the 40-42 percent range.

Since the Lady Pronghorns aren't that strong, the Pandas beat them twice in Lethbridge earlier

this year; it will be interesting to see if the Pandas concentrate more on feeding Kanneken to give her the scoring title which has eluded her.

Meanwhile, the Bears will be looking for some revenge against the Pronghorns. Lethbridge took Alberta twice in their opening series on the strength of some rather suspect officiating in "The Pit", Lethbridge's home court.

This weekend will show how

successful Brian Heaney's rebuilding year — translated losing season — has been. With the end of the schedule nearing,

Lethbridge is one of the teams Alberta must prove they can beat if they intend to go anywhere next season.

Game times on Friday and Saturday are 7:00 p.m. for the women and 8:30 p.m. for the men. All action is in Varsity Gym.

Crunch comes for pucksters in Saskatoon

by Shaune Impey

To use an old cliché, it's a do-or-die situation for the Bears' hockey team this weekend.

If they win twice in Saskatoon against the Saskatchewan Huskies they will have the inside track for a playoff spot. The Bears would then need only two wins in their last three games to finish second. Sunday they play UBC in Varsity Rink and next weekend, also at home, they play the league-leading Calgary Dinosaurs.

However, if the Bears split against the Huskies things are a little tougher. Alberta would then have to hope Saskatchewan loses at least one of its final four games and at the same time win all their games. It would be out of their hands for the most part.

And if the Bears drop both games they can forget about a fourth straight CIAU title and start brushing up on their Spanish. Saskatchewan would

only need to beat UBC once at home in Rutherford Rink to clinch second.

Last time the Bears were in Rutherford Rink they dropped two close games to the Huskies, 5-3 and 4-2. The Huskies are the hottest team in the league at home with eight wins in eight starts.

If the Bears play as well as they did last trip east and have the breaks go their way this time, they could pull off what no other team has been able to do.

BEAR FACTS

A final roster for the Spain trip is still not confirmed. An announcement on the status of Randy Gregg, John Devaney and Larry Riggan was put off to the weekend.

Jim McLaughlin continues to lead the scoring race, Jim Lomas is third and Chris Helland seventh.

The Bears play UBC at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday in Varsity Rink.

Dekes survive marathon

by Garnet DuGray

They played five games in one day? And won all five of them? Was it a pinochle tourney or team snooker?

No, ladies and gentlemen, the five games were actually of the intramural men's field hockey variety and the victors were the men of the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity. "We were supposed to play six games last Saturday (January 31) but one of our opponents failed to show," stated Deke, co-captain Brian Wilson. The other Deke Co-captain, Jim Mackenzie also said, "It was a good thing they didn't show or we would have had an even tougher time claiming the title."

The Dekes downed Law in the final as the two units grabbed the first two spots in total points, with 135 and 110 respectively.

With those second place points, the Law unit jumps to the top of the "A" conference standings with 1,703 points followed

closely by the Shooters with 1,674 while Engineering holds down third spot with 1,576 points. In the "B" conference, Geology leads with 358 points, just 23 more than second place Recreation who has 335 and St. John's with an even 300.

The men's curling wrapped up last Sunday afternoon, but at this time no final results have been made available. Volleyball continues into the first week of March with a revised schedule (released last Friday) so be sure to check for your playing times and dates. The indoor soccer continues this week and next with the final at the fieldhouse on Wednesday, February 18, starting at 10:30 p.m. Wednesday of this week sees the playoff for the grand championship of the men's snooker tourney starting at 7:30 p.m. in the SUB games area.

Finally, in men's sports, the slalom ski race to be held at Rabbit Hill goes this Saturday morning

(February 14). The skiing on the dual slalom courses begins at 9:00 a.m. so make an effort to come out and see some fine slalom skiing.

In the world of women's intramurals, many of the events are winding down. The ice hockey wraps up next Thursday, February 19, and the finals of the racquetball tourney go next Wednesday, February 18. Thursday, February 19, is also the deadline for the women's 5-on-5 basketball and triples volleyball. Sign up by one p.m. in the women's office.

The basketball will run Mondays and Wednesdays from 5 - 7 p.m. in the Main Gym, March 4 - 16. The triples volleyball will also be run in the Main Gym between 5 - 7 p.m., but on Tuesdays and Thursdays, March 5 - 17. These are the final events of the year for the women, so make sure to sign up before Reading (Skiing) Week.

The Co-Rec people are also winding down the season as the men's, women's and combined badminton tournaments wrap up this Thursday, February 12, in the Education Gym. The final clinic of the year, racquetball, goes on Saturday, March 7, in the East Courts with the deadline for entries set at Wednesday, March 4, by one p.m., in the Co-Rec office. As well, the Social Dance instruction comes to an end this coming Wednesday, February 18, in the Dance Gym between 7:30 - 10:30 p.m.

Last, but certainly not least, is the final event of the Co-Rec year. The annual second semester Co-Rec volleyball league for competitive and recreational type people. The league runs Mondays to Thursdays between 7:30 and 10:30 p.m. in the West, Education and Dance Gyms from Monday, February 16, to Thursday, March 17, excluding Reading Week. Each team will be assigned a night on which to play each week, in a specified gym, so stay tuned to the Co-Rec board for further details.

Don't forget the intramural awards banquet and social at the Holland House on Saturday, March 21, starting at 6:30 p.m.

Bears lose Loeber

by Valeri Tsyganov

In spite of a win last Sunday, and a second place Saturday, the Bears ski team failed to defend their Loeber Cup slalom title. The event is traditionally held at Rabbit Hill and the Cup is awarded to the best performance over the event's two days.

In fact, Bear Karl Wilberg was just 0.3 seconds behind overall Cup winner Dave Pick. Wilberg turned in a second place Saturday to lead Pick but an early start Sunday, on a slow track covered in fresh snow, damaged his chances for the combined. In addition, Pick's third place Sunday assured the up and coming Snow Valley racer of the Cup.

However, Bear Enrico Cappelletto's later start Sunday helped him win the first heat and he narrowly held onto his lead after the second run. Cappelletto's long awaited first place was, he states, "largely attributable to my listening to the Clash on the way to the hill."

In any case, Sunday, Cappelletto was the man to beat. Race official Tom Pódivinsky stated, "I knew the early runners had had it because of the fresh snow. Cappelletto though had a faster track and skied well... I didn't think anyone could touch his time."

Although the Loeber Cup

slipped from their grasp, the Bears were happy with the results. The race was the final slalom of the season and the Bears now have a two week break before the giant slaloms get underway.

The giant slalom is a fast event encompassing, at times, an entire hill. Soon the ski-men will be training for the difficult event at Fortress Mountain's excellent facilities. The giant slalom is not the Bears' specialty, but intensive mountain training should help alleviate the problem.

Wrestlers go south

John Barry and his Golden Bear wrestlers will travel to Calgary this weekend to defend their Canada West title.

The Bears have won the championship the last two seasons but may be hard pressed to make it three in a row. Some key losses through graduation and injuries have hurt the team.

The top team and the top individual wrestlers will qualify out of Canada West for the CIAU Nationals which take place at the end of February.

Sports Quiz

by Dick Hancock

- Who represented the Washington Capitals in the NHL All-star game this year?
- Who coached the winning team in the All-star game?
- Besides being Oiler farmhands, what else do Dave Semenko and Tom Roulston have in common?
- Remember the World Football League? Where did the Charlotte Hornets start their existence when the WFL was formed?
- Another WFL special. Which Edmonton Eskimo starter (a lineman) was an all-pro in the first WFL season of 1974?
- What was the team name of the Boston franchise in the World Team Tennis league?
- Real obscurity in team nicknames exists among early North American Soccer League franchises. Try and match these NASL cities with the team name they had.

1) Baltimore	a) Quicksilver
2) Chicago	b) Thunder
3) Denver	c) Bays
4) Las Vegas	d) Dynamos
5) San Antonio	e) Falcons
6) San Diego	f) Jaws
7) Toronto	g) Mustangs

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