

Sports

Pandas beaten by Chinese Taipei

Chinese Taipei 62 Pandas 56
by Ashram Mustapha

Height has not been one of the Pandas best assets, but going into an exhibition game against Chinese Taipei — you guessed it — the Chinese team was (pardon the pun) "well looked up to".

With 47 seconds on the clock, it was 58-56 for Taipei. The Pandas were within reach of victory, but just could not capitalize on their opportunities.

After three games on the road (in Ontario and Manitoba), the Chinese team started out a little slower than was expected. "We were quite happy with the pace they set for the

game. After 32 days of a 36-day road trip you can't expect any team to move much faster than they did," said coach Sherry Melney.

The Pandas were a little sluggish at the beginning of the first period, trailing on the scoreboard until the final minute of the opening period.

"We were quite nervous at the beginning, but we managed to come back by half-time," remarked guard Shelaine Kozakavich.

The Taipei team was successful in opening up the middle of the floor and forcing the Pandas to the outside. "We need more flashers through the middle," lamented coach Melney to her team during a

time-out.

Taipei spread their offense and managed to keep the Pandas far apart for most of the game.

The second half featured many fouls. China picked up most of their fouls as play got more intense.

Coach Melney played only eight of her 12 players while the Chinese used 12 of their 15.

Trish Campbell topped the U of A scorers with 16 points, followed by Annette Sanregret with 14 and Kathy Keats with eight.

Debbie O'Byrne, a 5'7" guard for the Pandas, was as quick as a fox as soon as she got off the bench. "I'm really pleased with Debbie's per-

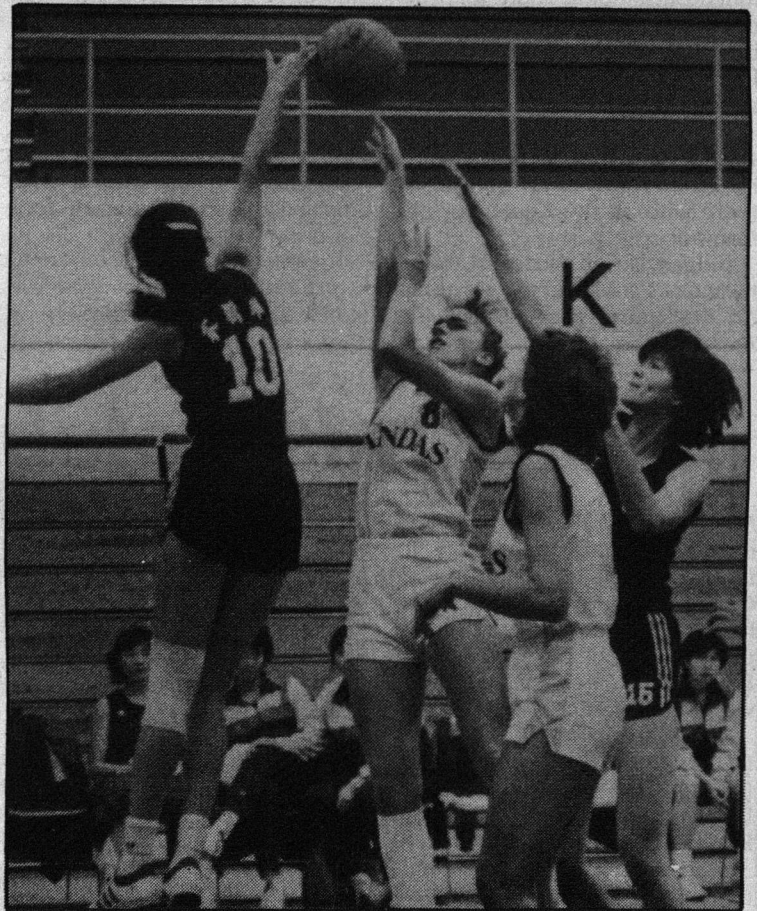
formance," said coach Melney.

One of the Panda's weaknesses, however, was playing their zone defense. Zone was not a problem for the Chinese team, who played it quite well.

Coach Sherry Melney attributes recent losses to other teams capitalizing on the Panda's mistakes. With a

6-4-0 record, Melney sees the need for some improvements. "We're not clicking like we should be," she says.

Strangely enough, at 9:04 of the second period 6'0" Lisa Janz had everyone, including the Chinese, looking down. She lost her right contact lens.



Pandas finally found someone smaller than them, but lost by six to Taipei.

Photo Pernell Tarnowski

Hoop Bears head to the Wesmen

by Mark Spector

After having a game with the Edmonton Eskimos cancelled, the Basketball Bears are idle until Dec. 27th when they travel to Winnipeg to compete in the Wesmen Classic. It's exactly the same type of tournament as the recent Golden Bear Invitational. Some of the eight competing teams are the same too. York, Calgary, Saskatchewan, Winnipeg, and the Bears will all see each other again. They will be joined by Manitoba, Brandon, and Quebec-Trois Riviere.

After Alberta's good showing in their own tournament, they can't help but be fairly confident going into this one. But any hopes of having a nice easy draw were washed

down the drain when the Bears found out that their opening game is against York. You will remember that Alberta needed double overtime to defeat York in the second game of the Bears' tourney.

The injury situation is pretty good, as Mike Kornak is the only Bear hurting. He still has four stitches in his right hand after slicing it on a broken rim last weekend.

Each team is only allowed to dress 10 men per game, so coach Don Horwood is going to have to find a way to keep his top few guys from being burnt out by the third game of the tourney — Scott MacIntyre and Kornak in particular.

"We'll have to find some floor time for our other guys so that

some of the boys don't get too tired," relayed Horwood yesterday. "But there's no easy games in a tournament like this, so what can you do?"

Horwood's club will be in shape no matter how they do in the standings this year. After a running session that has a good many of the Bears wheezing, three times a week they go for weight training right after practice. That makes me happy that I'm on this side of the pen. "Victoria's doing it, so that's what we have to do," commented assistant Steve Roth.

If Alberta wants to finish ahead of Victoria, they'd better do even more running. Victoria is five-time CIAU champs.

Face Off '86 with NAIT around the corner

by Mark Spector

Has it been a year already?

Well, it's only really been nine months, but they're already plugging what is now called Face Off '86 — the second annual contest between the Alberta Golden Bears and the NAIT Ooks.

It's a funny thing about this town, but it's a fact that the press conferences that UofA Athletics puts on are becoming better-attended as the March CIAU Championship tournament draws nearer.

It's also a fact that the date, Sunday, February 2nd, was chosen for the Bears-NAIT game for one big reason: to stir up some interest in college hockey in this city before the CIAU's kickoff on March 20th.

In the first game of the Face Off series last March, the Bears nipped the Ook's 5-4. But the decision to move the contest to an earlier date was mainly because the '85 game fell just after UofA's playoffs and just before NAIT's.

"I feel the date is just perfect right where it is," said Bears' coach Clare Drake yesterday. "It's definitely in the schedule in a more reasonable way."

Last year, the Bears played the game just two days after their CIAU final loss to the University of York Yeomen in Toronto.

"I think that when your real season is over the guys start to concentrate on other things," recalled Drake from his 25 years of coaching experience.

Once again it will be played in the Coliseum, where it drew around 13,500 people last time. Both teams would be happy with a turnout of that number again in '86.

NAIT coach Perry Pearn played the underdog role throughout the day, saying things like "We feel that this game will be a real measuring stick for our team if we can skate right along with them."

But one knows that there is little else that the UofA graduate would

love more than to knock off the Bears before that size of a crowd.

"There's not much that I will have to do to motivate my club. In front of a crowd like that, the excitement level is going to be there."

Pearn hopes to have ex-Edmonton Oiler Marc Habscheid in his lineup after Christmas. "As far as I know Marc is enrolling today (Wednesday) as a full-time student in Business at NAIT," he explained, "so once he gets his amateur status (which doesn't take more than a week or so), he should be playing with us."

When asked as a coach did he think that Habscheid had what it takes to crack an NHL lineup, Pearn said, "I can't understand why some teams aren't interested, I would suppose it would have something to do with what Glen Sather is asking for him."

Bear Facts — The Bears head to Switzerland for an eight-game tour playing against Swiss second and third division teams. In their system, third division is better than first, so apparently Alberta can expect to be tested. After flying all the way from Calgary, the Bears go right to a hockey game almost before checking into their hotels... **Stacey Wakabayashi** had his knee operated on on Tuesday, and the chances of his returning to Alberta's lineup are pretty slim. Not only did he tear the medial collateral ligament, but he suffered some cartilage damage as well... After their Swiss tour, Alberta returns to London, Ontario to play in the **University of Western Classic**. Also in that tourney will be York, and **Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute**, last year's American college champs.

CWUAA Hockey

	G	W	L	F	A	P
Alberta	14	13	1	103	50	26
Sask.	14	10	4	78	54	20
Manitoba	14	9	5	77	68	18
Calgary	14	8	6	77	69	16
Brandon	14	6	8	73	89	12
UBC	14	5	9	59	76	10
Regina	14	3	11	63	79	6
Leth.	14	2	13	43	88	4

Future Games:

December 6-7:

Calgary at Northern Arizona

December 19:

SAIT at Lethbridge 8:00 p.m.

December 19 - 30:

Alberta at Switzerland Tour

January 2-5:

UBC hosts Centennial Tournament (UBC, Manitoba, Toronto, Yale, Cornell, Seibu-Japan)

January 3-5:

Alberta at U of Western Ontario Tournament (Alberta, York, Western, RPI)

January 3:

Lethbridge at Calgary 7:30 p.m.

PLAYER	TEAM	G	A	PTS
Tim Lenardon	Brandon	16	21	37
Rick Nasheim	Regina	14	17	31
Craig Dill	Alberta	14	12	26
Jim Mollard	Brandon	12	14	26
Marc Chartier	Sask	8	18	26
Gerald Koebel	Alberta	7	19	26
Ken Petrash	Manitoba	11	13	24
Harry Mahood	Manitoba	9	15	24
Paul Geddes	Calgary	10	12	22
Dennis Cranston	Alberta	8	13	21
Dave Otto	Alberta	6	15	21
Larry Korchinski	Sask	6	15	21

Goals

Tim Lenardon, Brandon	16
Rick Nasheim, Regina	14
Craig Dill, Alberta	14
Jim Mollard, Brandon	12
Robin Laycock, Calgary	12
Mike Coflin, UBC	12
Five players tied with	11

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