

Bears win in double OT

by Jim Gerwing

From a spectators point of view, Saturday night's basketball game had all the elements of good entertainment.

It had dunks. It was fast. It was close. It went into overtime.

It was chalk full of mistakes. Mistakes make the world go 'round. They'll ultimately contribute to coach Brian Heaney's premature greying.

The basketball Bears may have been expecting an easier game from the University of Lethbridge Pronghorns than the one they got. After the first half they were leading 43-32. By mid-point of the second half the score was tied at 50. That set the stage for what turned out to be the most entertaining basketball game played in Varsity Gym this season.

From that second half mid-point, the teams repeatedly traded possession of the lead. Neither squad could pull away by more than 4 points (until the final tally).

With 27 seconds to go in regulation time, the score 72-72, the Pronghorns had the ball on the side but couldn't move it into play as the Bears effectively covered their opponents. The officials then gave Alberta the ball. They got it into play and ran the clock down looking for one shot, but couldn't convert it. The game went into overtime.

The first overtime period (5 minutes) was defensive basketball. Late in that stanza, the score tied at

80, Ron Hepburn drew a foul with 2 seconds showing on the clock. He could have salted away an early victory but missed from the foul line. The Horns called an immediate time out with one second showing.

When play resumed it was one pass in and a l-o-n-g shot by Lethbridge which amounted to a hope and a prayer. It didn't drop through for the tie breaking basket. The second period of overtime followed.

Play was cautious and both teams were tired. The Bears converted a few breaks and were up

by 4 with about a minute remaining. The U of L had to take a few low percentage shots that didn't find the mark and when the Bears set their offense the Pronghorns got caught on some fouls. The Bears were at the line in the dying seconds and in the final analysis won the game 91-84.

The big man for the Golden Bears was Freddie Murrell scoring 26 points. Help came from Ron Hepburn (18 points), Jean Bynoe (18 points and 13 rebounds) and Jim Pratt (12 points) who was the only U of A player to foul out of the game.

Gymnasts see California

The Panda Gymnastics team travelled to Palo Alto, California recently to compete in two invitational competitions.

The team faced Stanford University in a dual meet. Unfortunately, they lost two all-around gymnasts to injuries during the meet (team captain Kathy Stevens - torn knee ligaments and Shelley Spaner - sprained ankles) and were therefore unable to count five scores on each event, thus forfeiting the team competition.

The four gymnasts that finished the competition (Heidi Ross, Carrie Nawata, Audry Gee, Elise Dworkin) all scored above 28.00 points and therefore reached the qualifying standard for the CIAU

national championship. Individually, Heidi Ross placed first on team and first all-around while Carrie Nawata was second on beam.

On Saturday the girls competed at San Francisco State University against Iowa State, Haywood State, Sonoma State as well as the host university. Again, because of the previous days injuries the Pandas were not able to field a full team or compete in the team competition. Individually, Heidi Ross placed fourth all-around and Elise Dworkin placed first on floor exercise.

The Pandas next competition is the York Invitational, January 28, in Toronto, Ontario.



Pandas beat Lethbridge 51-40, improving their record to 3-1.

Pandas in second

The Pandas won two games this weekend to move into second place in Canada West women's basketball.

Pandas are 3-1 now, with only Victoria having a better record at 3-0.

On Friday, the University of Calgary got a second half spurt from Jane Adolphe (six for nine from the field), but it wasn't enough as the Pandas won by five points.

"We had a good first half and we shot 49% from the floor," commented coach Debbie Shogan.

On Saturday, Annette

Sanregret and Toni Kordic had 16 points apiece to pace the Pandas to a 51-40 victory over the University of Lethbridge.

Saskatchewan is 2-2, while Lethbridge and Calgary trail the pack with 1-2 records.

This coming weekend, the Pandas travel to Saskatoon to take on their closest rivals in the standings.

"We need this game in Saskatoon. They seem to play very well at home. This is a good opportunity for them to move up in the rankings," says Shogan.

Pandas are currently ranked sixth while the University of Saskatchewan is ranked ninth.

Double OT cont'd

The Bears were guilty of a stationary offense which was apparent in the first half and that got them into trouble in the second.

A small contingent of vaciferous Lethbridge fans put the Bear supporters to shame and no doubt lifted the U of L Pronghorns to a superlative effort.

Problems with the shot clock, the time clock and rule inter-

pretations added some interesting developments as play progressed.

Mike Kornak (sore back) did not play up to snuff, scoring only 5 points but played an integral part defensively.

The Pronghorns biggest threat came from Bob Arnett (25 points) a 6'7" forward from Edmonton. It's too bad he didn't stick around here to play.



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