

"emotional rollercoaster"

Bears rebound vs. Huskies

by Martin Coult

The Golden Bears hockey team rode the emotional rollercoaster in Saskatoon on the weekend as the hometown Saskatchewan Huskies embarrassed Alberta to the tune of 7-0 on Friday night.

However, the Bears rebounded to win a 3-2 squeaker in Saturday's contest.

The weekend split enabled the Bears to maintain their four point lead over the Huskies in the CWUAA standings. UBC and Calgary both remain six points out of top spot after splitting their series in Vancouver.

In the first game, the Bears were definitely humbled, after having jumped out of the starting gate with four straight wins. Saskatchewan settled matters early with a 22 shot barrage in the opening period enroute to a 3-0 lead. Two more goals in each of the last two periods gave the Huskies their convincing winning margin. They ended up outshooting Alberta 47-20.

Randy Wiebe led the winners with two goals, while Marc Chartier chipped in with a goal and two assists. Bob Dougall picked up the shut-out for Saskatchewan, facing just the 20 shots.

"They came out skating and we didn't and that was the difference," said assistant captain Ron Parent.

"They certainly brought us down to earth a bit."

Saturday's game was a far different story, however, as the Bears put on an excellent display of the team spirit and character that they have talked about this season.

The club not only rebounded from Friday's whitewash, but also weathered a Saskatchewan comeback and a heart-stopping final minute to earn the victory in the second game.

Rick Swan set the tone for the Bears early in the opening period when he scored on an unassisted short-handed effort at 2:06 to give Alberta the lead. Swan then upped the count to 2-0 with a powerplay marker at 11:44 from Parent and Tim Krug. But Saskatchewan rebounded in the second stanza with two powerplay goals of their own, courtesy of Rob Jacobson and Brent Hamilton.

But, although playing in the home rink of the defending Canada West champions, the Bears refused to roll over and die. Instead they broke the 2-2 deadlock at 13:16 of the final frame when Dave Souch scored what proved to be the game winner from Gerald Koebel and Craig Dill.

The game was by no means over, though.

At 18:10, Perry Zapernick set the stage for a frenzied finish when he was sent off for roughing. He was followed to the penalty box at 18:57 by Tim Krug, who was nabbed for playing with an illegal stick. The Huskies then pulled their goalie with 55 seconds to play, which gave them an advantage of six skaters to three. But Saskatchewan could not beat Terry Clark in the Alberta nets as he made some outstanding saves in the dying seconds to preserve the win.

Saskatchewan again outshot the Bears, but this time the margin was much closer: 33-32.

The two teams stage a rematch this Friday and Saturday at Varsity Arena. Game time both nights is 7:30 pm.

Bear Notes: Calgary beat UBC 6-5 on Friday, but the Thunderbirds rebounded to win 3-2 on Saturday... Alberta's Terry Clark leads all Canada West goalies with a 2.00 GAA after 3 games... Saturday's win was number 493 for Coach Clare Drake... injured defenceman Colin Chisholm made his first regular season start in Saturday's game... in the same game, defenceman Dan Peacocke suffered a concussion, but he should be okay for this weekend's rematch.

Wrestlers tussle well

by Jim Gerwing

The results of the first tournament of the season for the U of A Golden Bear wrestling team point to a highly promising and competitive season.

Winners from last weekend's tournament at the U of C are Dave Bush at 72 kg; Brad Chestnut at 86 kg; Tom McKee at 65 kg, who incidently, won all four of his bouts by pins; and Steven Hibbard at 57 kg; who was also named the tournaments outstanding wrestler.

Second place finishes were managed by Jeff Ung at 62 kg and Patrick McIver at 61 kg.

The U of C Open also doubled as tryouts for the Canada Winter Games Alberta Representative team and in that category Rob Key placed second at 52 kg to qualify for the team.

Mike Payette and Glen Purch are back from Toronto where they took part in the Canada Cup Wrestling Tournament which featured international opposition.

Purch (58 kg), who is a U of A club team member, finished a respectable 4th but injured one of his legs in the process. Payette, a bonafide

Golden Bear also at 58 kg, finished unranked. He then entered a different tournament on Sunday but had to withdraw in order to catch a plane.

Next action for the grapplers is next weekend at the Clansmen Invitational (SFU) and we can expect results similar to these.

Pandas say: now comes Miller time

Never mind the "Miller Time" syndrome. Here's the Pandas and their Alumni.

At Varsity Gym on Saturday, the Alumni won 67-64 over the Pandas.

The atmosphere was more easygoing than the image conveyed in beer commercials. (Isn't reality great?)

The Alumni were led by former all-Canadian Trix Kanekens with 21 points. Faith Rostad has 12 points and Pandas' assistant coach Sherry Stevenson had 11 points.

Toni Kordic led the Pandas with 20 points. Laura Cabott shot well from the outside, scoring 14 points. Susan Tokariuk and Sherry Knutsvig had 8 points a piece.

Coach Debbie Shogan says the game was a friendly one, but it was important for her Pandas to do well.

"This is our only game before the Canada West tourney next weekend. Our passes weren't crisp today. We should have made the most of this game but I'm not sure we did," said Coach Shogan.

"Toni allowed herself to be intimidated by Trix," said Shogan, referring to the game's top two scorers.

With the Alumni leading 64-60 and 1:03 left on the clock, Kordic had a chance to narrow the gap but missed on three foul shots.

Despite her 20 points, Shogan says it was not one of Kordic's better games.

The Alumni led 36-30 at the half. The game featured some fine individual efforts, especially in the second half.

Donna Moen drove for the basket and made the lay-up at 17:54.

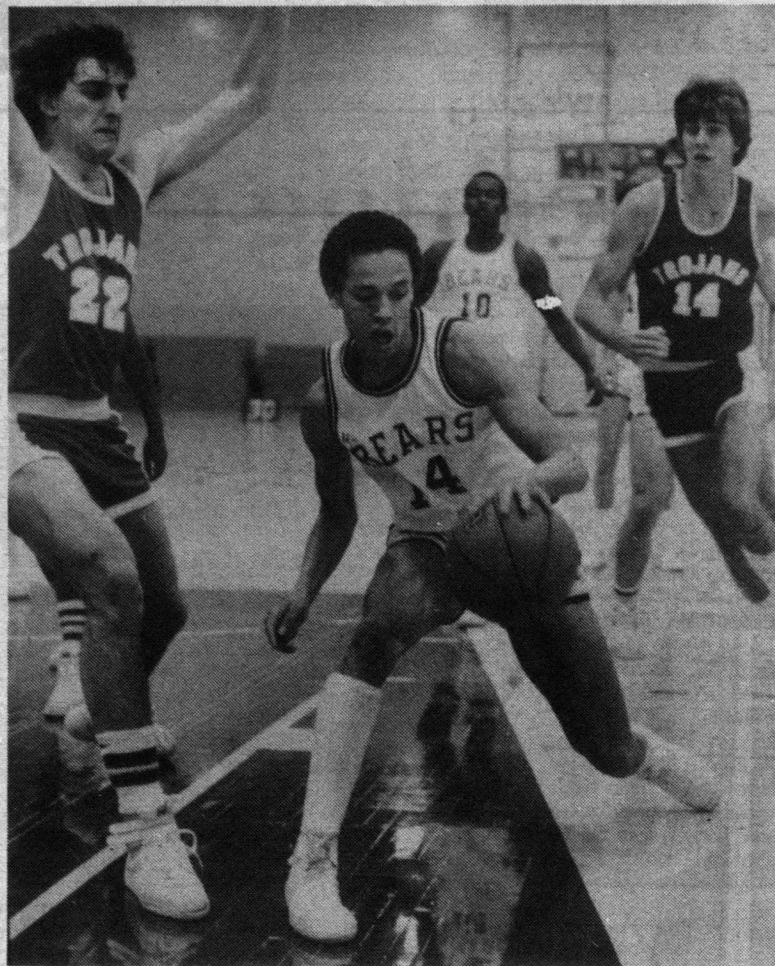


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Shawn Izzard, 14, concentrates solely on the ball as he moves around a Trojan.

Bears win in a yawner

by Tom Hayward

Three hundred fans braved the cold and the snow on Friday evening to watch the Golden Bears basketball team defeat the defending Canadian college champion SAIT Trojans 72-58 in a lacklustre exhibition game.

The Bears jumped into a quick 16 point lead, taking advantage of the Trojans man-to-man defence.

Leon Bynoe led the Bears offence, scoring 22 points for the evening. Fred Murrell and Willie Delas, with 17 and 13 points respectively, also had good shooting games. The Bears led at the half, 43-19.

The second half began with the Bears facing a regrouped opposition. Playing a 2-3 zone defence and an occasional press, the Trojans forced the Bears into several errors that led to SAIT baskets. In fact, the visitors outscored the Bears 31-29 in the second half.

There is reason to be concerned about the Bears' play in recent games. Despite the strong individual performances of Murrell and Bynoe, these

pumped in her fifth 18-footer, narrowing the Alumni lead to 61-56.

The Pandas shot 31% from the field in the first half, and 54% in the second half.

Veteran guard Annette Sanregret missed Saturday's game due to a calf muscle injury, but she's expected to be back in the line-up.

The Canada West tourney this weekend will be held in Lethbridge.

two individuals also led the team in turnovers Friday evening, with eight apiece.

Competition in the Canada West conference is strong, and the Bears have yet to play their strongest opponents in the conference.

Both the University of Victoria Vikings and the University of Calgary Dinosaurs are rated above the Bears, and it will take strong team play to defeat them.

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Golden Bears basketball team travels this week to Utah State, Stanford University, and San Diego University. The tour finishes with the Electric City Classic at Great Falls, Montana...

UBC Thunderbirds captured the Vanier Cup Saturday, defeating the University of Western Ontario 39-14. MVP and outstanding offensive player awards went to Glenn Steele

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