

Vikes sweep U of A volley teams

by Kristan McLeod

The Panda and Golden Bear volleyball teams faced the University of Victoria Vikettes and Vikings Saturday night in the Physical Education main gymnasium. U of Vic went home with two wins, three games straight in each match.

The Pandas lost 15-7, 15-1, 15-7 in a match in which the first-place Vikettes completely dominated. Seldom was there even a glimmer of hope for the Pandas. Victoria came away at the beginning of the first game with eight points that left Alberta struggling for organization and control. They never did manage to regain the kind of intensity necessary to even challenge the

top team of Canada West.

The Pandas would have had to win this match in order to improve their fourth-place standing, so it looks as if they are staying there. Coach Suzi Smith said, "I'm very depressed... I was disappointed with our performance." She blames the loss on "a combination of rookie errors and veteran mistakes."

Smith's primary concern is that "the team's" potential is so much higher than the way they played. I expected to play well. I expected to play to potential.

"I see their potential as so much higher than they do," said Smith, in

reference to the team's attitude, but she added that "the coach has to be the first to believe."

Vikette coach Patty Schlafen was not surprised with her team's outstanding performance, and attributed it to the team's dedication and experience.

"We've been working real hard on consistency and concentration. We're an older team, we've got a lot of fourth year (players)." On her predictions for the outcome of the season's playoffs, she says, "We'll go all the way."

The Golden Bears looked promising at the beginning of their first two games, but did not have enough persistence to pull through

with a win. They lost 15-12-15-12, 15-1 in a match that seemed to be controlled by the Vikings, especially with regard to the important, momentum-setting points.

The Vikings were clearly more intense and more prepared to push themselves. The Bears seemed to be full of vigor initially, but then quickly ran out of energy when it came to putting the game away. By the third game, the match was a write-off.

Bears coach Pierre Baudin pointed out the number of injuries the team has suffered, including Steve Kentel and Doug Anton, who both played this weekend. "Injuries can't be used as an excuse," said Baudin, "... you can't really blame the team. A break here or there and the games could have gone the other way."

German Oly's defeat Bears

The Golden Bears hockey club lost a squeaker to the West German Olympic team on Monday night in Varsity Arena.

The Bears came back from a 6-3 deficit to within a goal at 6-5, but missed several great chances late in the game.

The Bears were led by team captain Dennis Cranston who became the first U of A player to get 100 goals. He added an assist and was named U of A star.

Helmut Steiger had two goals and an assist for the visitors, and was their game star.

Halftime, but the I-Birds took the lead late in the game, and came up with a second five-point victory in two nights.

"We rebounded poorly," Hilko said. "We weren't boxing out."

The Pandas had to play without guard/forward Heather Smith, who sat out with a back injury.

"She can play both positions, which gives both the guards and

forwards a break," Hilko said. Mrkonjic led the Bears with 21 points, while Galenza had 18 and Joanna Ross had ten.

"Joanna Ross had a really good weekend," Hilko said.

The Pandas next game's are against the Dinosaurs Friday night and Saturday afternoon at Varsity Gym. Friday's start is at 6:30 while Saturday's is at 2:00.

Panda playoffs in jeopardy

by Alan Small

The Panda basketball clubs' playoff chances were dealt a severe blow this weekend when they lost a pair of games to the UBC Thunderbirds 69-64 and 73-68.

To have any chance of making the playoffs now, the Pandas must win at least one game against either the Victoria Vikettes or the Calgary Dinos, who they play at home the next two weekends. It will be tough for the Pandas, as the Calgary Dinosaurs are the second ranked team in the country, and the Victoria Vikettes are the number one team in the country. They haven't come up with a winning result against those clubs yet this year, so the Pandas are wishing that they had beaten the T-Birds, the other rival for the final playoff spot when they had the chance this weekend.

"It was a pretty upsetting weekend," Panda head coach Diane Hilko said. "We've put ourselves in a tougher spot."


The Pandas were nine points down with a half to play in the first game, but came back to make a game of it, as they scored 16 unanswered points to start the second half.

"We weren't working hard e-

nough to get open to a pass," said Hilko of later in the half, in which the Pandas let the T-Birds get back in the game. "We were tentative, nervous. They took it to us."

Linda Mrkonjic led the Pandas with 22 points, while Cheryl Galenza scored 16 and Patti Smith had nine.

In the second game, the Pandas were leading by eight points at



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