

The Pandas were beaten by two top ten clubs: UBC and Victoria. They and their Bear cousins go down south to face the Universities of Calgary and Lethbridge next weekend.

Volleyball Pandas get lessons from UBC, Victoria

by Alan Small

The Panda volleyball squad ran into the same difficulties that their Bear cousins did this weekend when they played the Victoria Vikettes and the UBC T-Birds. They lost to Victoria, who were last year's Canada West champions 15-2, 15-8, 16-14.

"We didn't play well in the first game," Panda Coach Suzy Smith said. "We played better in the second and third."

The Panda fortunes didn't fare better against UBC, as the T-Birds rocked the Pandas in four games 15-10, 14-16, 15-5, 15-7.

"We could have beat UBC," Smith said. "We had a dip in concentration in the third game."

The Pandas were not helped by an injury to Shelley Brewster, one of the top starters, who sprained an ankle midway through the match against the T-Birds. Brewster is expected to be out for a week to 10 days.

Smith is still quite concerned over the youth of her squad.

"We have to learn there are parts

of the game you have to push, parts when to be patient, parts when to be steady," Smith said.



Smith also said that she has to remind herself that this year is a

rebuilding year, and that there are three and sometimes four rookies in the starting lineup.

"We know what to do on the court," Smith said, "all we have to do is execute."

The Pandas will travel down south with the Bears this weekend to tackle the other Alberta university teams, the Calgary Dinnies and the Lethbridge Pronghorns.

Brus, Korte — all-stars

by Alan Small

The Golden Bears football squad placed two players on this year's All-Canadian squads announced Friday in Toronto.

Running back Mark Brus, who broke the WFL record for rushing this season and led the nation in rushing yards, was selected to the first team.

Bear defensive line captain Brent

Korte was selected to the second team. Korte led the team in sacks and was also the Bear player-of-the-game at the second half of the Shrine Bowl against Calgary.

The two selections double the amount of Golden Bear footballers that were selected last season. That year, safety and present day assistant coach of the Bears Sheldon Weinkauf was selected to the first team.



Randal Smathers

This is a Small apology

Dear Leaf Fans:

I have to apologize for Al Small's foolish comments in this space last week. He obviously doesn't understand things like tradition, pride, and loyalty. Figures, the guy likes the Oilers... whaddya expect? Anyways, he'll get to know what it's like to have fond memories of a forgotten team soon. You see, he's also an Eskimos fan, and pretty soon nobody'll even remember their league existed, let alone their team.

Dear Football Watchers:

Whatta weekend! If you didn't catch the Oklahoma/Nebraska hoedown/showdown, you missed the best of a busy two days on the tube. The CFL division finals were dull, as was watching the Bears put a drubbing on the Lions. It was kinda fun seeing the Seahawks guano-kick the chargers, though. Too bad the Vanier Cup was such a blowout. If Jim Donley lost coach of the year for Canada after winning the honor in the west, because he lost to Frank Smith in the western final, does this mean that Redman coach Charlie Ballie would win a vote this week? Probably — what have you done for me lately, etc., etc.

Dear Real Hockey Fans:

Thanks for your kind comments re: my pro-fighting column of last week. Glad to know just how many people out there still like to watch a good hockey scrap — speaking of which, didja see Bob Probert go 'round with Craig Coxie last week? Check out Don Cherry's show on CKRD on Thursday, he won't be able to resist showing it.

Dear U of A Sports Fans:

Sorry that every single sports team was off-campus last weekend. Sorry that three of the big teams (hockey, basketball for both sexes) are competing with each other for fans this week. Athletics and the CWUAA can come up with a better shted than that. It happens again next semester, with nobody here January 15-16, then three Lethbridge teams on the next weekend. Whata matter, the 'Horns can only afford one tank of gas between them, so they all have to take one bus?

And just wait 'til Wendel gets back at Christmas!

Dear Mark Brus and Brent Korte:

Congratulations on a great season, and your All-Canadian picks. Let's do it again next year, okay?

Dear Al Small (and all you other Leaf-Haters):

How 'bout them Leafs, eh? Courtinall and Olczyk up front. Wregget and Bester between the posts — ya gotta love 'em. And just wait 'til Wendel gets back at Christmas! First place here we come...

Sincerely,
Randal Smathers

Hoop Bears out-hula Hawaii

by Alan Small

The Bears basketball squad not only worked on their power tanning, but worked on some power basketball when they beat the University of Hawaii Rainbows Friday, in the Aloha State.

The 79-71 victory was sandwiched between a pair of losses, to California-Santa Barbara and Hawaii Pacific College.

Bear head coach Don Horwood downplayed the result, saying that Hawaii was "just not that good."

"Our three guards played outstanding basketball," Horwood said, "Dave Youngs played his best games of the season on the road trip."

Horwood also believes that the win was the first time the Bears have defeated a Division I school in the States.

Horwood expected a tougher game against Hawaii Pacific College, who are the fifth in the NIAA. That he got, as the Hawaiians handed the Bears a 94-67 loss.

"We were five points out at the half," Horwood said, "then we ran out of gas. I thought we could pull this game out."



In the second half, Hawaii Pacific College ran the fast break and wore down the Bears.

In their first game of the American section of their road trip, Cal-Santa Barbara exploded late in the second half to defeat the Golden Bears 101-67.

"We were down by 13 with seven minutes left in the game," Horwood said.

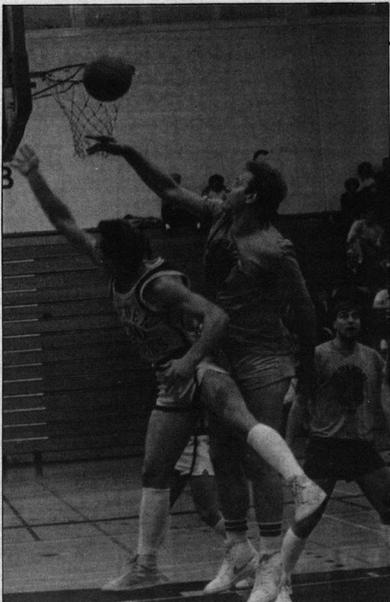
At a tournament in Victoria before their trip down south, the Bears split a pair of games with Seattle University and the UVic Vikings. The Bears defeated Seattle in the preliminary game, but ran

into the tough Vikings and lost by six points.

"We were up seven at the half," Horwood said, "but we folded in the stretch."

FREE THROWS: The Bears return home for a couple of dates with the University of Saskatchewan Huskies

this weekend... Games go at 8:00 at Varsity Gym on Friday and Saturday. The Bears did not play Scott McIntyre on the road trip, who has a sore knee. Horwood is hopeful he can play this weekend... "It'll be good to get everyone back healthy," Horwood said...



The Bears annual trip to the States resulted in their first win over an NCAA Division I opponent.