

# Deklerk leads Bears to victories

By JOE CZAJKOWSKI

Bears 69, Saskatchewan 68  
Bears 94, Saskatchewan 63

SASKATOON—Home or away, it doesn't make any difference. Alberta Golden Bears remain undefeated.

On the weekend the Bears extended their win streak to eight games in downing the U of S Huskies 69-68 and 94-63 in Saskatoon.

The series showed the tremendous power of the Bear forward line. Alberta's starting forwards, Bryan Rakoz, Dick DeKlerk and Warren Champion netted 93 points in the series.

Don Steponchev, Saskatchewan assistant coach, stated after the series that there was no way his club could match the Alberta forwards.

Friday night Bob Mirwald's Sled Dogs made the supreme effort. Both offensively and defensively their play was superb. The Bears had a bad night but even so managed to come out on the long end of the score.

DeKlerk got the Green and Gold club off to a quick start. With only two minutes gone the Bears led 6-1.

After this initial lapse the Huskies tightened up and began to

carry play to the Bears. Their determined attack soon got them the lead. By the half they had mushed up a 35-29 tally.

The second frame saw the Saskatoon club widen the point margin. At one point they were up 48-37.

### LEAGUE STANDINGS

	P	W	L	Pts
Alberta	8	8	0	16
Manitoba	8	6	2	12
Saskatchewan	10	5	5	10
Winnipeg	10	4	6	8
Regina	10	3	7	6
Calgary	10	2	8	4

Alberta began coming back and a great struggle developed; the Huskies trying to maintain their lead, the Bears striving to overcome it. Action on the court was end to end.

But Alberta was slowly closing the gap.

With but 16 seconds remaining the Huskies were still up top, 68-67. Wayne Dyck of the Huskies was fouled at midcourt and had a chance to put the game out of reach for the Bears had he sunk two free shots.

Up went the first foul shot . . . and trickled off the rim.

Champion hauled in the rebound and dribbled upcourt before passing to Andy Skujins.

Skujins charged the basket drawing two defenders thus leaving Al Melnychuk uncovered under the hoop. Skujins tossed a perfect pass to Melnychuk; up and in.

Three seconds remained on the scoreboard but for the Huskies it was game over.

Fouls played a major part in the game. Infractions were thick and heavy with Alberta having double the number of Saskatchewan and giving up 27 points via the free shot. Saskatoon shot 39% from the floor and Alberta 35%.

DeKlerk netted 23 points for the winners. Melnychuk added another 12. Dale Galan replied with 27 for the losers.

Saturday's contest was no contest.

The Bears recovered from Friday's bad play and were in excellent form. After five minutes they were up 23-6. Never were they in trouble. The tally at the half was 48-37.

It was all Alberta in the second stanza, especially defensively. Nearly a third of the half elapsed before Saskatchewan hit the scoreboard. Bears won going away.

DeKlerk again led Alberta with 22 points. Champion scored 21 and Rakoz netted 14. Jim Sekulich and Dennis Jones answered for the



**BRYAN RAKOZ**  
... lays one up

Huskies with 15 and 14 point respectively.

Alberta shot 42% from the floor and Saskatchewan 34%.

This weekend the Bears face the Winnipeg Wesmen in a double header at Varsity Gym. Game time Friday and Saturday is 8 p.m.

# Bear grapplers come up winners at Calgary meet

By ROBERT SCHMIDT

The distraught Dinnies were destroyed by the dynamic Bears.

It happened this past weekend in the southern city when the Golden Bears faced the University of Calgary, the Calgary Combines (SAIT and Mount Royal Junior College) and Eastern Washington State wrestlers.

The Bears came away winners with 87 points overall in the two day meet. Both U of C and Eastern Washington State tied for second place with 64 points, while the Combines came in third with 39 points.

The Bears fought well as a team losing only four matches. Karl Stark (123 lb.), Russ Rozylo (137 lb.), Glen Nelson (167 lb.) and Larry Speers (191 lb.) all pinned two men each. As well, Bill Jensen (130 lb.), Ron Lappage (177 lb.), Dave Duniec (145 lb.) and John Marchand (160 lb.) won two matches each.

Ron Lappage suffered a separation of a rib cartilage in his 5-3 win over John Ross of the Combines. Bob Russbridge, who fought at heavyweight this weekend, injured a groin muscle and was pinned by Herb Schumm. It was the first time Russbridge has lost a wrestling match in his seven-year career.

### FIRST TASTE

This was the first taste of action with Americans for the Bears this year. They will meet five other American schools later this year. It is valuable experience for the Bears as the Americans have a different style of fighting from the Canadians. This allows for an interchange of technique which can only lead to a better quality of wrestling in Canada.

In almost every sport which involves judgment calls by the referees, their decisions are questioned. Such was the case in Calgary. The referees were unsure of themselves, they were hesitant in awarding points and in a couple of cases invoked rules which are no longer on the books. The refereeing was so bad that none of the officials will be allowed to officiate at the World Championships to be held at the U of A in 1970.

This weekend the Bears host the second annual Golden Bear Invitational Tournament. This year Western Montana State University will join the U of S Huskies, the U of C Dinosaurs, the Calgary Combines, NAIT and the Edmonton High School All-Stars in the tournament. Action starts Friday night and continues all day Saturday.

# Volleyball meet set for Calgary

CALGARY—Ten intercollegiate and senior volleyball teams have confirmed entry in The University of Calgary International Invitational Tournament Jan. 25.

Western Canada Intercollegiate Athletic Association entries confirmed include two teams from the U of C, and one each from Alberta, Winnipeg and Manitoba. Senior entries include Calgary Grads and Premiers, Edmonton Safeways, Vancouver Marc and the Washington Athletic Club of Seattle. U of C volleyball coach Bob Bratton is also expecting to hear from Brigham Young University in Utah and the University of British Columbia. All entries will play an opening round-robin competition for play-off berths. Several women's teams are expected for the distaff tournament here on the same day. All matches will be played at Calgary.

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# Panda cagers beaten twice

By BEV YACEY

Pandas 44, Huskiettes 47  
Pandas 46, Huskiettes 50

In WCIAA action this past weekend, the Panda basketballers dropped two games to the U of S Huskiettes at Varsity Gym.

Friday night's game ended with the Pandas only three points behind, 47-44.

At the half, the Alberta hoopsters were behind 19 points. During the second frame, they came back strong but were unable to capture the lead.

Panda veteran Cathy Galusha was the top scorer with 14 points. Rookies Lynda Phillips and Sharon Worden each counted 9. Huskiettes, Donna Ferguson, scored 12 points.

### PLAYED BETTER

Saturday night, the Pandas played better than they had the night before. Coach Jean Harvie said, "their shooting average is up and they're getting in there and rebounding well."

The squad trailed throughout first half which ended 29-19.

During the second stanza the Mama Bears came to life and dominated play. They quickly overtook the Huskiettes and held the lead for most of the half.

The game ended 50-47 in favor of the Huskiettes when the Pandas were unable to stop the Saskatoon's final drive.

Huskiettes Sherrol Roberts was top scorer for the game with 19 points. Teammate Donna Ferguson contributed nine points. Pandas Bev Richards, Nancy Tolley and



**PANDA CATHY GALUSHA (22) COUNTS**  
... against the U of S Huskiettes

Sharon Worden each scored 11 points.

"I was very pleased with the way the team played the second half," said Coach Harvie.

Almost every player on the team had a sprained ankle. Connie Sanders, who had one severely sprained ankle, sprained the other one in Friday's game and was unable to play Saturday night.

Miss Harvie hopes the injuries will heal in time for the team's next series against Regina. The Pandas next games will all be played at home.

"If the team plays as well as they did last weekend, we should beat Regina," said Miss Harvie.

The club will face the Regina Cougarettes at 6 p.m. both Friday and Saturday at Varsity Gym.

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