

SPORTS

Injuries plague Bears...

Losses further agonized

by Keith Steinbach

"We just talked about things that we weren't doing. I think it was just tightness," were the comments of Assistant coach Lorne Behm on a team

meeting held by the Bears just before their third game in three days. It must have been enlightening because after two blandly-played losses in Calgary (5-3 Friday and 5-0

Saturday), the Bears came up with a sharp 7-3 triumph over Sask. here on Sunday.

Not only did Alberta lose a pair of games this weekend but also a pair of good players. Both Oliver Steward and Brian Sosnowski were injured in Friday's game. Sosnowski went into the boards heavily and came away with a sprained shoulder and Steward aggravated a groin muscle pull he picked up earlier in the week while practicing. It's not sure when they will be back but Steward could be ready for one of the UBC games and Sosnowski could be out for 2 weeks.

The most evident thing in the Calgary games was the Bears' bad timing and general off form performance. They weren't playing bad hockey but they lost their edge. Another regular occurrence was the several times the defence was caught off guard. There were several odd man breaks and there always seemed to be a U of C player in front of the Alberta net.

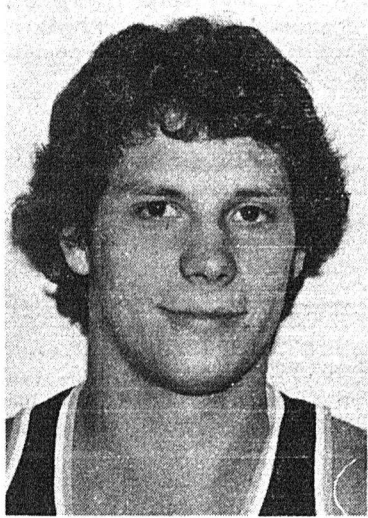
Friday's game was a heart-breaker, lost in the last minute of play. With the score tied at three, Shane Tarves of the Dinos slapped the puck past U of A goalie Craig Gunther at the 19:17 mark of the third period. The Calgary player was standing unmolested in front of the net.

Jim Ofrim had two of three Bear markers with Oliver Steward collecting the other. Frank Clarke picked up two

Hoopsters slowly gaining on leaders

Alberta 62 Sask 43
Alberta 81 Sask 51

It wouldn't quite be fair to say that the Bears basketball team moved closer to a playoff spot with two wins over the U of Sask. Huskies, more like they prevented their elimination by not losing a game.



Dave Holland...neutralized Huskies' big man.

per game and 11.1 rebounds per game.

Dave Holland did a commendable defensive job on Gaines holding him to just 10 points and 10 rebounds. Bears came out in the first 20 minutes and had little trouble building up a 29-16 lead at the half. The rest of the game was lacklustre with Huskies never getting back in the games with the Bears.

Doug Baker, who has unofficially taken over as the top scorer in the CWUAA had 17 points and 12 rebounds. Mike Abercrombie had 12 points and guard Brent Patterson, who took a physical beating on Friday had 10 points.

Bears came out on Saturday afternoon not wanting history to repeat itself. Last year the Bears went into Saskatoon and dropped the 2nd game of a weekend series, a loss that proved to be crucial in Bears not making the playoffs.

Huskies started a little stronger and actually had a slim 5 point lead after 7 minutes. That's when Bears' bench strength (?) helped out. Doug Lucas, thrust into sudden action recently because of injuries to Len McMillan and Len

Davidiuk, came in and racked up 6 points in a few minutes to regain the lead for Alberta.

Lucas finished with 12 points while also keeping his streak of faultless shooting from the free throw line intact.

Bears led 32-23 at the half and quickly increased their lead to 14 early in the second frame.

They then ran away with the final seven minutes, out scoring their hapless opponents 22-6.

Bears collected 15 points on the foul line to Huskies 5. Baker finished with 22 points, while Patterson had 14, Lucas 12 and Colin Fennell 11. Jerome Reilander paced Sask. with 15 points.

Pandas B'ball season is all but over

Alberta 53 Sask 54
Alberta 51 Sask 42

Coach Shogan saw her Pandas let Friday night's basketball game against the Saskatchewan Huskiettes slip away and with it any chance of finishing first in the CWUAA.

The split with Sask. left the Pandas with a record of 7-3, while Victoria remains undefeated with a record of 10-0. Only the first place finisher will go on to Guelph for the national finals.

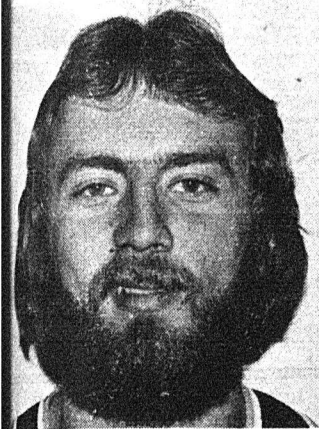
On Friday, Alberta's play could be described as sporadic at best, losing leads as fast as they acquired them. After missing several easy layups because of what Coach Shogan called "a lack of total concentration" the

Pandas managed a slim 24-23 half time lead.

After coming out in the second half and quickly building up a 10 point lead it looked as if the Pandas would cruise to their 8th victory. But the Pandas, who have not yet found their pre Xmas form due to lack of practice time suffered from defensive lapses throughout the game, and the Huskiettes came back to within 2 in a matter of minutes. Alberta again put on a brief flurry to lead by 6, but Sask. capitalized on sloppy play by the U of A women to knot things up at 43-43 with

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Doug Baker...new scoring leader.

The Golden Bears have their work cut out for them in their attempt to overhaul Victoria for the final remaining playoff spot. The Vikings, after losing two games at home to Calgary have a record of 7-3. While U of A upped their record to 5-5 by virtue of their two wins (their first ones on the road in league play). Calgary appears to be a shoe-in for first place with a log of 9-1.

The Bear-Huskie affair on Friday night was strictly of the jawner variety. The Huskies didn't have too much to offer in the way of talent and the Golden Bears were polite guests in refusing to embarrass the Huskies too badly in front of their home crowd.

Coach Barry Mitchelson's crew handled what meagre talent the sled-dogs provided in the personage of 6'6" all star Roger Gaines. Gaines was leading the conference in scoring and rebounding after 6 games with totals of 21.1 points

V'ballers "commendable"

Over the weekend in the Calgary Invitational Volleyball tournament the U of A Golden Bears and Pandas played good sound volleyball but were both denied championship status.

An admitted strategic error by Coach Ota of the Bears allowed the U of Victoria to get away and down the Bears in their A side opening match. After winning the first game 15-12, Coach Ota put in two substitutes which evidently broke up a winning combination and the Vikings rebounded and won 2 of the last 3 games.

The Bears then went to the B side and captured the B side championship. En route they downed Calgary Dinos, Calgary Mount Royal College and the Winnipeg Wesmen in the final. Coach Ota said his team played well after the U of Vic loss and he says they have mastered the techniques of the game. He said only an occasional loss of concentration and confidence tended to haunt the Bears in tense situations.

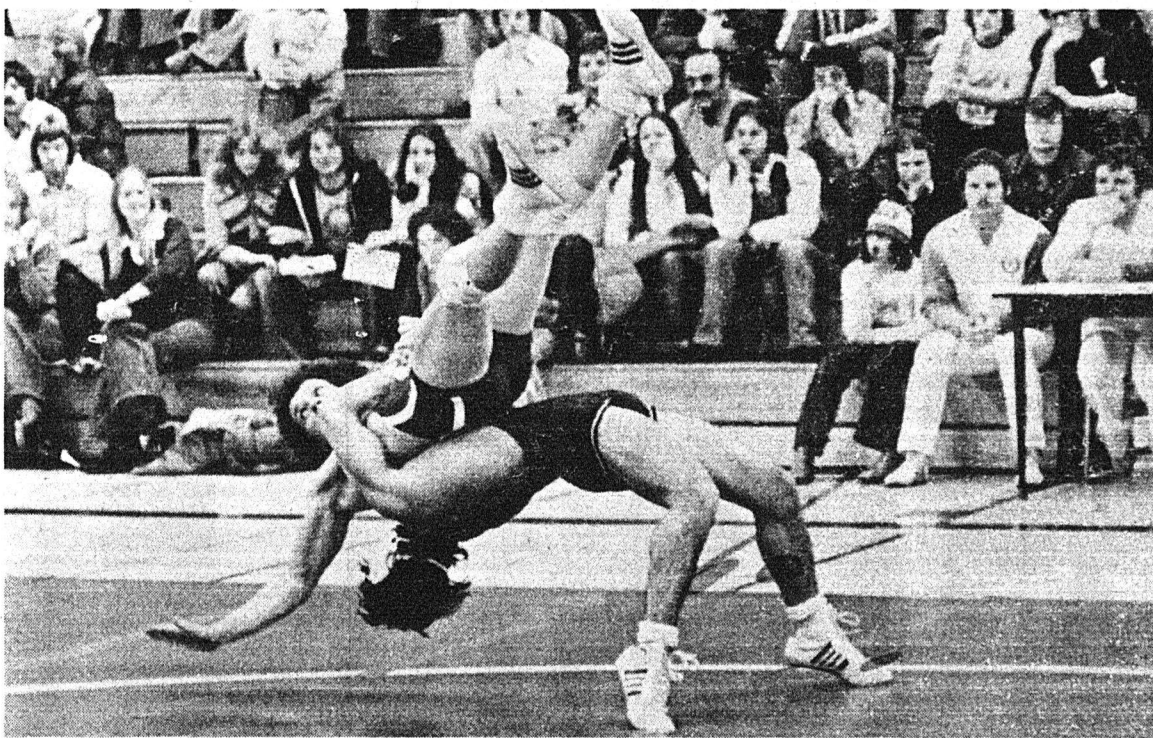
As for the Pandas, assistant coach Sue Seaborn thought the

girls were winners no matter what the final outcome was. She said the team played like clockwork and only a few meagre points separated them from the tourney champs.

The Pandas stayed on the A side for the entire tournament and ended up tied for first. On the way to the tie the Pandas downed a Victoria club team, a Lumsden club team, the U of Sask., the U of Cal. and lost to the Vancouver Chimos.

The Chimos, a Vancouver club team and defending Canadian champs downed the Pandas 15-12, 15-11. The Pandas were a little star struck and just the name Chimos seemed to be the edge for them. U of C, Chimos and the Pandas ended up in a three way tie for top spot, with Pandas being eliminated by virtue of their poorer for and against record. Calgary Dinnies won the best of five final in three straight games.

On Friday both Bears and Pandas play host to the UBC teams. Pandas start at 8:00 p.m. with Bears playing immediately following.



Airborne wrestler coming in for landing.

Pawlick leads wrestlers to 2nd

by Barry Wright

The Golden Bear Wrestling team came up with a strong effort this past weekend in the Golden Bear Invitational Wrestling classic. The Golden Bears coached by John Barry, were impressive in the weight categories that they competed in but were simply outnumbered by the Lakehead University team who finished the tournament with top team honors.

The Bears finished a strong second and Russ Pawluck, a Golden Bear and a Canadian Junior Champion managed to win his weight category (134 lbs), as well as the top individual honors, and was selected by the coaches as the best wrestler. Other Bears who won their

weight category were Glen Purych (109 lbs), Steve Trisbuger (150 lbs) and Art Lalonde (heavyweight).

The rest of the Bears finished as follows: Paul Giberault (118) third, Tom Mayson (176) second and Pere Pomereal (158) third.

The overall team standings for the meet were: Lakehead U - 76 U of Alberta - 55 U of Calgary - 34 U of Sask. - 25 U of Regina - 20 Northern Montana - 18

Other teams who competed in the tournament were Vermillion College, Red Deer College, Wetaskiwin, Edmonton High School All Stars, Harry Ainley H.S.

Some of the more exciting matches were in the 134 lb category where the matches were fast and two Junior Canadian champions were competing. The 177 pound class was dominated by the Lakehead University Wrestling coach, Z. Iberman, who was the Russian Champion and a silver medal winner at the Munich Olympics.

An interesting matchup resulted in the heavyweight category as there was a 3-way tie for first place with the eventual winner being Art Lalonde from the U of A.

The Wrestling Bears next action is this upcoming weekend when they will be in Regina for an Invitational meet.