

Gateway

Sports

Pandas lose to Huskiettes in closing basketball action

The U of A Pandas finished their basketball season just like they started it—a double loss.

The Pandas lost to the U of S Huskiettes 54-39 last Friday in

U of A tied for second in city soccer loop

The U of A soccer team is fast becoming one of the best athletic investments the university has ever made.

With the indoor soccer season almost half over the university club is tied for second place in the 12 team league with a 4-1 record. The university club is tied with the Rangers A team, a Scottish outfit. The Ital Canadians, the top team in the city, lead the league with a 4-0 record. The only loss the university team suffered was to the Ital Canadians.

The teams only play each other once, so the university club can only hope that one of the other teams can beat the Italian squad.

LITTLE CHANCE

About the only other team that had any sort of a chance to beat Ital was the Rangers A squad, but they too have lost to Ital. The final game of the season matches the Rangers A and the university club. It should decide second place in the league. Both teams have six games left to play.

Top scorer for the university squad is Keith Brind with eight goals. Stuart Bishop has tallied six times for the club while Robin Ison and Mike Booth have each contributed four.

The next time the university club goes into action is this Sunday afternoon at 1 p.m. at the Kinsmen Field House. The league is in action every Wednesday night and Sunday afternoon. Admission is 50 cents.

Lancers rated top college team

University of Windsor Lancers, defending Canadian champions, remain the top ranked college basketball team in the nation according to the latest monthly poll conducted by the Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic Union.

Two WCIAA teams are in the top ten. UBC Thunderbirds are ranked second. Last year they lost to Windsor in the Canadian finals. Manitoba Bisons, second in the WCIAA, are ninth in the country.

The top ten are:

1. Windsor
2. British Columbia
3. Western Ontario
4. Waterloo Lutheran
5. Toronto
6. Loyola
7. Acadia
8. Waterloo
9. Manitoba
10. Carleton

Saskatoon. The Pandas opened up an early nine point lead but saw it go down the drain as the Huskiettes broke the game open with a fast break.

Huskiettes' Gloris Clarke was the game's leading scorer with 12 points. Irene MacKay was the top Panda point-getter with 11. Cathy Galusha contributed ten in a losing cause.

CLOSE MATCH

Saturday the Pandas almost upset the Huskiettes in a closely fought match. Ahead 23-20 at half-time the Pandas held the lead going into the final quarter. The Huskiettes couldn't penetrate the Pandas' tough zone and were forced to shoot over it. They began to hit in the last ten minutes and scored enough points to come out on top 41-38.

MacKay led all scorers with 20 points. Anne Hopkins was the high Huskiettes with 13.

Saturday night was the final game of the year for the Pandas. They finished the season with a 2-6 record.

WCIAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

	W	L
UBC	7	1
U of S	6	2
U of C	5	3
U of A	2	6
U of M	0	8



—Lyll photo

AW CUM'ON MILES, I SAW IT FIRST

... Barry Robinson holds off T'bird Miles Desharnais

Golden Bears far from healthy but confident of victories over T'birds

By BILL KANKEWITT

Golden Bear hockey chances in Vancouver this weekend rest on two gimpy knees, a pair of damaged shoulders and a hawk-nosed rookie called "The Beak".

Bears close out their schedule Friday and Saturday with a brace of crucial games against the UBC Thunderbirds.

Dan Zarowny and Jack Gibson are the Bears hampered by the

gimpy knees. They saw limited actions against the T-Birds last week, but ready-or-not, they will be pressed into service this weekend.

Veterans Sam Belcourt and Jerry Braunberger, although handicapped by shoulder injuries, will be counted on to provide much needed leadership for Clare Drake's young club.

Braunberger played his best

hockey of the year in last Saturday's comeback 5-2 win against the T-Birds.

"The Beak" is Junior Bearcat scoring star Nick Heemsker.

GET THE CALL

There is a good chance he will get the call from Coach Drake to fill in for Wayne Wiste who is unable to make the trip. Wiste, a zoology grad student, will be attending a conference at Banff.

Heemsker has the hardest shot in the Bear camp and is dynamite in front of the net. He could add much needed scoring punch to the sagging Bear offence.

In a game played Monday, Saskatchewan Huskies closed out their schedule by edging the Calgary Dinnies 4-2 in Saskatoon. This moves the Huskies into a first place tie with the Bisons from Manitoba.

Two points back in second place, the Bears need a sweep of the T-Bird series to win the league title. A split would necessitate a three team play-off in Saskatoon Monday and Tuesday.

LONG WALK

Double losses on the coast would mean a long walk home from Vancouver and a "wait until next year" slogan for Drake's marauders. Saskatchewan and Manitoba would then play a sudden-death game to decide the winner.

Ask any Bear player, "what is going to happen in Vancouver?" You don't have to wait long for a reply.

It's win two games and then fly back to Edmonton Sunday for three days of practice and some sessions with "French Made Easy". Then to Montreal Wednesday for the Canadian championships.

The Bears have shown that in the past when they are sufficiently fired up for a game there is no way they can be beaten.

FOUR GAMES

The Vancouver games double as the second half of the annual Hamber Cup series between the Bears and T-Birds. It is a four game total goal series with things being tied at 7-7 after the first two games here last week.

WCIAA STANDINGS

	GP	W	L	P
Manitoba	16*	10	6	20
Saskatchewan	16*	10	6	20
Alberta	14	9	5	18
B.C.	14	7	7	14
Calgary	16*	2	14	4

*have completed schedule.

Bears prepare to face Thunderbirds

By JIM MULLER

Want to see a good basketball team? Come and watch the UBC Thunderbirds.

The first place Thunderbirds are in town to wrap up the WCIAA schedule against the Golden Bears.

The Golden Bears could move into sole possession of third place if they upset UBC in either game. Two weeks ago the Bears appeared stale and disorganized against the University of Saskatchewan Huskies. Right now they would be lucky to defeat the Pandas.

The Golden Bears starting lineup needs revision. Guards Bruce Blumell and Al Melnychuk and forward Warren Champion will probably start. Centre Bryan Rakoz, troubled by a leg injury, may be replaced by Larry Nowak. Either Bill Buxton or Ian Walker should start instead of Dave Swann who's slowed by a knee injury.

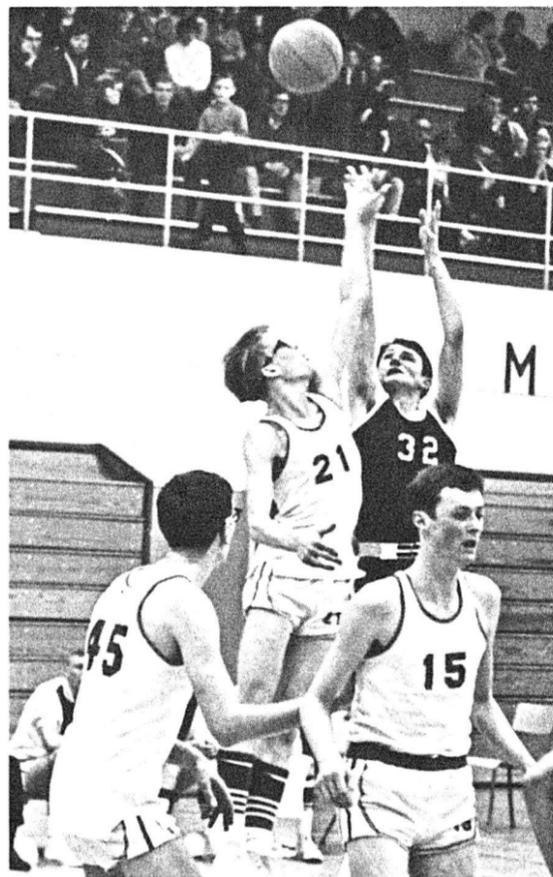
In the Saskatchewan series, Buxton made fine performances in brief appearances each night. After the Bears' 91-75 loss to the Huskies, Coach Barry Mitchelson was asked if Buxton would see more action against UBC. "It might be possible. I feel we are using our personnel the best we can at present," he said.

The Thunderbirds lack height but like to run. If pushed by the Bears, they will likely use a full court press.

Neil Murray leads the T'birds in scoring. The forward has hit on 47.8 per cent of his attempted field goals and 72.5 per cent of his free shots to score 369 points in 22 games this year. Although hampered by injuries all season, Ian Dixon brings a 13.6 point average into town. Dixon was the most valuable player in last year's national finals.

Joining Dixon in the backcourt will be Dave Rice or Bob Molinski. Frank Rotering, 6'5", and Ken Shields, an ex-U of C Dinosaur, give the T'birds centre strength.

Game time tonight and tomorrow night is 8:00 p.m.



—Ken Hutchison photo

HE SHOOTS, MAYBE HE SCORES

... the Bears must score to beat the T'birds