

SPORTS

Hoopsters win two

by Peter Best

Bears 78 Calgary 69.
Bears 92 Calgary 73.
U of A's basketball Golden Bears travelled to Calgary last weekend and came home with two more wins after beating the Dinnies 78-69 Friday night and 92-73 on Saturday. Bears record is now 6-0, putting them atop the Canada West University Athletic Association standings. The fans didn't get much for their money (even if most of them were admitted free) Friday as both teams showed the effects of the Christmas break.

Since their last regular season game December 8 in Saskatoon Bears had just played a few tournament games. Dinnies had seen even less action, due to a prolonged period of Christmas exams and a lengthy holiday - they don't go back to classes till January 14. The result was a scramble game that saw both teams shoot poorly.

Part of the trouble, from U of A's point of view at least, was that Calgary slowed the game down to their own tempo, rather than trying to run a fast-breaking type of game that Bears favor.

Dinnies' strength is in their forward line where they have a surplus of height. Coach Skip Morgan can choose from players like Tom Bishop, who stands 6'5", Jim Lathrop, also 6'5", Brent Farch, 6'6", and Lyle "Tree" Leslie, 6'7". Morgan likes to have at least two of his big men in the game at all times and usually bases his team's play around them.

The Dinnies concentrate on setting up their big men with quick passes underneath the basket and then relying on one of them to get the rebound.

In contrast, Bears use an open running game. But for U of A to be successful they must get their share of rebounds, something that Dinnies weren't allowing.

Bears got off to a quick lead when Terry Valeriote stole the ball from Calgary's Bill Lathrop

J.V.'s sweep tourney

by Doug Merrill

Dick Wintermute's Junior Varsity Bearcats made a clean sweep of NAIT's first annual Christmas Hockey Tournament this Dec. 27-29. After edging out Kelowna Caribou College in overtime, they skated their way to the championship defeating Alberta's top two college teams Calgary's Mount Royal and Camrose Lutheran College.

It was a good all-round effort by the Bearcats, who hadn't been together since defeating Sherwood Park Knight's 6-3 on December 9.

The long rest did hurt the Bearcats who looked a little shoddy several times throughout the tournament but they still came away with three wins; 5-3 over Caribou College, 4-3 over Mount Royal and 3-0 over Camrose Lutheran.

Craig Styles, who came down from the Senior Bears for the tournament played consistently well in the tournament. He picked up a hat trick in the first game and netted one other goal with two assists to lead the team. Randy Phillips and John Devlin gave strong support to the forward lines, Phillips getting two goals and two assists and Devlin getting one goal with two assists.

Ralph McVey looked like he

three times in the first few minutes and scored twice.

But Calgary stayed close, primarily on the strength of Leslie's play. When U of A faltered temporarily they took the lead and by halftime they were ahead 36-31.

In the second half Bears started to look more like themselves as they began cutting down Calgary's lead.

Centre Mike Frisby was working harder for rebounds and U of A's running game finally got untracked. By the midway point of the half Bears had earned themselves a 55-53 lead and were gaining momentum.

Calgary hurt themselves with fouls as both Bishop and Jim Lathrop collected five violations and had to sit down. That left just Leslie to battle Frisby and although the Calgary centre has a wealth of potential, he's just in his first year of intercollegiate basketball and can't yet cope with U of A's all-star pivot.

With five minutes to play Bears were leading 67-70 and soon put on a stall to keep the ball away from the Dinnies. Calgary was eventually forced to chase after the Bears and, as usually happens in that situation, they picked up more fouls in their desperate attempts to get possession.

Steve Panteluk put the game out of reach, sinking four free throws in the final minute to finish as Bears' top scorer with 15 points.

U of A had a balanced offense as Steve Ignatavicius scored 13 points and Tom Solyom, Wallace Tollestrup and Valeriote each had 11.

For Calgary most of the points came from Leslie, who scored 18, and Don Lamont, with 15.

Saturday's game turned out to be the refs' night out, zebras' day at the fair. (A zebra is a referee, according to the latest folk hero of the sports world, Billy Clyde Puckett.)

Whenever the refs let the boys play the game, Bears dominated the contest.

Calgary started off in a zone defense. Bears attacked it in the usual manner, passing around the zone until someone had an open shot.

Solyom turned out to be the free man, hitting three consecutive jump shots from the baseline to lead the destruction of Dinnies' zone.

As a team, U of A shot very well, making 49% of their attempts from the floor. Solyom and Panteluk in particular were hot, hitting 67% and 83% respectively.

Calgary finally switched to a man-to-man defense that had slightly better results but at the half they were still behind, 46-38.

In the second half Bears ran away from the Dinnies. With their fast break wearing down the bigger, less immobile opposition, they opened up a 63-49 lead in ten minutes.

At that point I was getting kind of bored. About the most exciting thing going on was seeing which of the players' girlfriends was going to come closest in predicting Bears' margin of victory.

Seeing my plight, the zebras decided to liven things up with some controversial calls.

The players' frustration built up until Bears' Rick Johnson was called for a foul, whereupon Tollestrup took it upon himself to inform the referee that he had grossly erred in his judgement.

"Technical foul," replied the ref.

"Sir, I must protest," said Wallace (not in those exact words, but I'm sure that's what he meant.)

"Technical foul. That's two!" was the answer.

"You count fouls very well, sir, but I still think you're a lousy referee." (a loose translation) said Wallace.

"That's three, you're out of the game!"

"Oh for heaven's sake."

Was the officiating really that bad? Yep. After the game one Dinnie told one of the Bears that he was glad U of A's lead was large enough that they could afford losing Tollestrup just so long as he could speak his mind to the referee.

Top scorers in the game were Lamont and Farch for Calgary, with 22 and 21 points respectively. U of A got 19 points from Solyom, 18 from Panteluk, 14 from Ignatavicius and 13 from Tollestrup.

Volley Bears ready for '74

The Golden Bear Volleyball team finished a busy pre-Christmas schedule on December 1 and are now getting ready for the New Year.

The season for the Bears started way back on September 10 when the initial practice was called to prepare for a touring West German team from Duren. Despite only a half dozen practices the Bears extended the Germans to 5 games in the best of five match on September 21. That match was played before 1000 fans in the Main Gym.

In October and November the volleyballers competed in the Alberta Major Men's League - a league with 15 teams in it from all over Alberta. Play took place on weekends in various Alberta centres from Edmonton to Lethbridge. The final matches were played during the last weekend of November and the Bears ended up third overall behind the Calgary Volleyball Club and Edmonton Phoenix. If way

Half way through league play Doug Budd, a native of Brooks, Alberta and 4 year veteran was elected captain of the team. Doug has improved tremendously over the years and should lead his teammates to the C.W.U.A.A. Championships during the next couple of months.

On December 1 the Bears hosted the University of Alberta invitational volleyball

tournament and lost out in a tough semi-final match to Edmonton Phoenix, a local Senior "A" men's team.

The New Year looks bright for the U of A team as players have been working out hard over the holiday. Veteran Doug Herbert, who underwent a knee operation in November, is fully recovered and is spiking and playing defence well. Darrel Nixon, a McNally High School grad, playing in his third year with the Bears, is the number one setter. His leadership and hustle on the court will keep opposition teams off balance.

A highlight of the second half of the season will be the arrival of Hiroshi Toyoda of Japan. Mr. Toyoda, probably the best volleyball coach in the world, comes to our campus courtesy of the O'Keefe's Sports Foundation program. He will be aiding coaches Hugh Hoyles and Brian Jones with the Bears as well as helping other coaches in Alberta. Mr. Toyoda has been responsible for the phenomenal rise of Japanese volleyball to a men's Gold Medal and women's Silver Medal at the Munich Olympics. With coaching and instruction from him, the Bears cannot help but become a power in Western Canada.

Starting on January 12 the Bears travel to Calgary for the Calgary City Open and return there the following weekend for the University of Calgary International. On January 25

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