SPORTS

Hoop gals drop two more

Last weekend the University of British Columbia Thunderbirds sankk the University of Alberta Pandas 54-34 and 60-19 in Canada West basketball action.

This makes a 2-10 record for Pandas and with eight remaining games, coach Kathy Broderick feels assured that her squad will notch at the least another four points.

This weekend, in Calgary Pandas could pick up two of those four points when they tangle with the University of

Calgary Dinnies, who are winless so far. The University of Saskatchewan will provide stiff competition the following

Lethbridge returns the Alberta visit of two weeks ago on February 16-17, and Broderick feels that with home advantage and some determination, Pandas should clip Pronghorns for another

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The final home game of the season is with UBC, who will likely win the title. Thunderbirds are strong both offensively and defensively with five of their squad being former National team members.

According to Panda guard, Yvonne Shea, UBC oozes confidence which usually intimidates the opposition right off the floor.

It must be remembered that Pandas are a very young, inexperienced group with eight of the ten members being rookies.

Coach Broderick feels that if the squad could work out their defensive problem, the offense would gradually improve.

Perhaps the biggest hang-up for the rookies is the transfer from the high school to university competition. According to Shea, offence is stressed in high school;

whereas, at the intercollegiate level, defence is emphasized. "Hopefully," comments Shea, "the players will mature between now and next season allowing them to jell into a concerted unit."



Bears big guns, I. to r. LeGrandeur, Wyrozub and Couves shoot it in

Photo by Rod Luck

Huskies play true to formlose two games on the road

"We're homers, there's just no getting around it," said U of Saskatchewan coach Dave Confrey after his Huskies had gone down to their second consecutive defeat to Alberta's Golden

Saturday it was 8-1 and Sunday almost a re-run at 9-2 as Bears outskated, outchecked and outshot the Huskie squad.

The wins leave Alberta

more firmly in first place in Canada West hockey standings at 11-3, one point ahead of Calgary who boasts a 12-6 record with their weekend wins over Victoria and 6-5 loss to UBC.

Dave Couves and Rick Wyrozub also garnered five and seven points respectively to move into a tie for first place in league scoring with

34 points apiece. "I can't understand it," Confrey said. "Last weekend at home we beat UBC 4-3. We've got the same guys in the same uniforms wearing the same numbers, but we just don't have the same hockey club when go on the

road." Bears outshot Huskies 50-21 Sunday afternoon. They were ahead 4-0 by the end of Mar first period on goals by Mar Sey. St. Arnaud, Oliver Morris, Mike Snider and Jerry LeGrandeur.

LeGrandeur connected for, two more in the middle stanza while Wayne Knowles answered for Saskatchewan.

Bruce Crawford scored early in the final period. Lorne Frey scored in the final second of a Huskie power play. Oliver Steward landed the last two goals of the game.

Confrey admitted his defence left something to be desired when it came to aiding goalie Kevin Migneault, but explained, "We lost three players over the Christmas break. That left us with just three regular defencemen. Gary Kachanoski is a

converted forward.
'You know,' he continued, 'Saskatoon is knee-deep in good hockey talent and they just don't want to play on a university team. We have only three or four players on scholarships. I'd guess every Alberta player is either on a scholarship or has had one. We just can't get them. Everybody wants to play junior hockey in Saskatoon. They see the university players as a bunch

of losers.
'' However, we've progressed considerably over the year. I think we'll do much better next year if we can just recruit some defencemen.

Saturday Bears took full avantage of power plays to gain their first four goals. It was 3-0 going into the third period on two markers from Couves and one from Steward.

Then Bob Beaulieu was called for tripping and Rod Brandvold spoiled Barry Richardson's shut-out bid. "He came down the right wing and got past my short side, said Richardson. He added, "The defence is sure helping me a hell of a lot. I'd say they're 100 percent improved over the first of the year.'

Less than a minute later, Steward, again on a power play, connected for his second the night and Bears exploded for four more goals in the next three-and-a-half minutes. Crawford and Gerry Hornby put in one each while Wyrozub netted the final two of the game.

Huskies return for a repeat encounter Saturday at 8:30. Bears will play their last two regular season games against Huskies in Saskatoon's Rutherford Rink.

'Our rink is a definite

asset," said Confrey. "Four of our six wins have been at home. I'll bet if we played all 24 games at home we could take the conference. We're used to it. We know the ice surface and the boards. We've practiced in there when it was twelve below zero-inside.

"I promise we'll give the Bears a much better show when they come to Saskatoon."

Cox captures intramural racquetball

Last Thursday the finals of the racquetball tournment were completed. In the singles final, Dave Cox of law defeated John Van Riper (p.e.) 15-11,14-16, and 15-10. Wally Dick and Jim Holowachuk of p.e. defeated Kent Harris and Bob Harris of medicine 15-9 and 15-11

in the doubles final. Saturday and Sunday the Men's Intramural Bowling Tournament was held at the SUB lanes. Bill Werry of Kappa Sigma easily captured top individual honours with a three game total of 734. Trevor Chantler of lower res came second with 660, and I an Lamoureaux of law was third with 647. Final team results were not available at press time, but Kappa Sigma, law, and lower res seem to be top contenders for the

Also on Sunday, Paul Yeung and Lewina Leung won the Co-rec Table Tennis Championship. They went through the eight-team-roundrobin tournament undefeated.

Three-on-three basketball continues this week and next. The finals will be held Monday evening and Myron Peterson's team of LDS and Harry Moffet's team of law appear to be the powers. Deadlines: Tuesday at 1 p.m., curling, limited to five teams per unit; Second Handball tournament-singles and doubles.

Brian O'Toole of Kappa Sigma is our "Participant of the Week." His three-on-three basketball team played on Monday night, and after a first round loss, appears to be putting it together. On Tuesday night, Brian helped the Kappa Sig 'B' hockey team down lower res 'B' 6-2. Brian, like so many Kappa Sig boys, is putting in a lot of hours in intramurals to make sure that dentistry doesn't stay in second spot in 'A' conference.



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