

# Bears dropped 7-3

by Shaune Impey

They played like they didn't have to win . . . so they didn't. Win that is.

Tuesday night the Golden Bears hockey team travelled to Calgary to take on the Dinosaurs and with first place locked up the Bears couldn't seem to get into the game as they dropped a 7-3 decision to the home standing Dinos.

The game was decided in the first period when Calgary scored four times before the ten-minute mark.

A very aggressive forechecking style by Calgary had the Bears reeling and combined with some mediocre goaltending produced the early Dinosaur lead.

Ted Poplawski, who has been very sharp in the last couple of weeks after coming back from

a knee injury, had one of his rare off nights for the Bears. He — along with most of the team — was perhaps more concerned with midterm exams that had to be written the next day and many of the players were trying to get some studying done on the bus ride home.

The Bears came back with a goal in the first period to make it 4-1 after twenty minutes. Rob Daum slapped in a Chris Helland centering pass.

After two periods the Dinosaurs had a four-goal margin once again as they scored the only goal of the middle stanza.

The Bears came back in the third to make it 5-3 on goals by Terry Lescisin and Terry Sydoryk. Lescisin poked home a pass from Danny Arndt after a great individual effort by Arndt.

Sydoryk's was a fluke goal as he just shot the puck in front of the Calgary net and had it deflect in off a Dinosaur defenceman.

Gary Cummins thwarted the Bears' comeback attempt however as he scored twice late in the game to seal the victory.

Coach Bill Moores said the problem in the game was the "failure to execute well enough. We tried a new system and we got caught a few times."

With first place out of reach Calgary coach George Kingston said, "Our objective was just to play well. We've been really struggling to put the puck in the net and haven't had the goals coming our way."

The final regular season game for both teams goes this Sunday in Calgary.

# Half the take



Friday, Thunderettes forced Panda turnovers but the U of A came out on top. Pandas were not so fortunate Saturday.

by Dora Johnson

This past weekend the Pandas ventured on their last road trip of the regular season, travelling to Vancouver. At the end of the weekend the Pandas' spirits were somewhat dampened despite a good flight and great weather.

Friday night the Thunderettes came out hard but the Pandas began to pull out ahead. UBC then shifted to a 1-2-2 zone defense which kept the scoring margin down between the two teams. Throughout the game the Pandas were plagued with turnovers; one aspect of the game which they had previously managed to keep down. Pandas stopped ex-Laurentian star Agnus Baker, keeping her to only 10 points but somehow forgot about Jane Waddell and Cathy Bultitude who scored 15 and 12 points respectively. Despite these disadvantages the Pandas came out on top defeating UBC 67-53.

To this point UBC had not won one league game and were getting tired of losing. Saturday night they came out flying, scoring one of the biggest upsets of the season, defeating the Pandas 48-47. The Thunderettes played the whole game in a 1-2-2 zone defense which slowed down the Pandas' running game and

kept Pandas from getting a lot of second scoring chances off of rebounds. The Pandas shooting percentage dropped from near 50% to just 25%.

Their play was not improved when Janet Bosscha suffered a mild concussion early in the game going after a loose ball. In the dying seconds of the game, Glynis Griffiths went to the foul line in an attempt to tie the score and possibly put the game into overtime. The referee, making a very questionable call, called her over the line, disqualifying what was to be the tying point. Despite the poor shooting percentage, Trix Kanekens and Janet Bosscha lead the Pandas offense managing to score 39 and 18 points respectively in the two games.

The Pandas did not destroy their national playoff hopes despite their poor showing on the weekend. They dropped to 7th place in overall national standings; but still have a chance to be chosen as a wild card team for national finals.

This weekend the Pandas play their last home games of the season, hosting the University of Lethbridge Lady Pronghorns in what promises to be two close and exciting games. The Pandas need these two games to keep their national playoff hopes alive, so come on out and give them your support.

# Until we meet again

by Karl Wilberg

The gym Panda's season could have ended in a worse way. The defending national champion U of A squad lost most of its veterans this fall. During the season the team had problems with beam routines and in Manitoba two weeks ago, they had a disastrous meet. In addition, Trish MacMillan, one of the remaining veterans, has been hampered all season by an ankle injury. Still, last weekend in Calgary, the team placed second at the CWUAA finals.

Moreover, coach Sandy O'Brien is not disappointed. The team has shown such improvement that next year the Pandas will be tough opponents. For example, four competitors placed in the 26 point range, and two, Carol Brinkhurst, and MacMillan, had national qualifying scores.

It is clear the team's depth is improving. Although the best placings, a sixth by Brinkhurst and a seventh by MacMillan, were no surprise, rookie Noreen Skoreyko placed ninth all-round. In addition, the team's depth was shown better by a scoring system counting a team's best five performances. The

Alberta team scored 145.25 to the U of C's 157.75.

Still, O'Brien believes the point gap could not have been narrowed. In any case though she believes "it looks promising for next year" and "it hasn't been a

# Three go east

Men's gym coach Francis Tally expected UBC to be his team's toughest challenge at the CWUAA finals held in Calgary last weekend. Tally's estimation was correct and his team placed second to UBC. The U of A and UBC have been close all year, but this time UBC's depth made the difference.

This year Tally's squad has been placing well individually, especially last weekend when Charlie Mowat qualified for national finals, and James Hamilton and Eric Ruckenthaller both improved on their national qualifying scores. Tally states his "top four guys all had personal bests . . . couldn't have expected much more from them." Mowat's qualification was not guaranteed because he has been suffering from a hurt wrist.

At the Calgary meet Ruckenthaller placed second on the vault and third on the floor.

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Now O'Brien will be teaching her team more difficult routines in order to make performances more valuable. Consequently, next year the Pandas will likely close the gap on Calgary.

Also, James Hamilton was second on the floor event. Mowat, Hamilton, and Ruckenthaller are going to the national finals in Moncton this March 1 and 2. First year Dale McNeely, with a 32 point score turned in a "tremendous performance" according to Tally. McNeely just missed the 36 point national qualifying score.

Still, Tally believes his team has the potential for better all-round depth. Tally points out the gym program here involves many more people than UBC's. However, UBC seems to put more emphasis on competition.

For the nationals this March Tally states his men have set goals. For example, Ruckenthaller hopes to make the top three in the floor event. In any case the Albertans should get some tough competition and valuable experience from the national team members they are expected to face.

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# Bears sign Spunk



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