

Vikes sail past Bears

by Alan Small

It was a tough Christmas holiday for the Bear basketball club. But like many Christmas stories, their's also has a happy ending.

At the Wesmen tournament in Winnipeg, a horrible game by the Golden Bears gave the University of Victoria an easy 91-62 victory.

"It was close for 15 minutes," Bear head coach Don Horwood said, "we had a bad game, got in foul trouble. They ran the fast break which demoralized us."

The second game of the tournament was little better for Horwood's Bears, as they lost their confidence and lost the game to McMaster, 77-76.

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After the disappointing Winnipeg tourney, they went on to the Dinosaur Invitational in Calgary, where they eventually won two of three games, including the consolation final.

"We had a legitimate shot against Bishop's," Horwood said of his team's only loss. "We should have beat them."

A couple of errant passes started the Gaitsers out on a comeback and defeated the Bears 71-68. The loss prompted a team meeting in Horwood's hotel suite.

"Just because we were losing to teams like Victoria and Saskatche-

wan doesn't mean we're a bad team," Horwood said.

The meeting helped the Bears to the final two wins, over Regina and McGill.

That gives the Bears a good springboard towards a couple of conference games against the number one Victoria Vikings. The Vikings likely won't be kind hosts, as they have only lost one game to Canadian opponent this year. It was against the Saskatchewan Huskies in Saskatoon, in overtime.

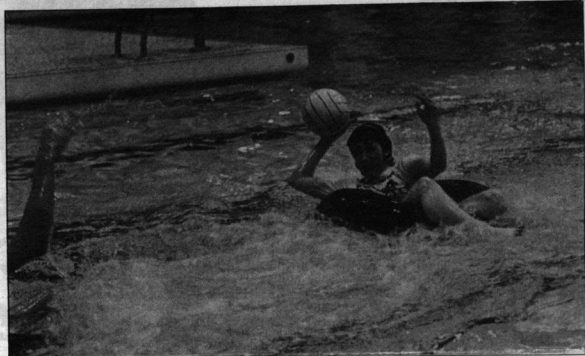
"We have to take care of the ball on offence, use up the clock. We also have to take good shots, because we get in trouble when we force bad shots," Horwood said, "We also make sure their inside people have to work for their baskets."

The inside game will definitely be Victoria's strong suit, as they have fifth-year man Gord Clemons and sophomore Spencer McKay doing Canada's version of the Twin Towers.

They also have a hot shooting guard in Geoff McKay, who has been averaging more than 20 points a game and shoots three-pointers at a 60 percent clip.

"We're going to go one on one on Geoff McKay and give their other guard, (Vito Pasquale) a lot of room.

FOUL SHOTS: Guard Sean Chursi-noff missed the McKay game with stretched ligaments in his ankle... After Victoria, the Bears face Calgary in Cowtown before coming home to face the Lethbridge Pronghorns... Of the first 27 games the Bears have played, 23 of them have been on the road.



The deadline for Inner tube Water Polo is January 8th

Important intramural deadlines

Campus Recreation is moving into action early in the new year as programs get underway this week.

Friday, Jan. 8 is the deadline for several activities. Co-Rec Inner tube Waterpolo, a month long activity, will be held on Wednesday evenings in the East Pool. This is a popular activity, so it is recommended that those interested should get their entries in early. Men's Intramural Waterpolo will commence Jan. 12 and run each Tuesday until Feb. 2 in the West Pool. Men's 3 on 3 Basketball gets underway in the Main Gym Jan. 12 - Jan. 19, Jan.

12 also marks the starting date for Men's Indoor Soccer, which will continue until Reading Week. Entries to these activities are being accepted in the Green Office, main floor of the Van Vliet Centre.

Friday, Jan. 8 is also the date for the International Students Drop-In Night. The Pavilion is the place to be for this evening of badminton and volleyball. The action will take place from 7:30 - 10:30 pm.

The Co-Rec Mid-Winter Racquetball Tournament will be held Saturday, Jan. 16 and Sunday, Jan. 17. The entry deadline for this two

day tournament is Monday, Jan. 11, also at the Green Office.

Women's Intramural Badminton will run Monday, Jan. 18 & 25, and Tuesday, Jan. 19 & 26 in the Education Gym. Deadline for entries is Wednesday, Jan. 13 at the Gold Office, also located on the main floor of the Van Vliet Centre. All entry deadlines are 1:00 pm.

In addition to Intramural action, all Non-Credit Instruction and Campus Fitness & Lifestyle classes will begin the week of Jan. 25. Registration for these programs are now being accepted.

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