

Gateway Sports



Bill Kankewitt ... on sport

Saturday's hockey game between the Bears and Calgary Dinosaurs had to leave a sour taste in your mouth.

Ugly stick wielding incidents involving the Bears Mel Baird and Milt Hohol marred the contest.

Baird was the culprit in one clash while Hohol was the bloodied victim of another.

The incidents were a direct result of a Canadian collegiate hockey rule banning fighting in games. Involvement in a fight means an automatic game misconduct and a subsequent one game suspension to the participants.

The punishment is severe enough to deter fighting in most cases.



MILT HOHOL
... bloodied victim

However if you hack a man down with your stick it means only a five minute penalty and in some cases a game misconduct. A pretty light sentence for assault with a deadly weapon.

Being intelligent young beings, the hockey players of course realize this and act accordingly when riled.

You can't really condemn the players. Hockey is a rugged body contact sport in which emotions run high and tempers are bound to fray.

If you can't retaliate with your fists, the stick is the natural weapon to come back with. Thus Milt Hohol has

20 stitches in his scalp as a result of Saturday's effort.

In five years of watching intercollegiate hockey I have seen Saturday's incidents happen time and time again.

It's time for the supposed moguls of the sport to act. Ed Zemrau and his fellow Athletic Directors across the country are going to have to do something before some young athlete gets seriously maimed.

Three avenues of action are open to them:

- (1) Impose stiffer penalties for the stick wielding.
- (2) Void the rule and allow fighting.
- (3) Take the political way out and ignore the problem.

Let's just hope the athletic directors are legislators and not politicians.

Coming from a hockey background I'm in favour of allowing the fighting with its customary five minute penalty.

Little usually comes of a hockey fight. It's awkward fighting on skates, few if any good punches are ever landed let alone anyone getting hurt. Yet emotions are released and tempers are cooled.

Imposing stiffer penalties for stick work might be sufficient to discourage it but the game itself might suffer. Players must be provided with emotional outlets or the game becomes one of cautious boredom and frustration for all concerned.

By doing nothing, the athletic directors are condoning out and out slaughter.

Alberta crew sweeps Calgarians

Brooms were in full swing as the curling co-eds of Calgary and Alberta met on Friday and Saturday.

A U of A challenge match started off the season with two games played.

Friday night's game resulted in a victory for the home team, Saturday's in a tie.

Alberta's team had little trouble in taking the lead Friday night. The team consisting of Pat Taylor (skip), Lorna Gibson (third),

Glenys Robb (second), Bonnie Stewart (lead), and spare Barb McMillan, defeated Calgary 11-5.

Saturday saw closer action. Rocks were thrown with tremendous accuracy by both teams resulting in a very closely matched 9-9 game.

The next event is the Women's City Bonspiel to be held this weekend.

Then it's off to Vancouver to compete against the western universities to determine the WCIAA Curling title.

Big and little Bears capture titles Pandas fall to role of pushovers

Saturday's Invitational Volleyball Tournament held at Varsity Gym was very successful for both men's teams. Both Bears and Bearcats won top honors in their respective divisions.

Bearcats walked through division "B" undefeated. Ross Shepard placed second, with NAIT, YMCA and the Senior Men's Pubs placing lower in the final standings.

Division "A" consisted of ten competing teams, divided into two sections. In Section 1 Calgary Premiers and the Bears placed first and second respectively; while Safeway and U of C No. one filled the top two positions of Section 2.

Other competing teams in the tournament were Latter Day Saints, Bonnie Doon Grads, Gries-

bach, Lethbridge Bobcats, NAIT Nads, and a second team from the Calgary campus.

In the semis Bears defeated Safeway, while Premiers eliminated U of C. This led to a best of three series between the top two teams.

Bears then proceeded to defeat the Calgary based team two straight and win the tournament.

For the Bears this was their second undefeated tournament, winning a "B" division pre-Christmas tourney in Calgary as well. The Bears finished second in Division A of the same competition.

Among four teams at the Edmonton City Women's Open Volleyball Tournament which was held on Jan. 11 at the U of A, the Panda volleyballers placed last.

The Cals, defending champions of the Edmonton Open, managed

to win the tourney and maintain their title.

Teams participating in this tourney were the U of C Dinnies, the Casinos (Edmonton), the Calgary Cals and the U of A Pandas.

The tourney was a double round robin in which each team met every other team twice in matches of three games. A team must win two games of the match to win that match. The standings were:

	W	L	No. of Matches
Cals	12	1	6
Dinnies	9	5	4
Casinos	5	10	1
Pandas	4	12	0

During the first round of the tourney, the Pandas dropped every game. They rallied in the second round, but their effort was far from sufficient.

NO SPIRIT

Technically, the Pandas played flawless volleyball, making few mechanical errors. Their biggest stumbling block appears to be psychological. They just don't have the team spirit and enthusiasm that they have had in the past.

Miss Sue Neil, coach of the Pandas said, "this tournament was a great disappointment for the team, but we hope to do better in the next one."

The finals which were played between the Cals and the Dinnies were very exciting. U of C had managed to beat the Cals in one game during the tourney and were hoping to repeat the performance, but were unsuccessful.

The Cals took the Dinnies in two consecutive games. The first game was won easily by the Cals with a score of 15-3. The Dinnies, however, rallied in the second game and made the Cals work for every point. This battle ended 15-11 in favor of the Cals.

Regina will provide the Pandas with another chance to prove themselves on Jan. 17 and 18, when the U of A team plays in the Regina Invitational.



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