



Wrestlers grapple in Regina

The U of A Wrestling Team went to Regina last weekend for the Cougar Invitational Wrestling Meet.

Top teams from the U of C, U of S, U of R, and Bismarck, North Dakota were there to do battle. Although the U of A matmen did not win the tournament, there were some U of A highlights.

Russ Pawlyk was the only squad member to clinch a first place finish. Pawlyk won the 134 lb. class as he did in the Golden Ber Invitational a week before. In Regina, Pawlyk beat the U.S. Junior Champion from Bismarck, 11-2.

Blaine Kjollien at 190 lbs. had to settle for a second place finish behind the American from N. Dakota.

Kjollien, who won in the G.B. Invitational, was easily the best Canadian wrestler at this meet.

He seems to be getting stronger every time out on the mat.

Glen Purych picked up second place at 109 lbs.

The Golden Bears leave early Friday morning for a meet in Thunder Bay. Included in the team roster on this trip will be Tom Towns, the All-Canadian Linebacker and former Junior Canadian Wrestling Champ.



Pandas halve with Vikettes

by Cliff Lacey
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This past weekend the U of A Pandas proved they can compete with the best in their league by surprising the U of Victoria Vikettes 41 - 33 Saturday, in Women's Basketball action.

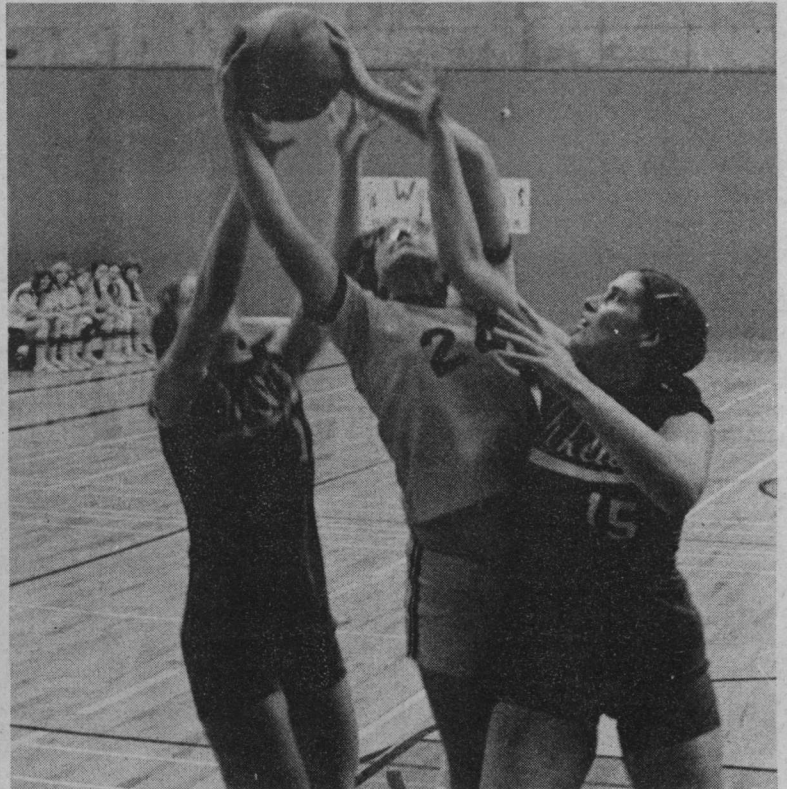
In Friday's game the Pandas looked as though they would provide the Vikettes with a real battle. They did.

Both teams opened with a press, looking to force turnovers and take an early lead. With 11:24 remaining in the first half, Jennifer Cooper aggravated an old injury in her knee and had to be replaced. With Amanda Holloway not yet in from Edmonton, Val Kallis was called into the game as a forward.

The lead see-sawed back and forth. Amanda arrived to help Pandas' attack and at the half the score was 21-17 for the Vikettes.

The Vikettes dropped their press in the second half, allowing the Pandas time to set up and take good shots. With 6:15 left to play the Pandas had tied it up at 32. They moved into a slight lead.

After a Vikettes time out the complexion of the game began to change. Victoria put up a good defence and forced Pandas to give up the ball several times. Charlotte Shmyr went out on five fouls and Victoria started



Charlotte Shmyr (24, light jersey) grabs a rebound from Victoria's Edna Ritchie (15, dark jersey).

to have a rebounding advantage in the person of their 6 foot center, and Western Canadian All-star, Edna Ritchie.

Pandas threw out a press in the dying minutes, but could not catch the Vikettes.

Val Kallis, coming into the game in a new position, played a tremendous game, putting in 11 points and snagging 6 rebounds in a losing cause. Amanda Holloway played below her usual scoring standard, but was tough on defence.

The Victoria team had two big producers. McHattie nailed the Pandas for 15 points while Mainwaring dropped in 17. Edna Ritchie ripped off 13 rebounds for the Vikettes.

Saturday, it was a do or die situation for the Pandas. A loss would put them out of the running in the Canada West conference.

The game plan was much the same - the result, markedly different.

Pandas went into a lead on the opening basket and with a tenacious defence, stopped the Victoria attack cold.

They moved the ball slowly up the floor and worked over the Victoria defence until a good shot was allowed.

Victoria guards, the key to their attack, were pressed right up the floor, and not allowed to get wound up to drive in for two points.

In the latter half of the game Pandas had accumulated a 12 point lead. They went into a stall for the last 4 minutes as the frustrated Vikettes tried to draw enough fouls to allow them the ball after a foul shot. This tactic

failed, and the Pandas won a deserved victory.

After the game Deb Shogan revealed her strategy. "We attacked similarly to Friday. By pressuring the guards all the way up the floor we cut off their drive." Coach Shogan admitted, "It was the best 40 minutes of basketball we've played. We finally put an entire team together."

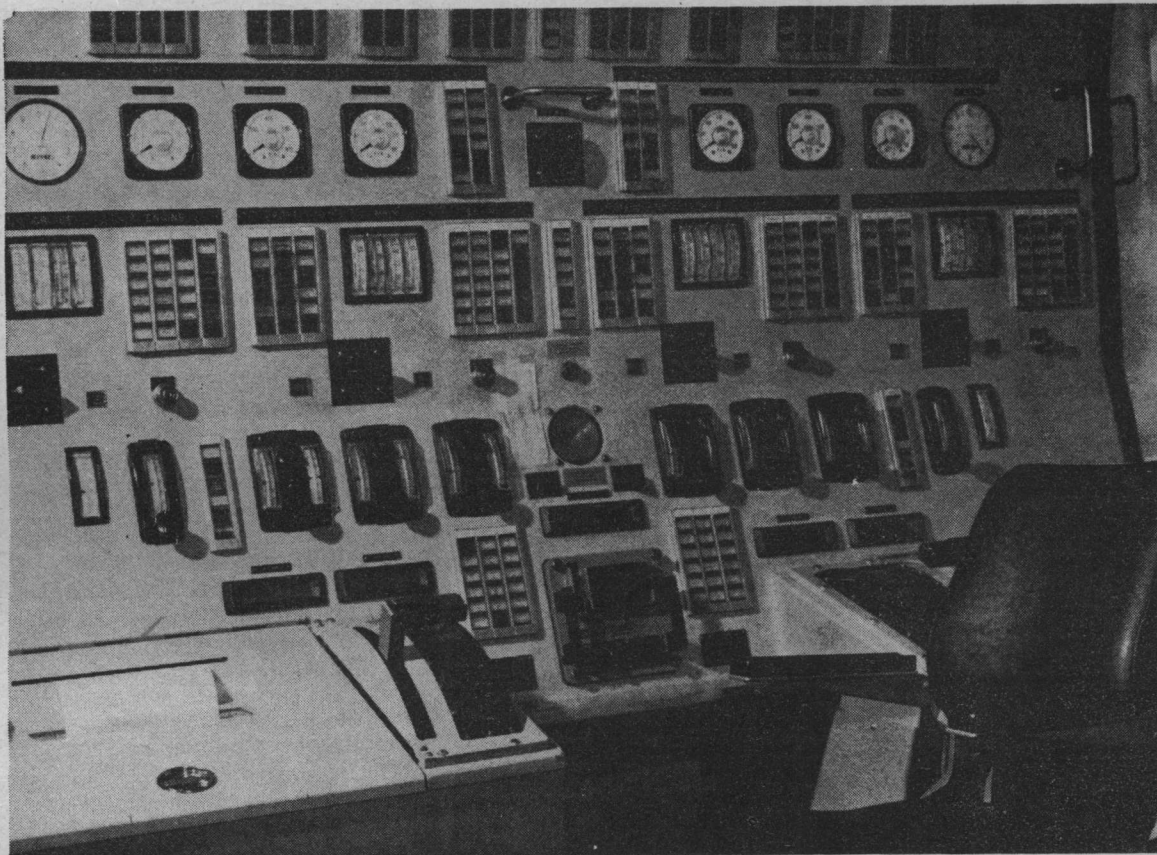
There were no outstanding scorers in this game. The only player in double figures for either team was Kathy Moore of the Pandas. Kathy had 10 points, and along with Deena Mitchell's 8 points the two guards put in a great two-way play.

Charlotte Shmyr battled Edna Ritchie under the boards, pulling in 11 rebounds to Ritchie's 10. Once again the Vikettes top scorers were McHattie with 8 points and Mainwaring with 6 points and 7 rebounds.

Pandas defence stole 25 turnovers from the Vikettes, while good ball control cut down their own turnovers to 16.

Pandas face the UBC Thunderettes this weekend, here at the U of A. They will still be missing Diane Chisholm, who is out with an ankle injury. Their games start at 6:30 Friday and Saturday nights.

Bear short the services of Dave H. Bird, hope to swamp the UBC Thunderettes with the aid of Len Davidiuk at center. Lenard's play seemed back to normal against Victoria, so he will likely play full time against BC. The Bears' games go at 8:30 Friday and Saturday evenings.



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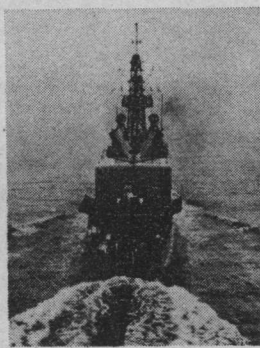
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BC Hoopsters invade U

When the University of Alberta basketball teams host the University of British Columbia Thunderbirds and Thunderettes this weekend, the only sure winners should be the fans.

The competition promises to be close. While Thunderbirds are tied with the Alberta Golden Bears for the second spot in the men's division of the Canada West basketball league, the Thunderettes have a firm grip on first place in the women's division.

Early this season, the Golden Bears, coached by Barry Mitchelson, lost two games played in BC to the Thunderbirds. But this time the Bears will have the home court advantage and they are a much-improved team from early season. A young team, they have matured quickly. "Considering the relative inexperience of many of the players, it has been gratifying to see

their improvement to this level," says Mitchelson.

Looking to the weekend series - "We're coming to the end of the season; each weekend is big, and the next weekend is bigger," he says.

Since they last played the Thunderettes - and were literally bombed - the Pandas have got things together and have won five of their last six games. "We're better prepared for them now," says Coach Debbie Shogan. "We're looking for some good games."

Pandas, now reduced to the role of 'spoilers', would like nothing better than to prove themselves against the first-place Thunderettes. The competition should be intense.

The games are scheduled for the University's Main Gymnasium, Friday and Saturday nights. Panda games begin at 6:30 with the Bears' games following at 8:30.