

Basketball

It was something of an end of an era for the Golden Bear basketball team. After eight years as head coach Barry Mitchelson announced his resignation, "to spend more time with his family." The other familiar thing that was absent was a winning season. The rookie laden squad struggled to a 9-11 season, the worst of any Mitchelson coached team.

The bright spots of a relatively disappointing year were Doug Baker who was a 2nd team all star for the second consecutive year, and the progress that some of the

rookies made, notably Keith Smith, Mike Abercrombie and Brent Patterson, the trio that defected from Calgary. Despite the loss of veterans Dave Holland and Bain McMillan new coach Garry Smith (ex of the football Bears) may inherit a stronger team next year, but will still have to solve the Bears height problem in the pivot position.

For Debbie Shogan's Pandas despite missing the playoffs (they finished second) it still had to be termed a very good year. The Pandas came roaring out of the starting blocks with 17 consecutive wins including the first six league games. Then

came co-leader Victoria who handed the Pandas their first two losses and for the Pandas from that point on they never regained their early form and finished with a 13-7 mark. Amanda Holloway, Alberta's answer to the bionic woman led the league in scoring (17.9 ave.) and proved herself to be the best player in the CWIAU. Rookie Lori Chizik, another Calgary native, was 2nd in field goal average, while Deena Mitchell closed out her Varsity career the same way she started, giving everything she had, unfortunately for the Pandas they didn't have quite enough.



Gymnastics

The University of Alberta gymnasts were one of the most successful teams this year. The Pandas took the Canada West crown, and placed four members on the Canada West team which captured the Nationals for the second year in a row, it was the only national championship for women from other than the OWIAA.

The Pandas on the team were Yvonne Van Soest, Barb Rutherford, Peggy Downton, and Wah King NG. At the nationals Rutherford placed fourth and Van Soest fifth.

The Golden Bears placed second in Canada West and two Golden Bears had the chance to be part of the league all-star team taking part in the National finals. Brian Smith and Gord Osborne made the Can-West team that finished 2nd in the CIAU finals by just half a point.

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Hockey

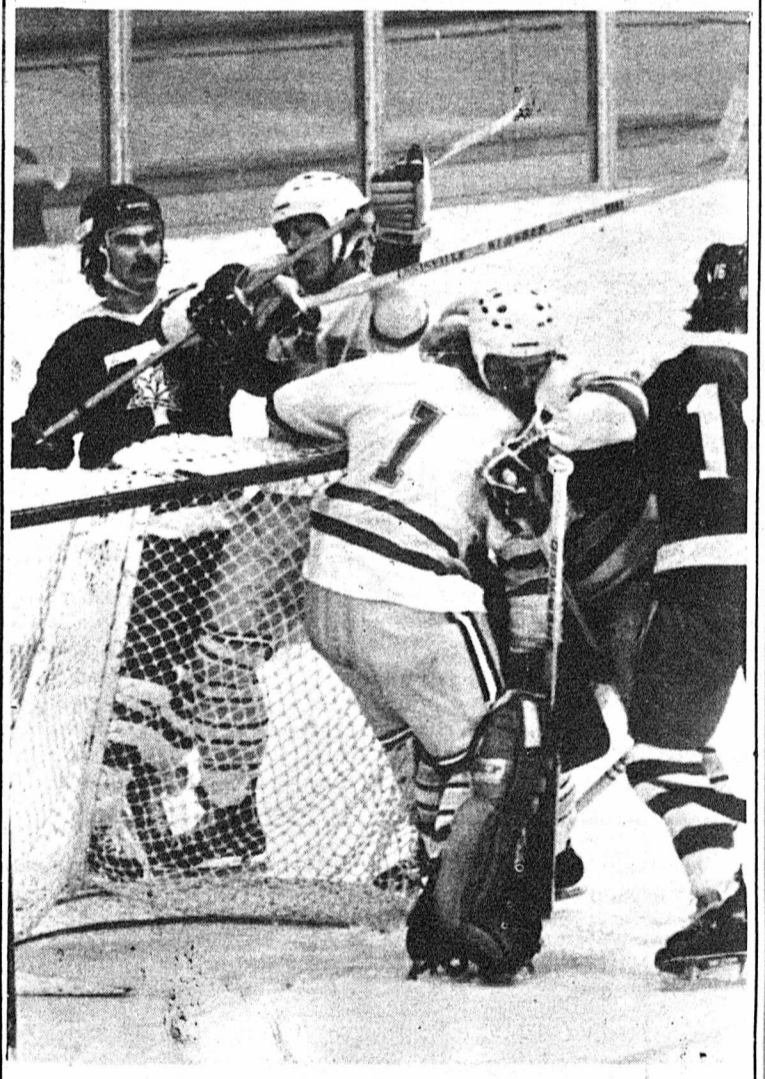
The loss of Ross Barros, John Horcoff, and Clare Drake was too much of a deficit for the Bears to make up to repeat as National champs. Last year Horcoff led the Bears in scoring with Barros runner up. Barros led the team in scoring during their playoff drive for the national crown. For Drake it was his seventeenth year as coach of the hockey team and it was the eleventh conference championship.

This season Leon Abbott took over as coach and the Jim Ofrim, Oliver Steward, Clark Jantzie line took over as the scoring machine of the Bears. Due to injuries that line was put out of commission late in the season and with it first place and the Canada West cham-

ionship, both captured by Calgary.

The Bears finished the season with a 16-8 mark two points back of the Dinosaurs. It was the Dinos who had the Bears' number all year long, and in the playoffs when it really mattered. After travelling down to Calgary for the GPAC-CanWest playoffs, and handing Manitoba a 6-3 loss the Bears had to face Calgary and bowed out 3-1, their eighth loss in a row to the Calgary club.

Jim Ofrim led the league in scoring with 44 points along with a league leading 26 assists. Alberta goaltenders Jack Cummings, Craig Gunther, and Dale Henwood were 1, 2, 3 in goals against average in the league.



Track & Field

The enthusiasm that greeted Coach Gabor Simonyi, who took over the track and field team and cross country coaching duties this year, is indicated by the fact that about 80 individuals tried out for track and field.

The men's cross country team captured a Canada West title and the Golden Bear track and field finished a close second in the Can-West finals, despite the controversial disqualifications of two Golden Bears in the 800 metre event.

The number of women participating was also up from last year and the Pandas finished third in Can-West track and field.

Volleyball

The Panda volleyball team, coached by Sue Neil, was one of the most competitive in Canada West, and finished second in the standings. Coach Neil was pleased with the development shown by individuals on the team.

As for the Bears, when rookie Coach Suichi Ota took over the reins of the Golden Bear volleyball team this year he discovered that if there was a rookie initiation, the veteran(s) would be greatly outnumbered. In fact there was only one veteran on the team, but after a rocky start the team went on to finish second in the league.

Judo

The U of A Judo team was also one of the Alberta teams to finish second in the Canada West championships. On the way there they captured second place at the Western Regional tournament held in Regina. Mike Calder and Bob Tanaka of the University of Alberta will be members of the Alberta team at the upcoming Canadian finals.

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