

photo Tom Freeland

Blaine Haines (20) had an up and down weekend as did the rest of the Bears.

Pandas sweep twice

Saskatchewan Huskiettes proved that an earlier victory over the Pandas was just a fluke as they were blasted twice by the U of A squad this weekend in Canada West action.

Friday night in Varsity Gym the Pandas were on the right end of a 73-49 score. Saturday was nearly an instant replay as Debbie Shogan's dozen toppled the Huskiettes 73-47.

The Pandas balanced scoring attack was led both evenings by veteran Trix Kanneken. She connected 18 times in the opener and added 16 Saturday for a 34 point weekend. Annette Sanregret, with 11 points Friday, led a supporting cast of eight players making the score sheet. Glynis Griffiths and Laura Cabott chipped in eight points each, Lynn Graftaas, Sherry Knutsvig, Noreen Mitchell and Susan

Tokariuk had six with Sarah Van Tighem picking up four.

Besides Kanneken's 16 on Saturday, Pandas got help from Van Tighem and Graftaas with 12 points, 10 from Griffiths and eight from Tokariuk and Sanregret.

Saskatchewan was without all-star guard Sheila Brennan. She injured her ankle against Calgary and had a cast on her foot.

Huskies rebound for win

The Golden Bear roller coaster hit the tracks in Varsity Gym this weekend and — like it has most of the season — reached both the peaks and the valleys.

Friday night against the Saskatchewan Huskies rookie Jim Pratt sparked an explosive comeback as the Bears nipped Saskatchewan 81-80.

Trailing 80-77 with less than a minute to play, Alberta moved the ball to Pratt on the right side for a 15 foot jumper. The Bears pressed and Pratt stole the throw-

in from Huskie Steve Mason. He was fouled going up for a shot and calmly sunk both free throws to put Alberta ahead by one point. Strong defense kept Saskatchewan from getting off a shot in the last 35 seconds and the Bears picked up their first win of the year in Canada West play.

While Friday's game was one to remember — Saturday's was one to forget.

The Bears turned the ball over 31 times enroute to a 69-51

drubbing by Saskatchewan. A far cry from the night before when they had only given up the ball on 13 occasions.

Heaney said, "Turnovers were definitely the difference. We had some mental lapses and threw the ball away. With a young team like we have there are times like Friday and Saturday when we'll be inconsistent."

Another factor in the Bears' turn around was the play of guard Blaine Haines. "Blaine played maybe his best ever game on Friday for us," said Heaney. "But on Saturday he was erratic, and when your point guard becomes erratic it affects the whole team."

The Bears also had trouble on the offensive boards as they were out rebounded 20-5 on Saturday. Hauling down most of the Saskatchewan balls were the Redekop brothers. They also clicked for over half the Huskie points as Mark hit for 39 and Murray 38 over the two game series.

Heaney said, "We've got to get our guys to go to the boards more. Sometimes players are caught standing around instead of going for the ball."

Along with bringing down rebounds, Heaney said, they have to work more on their inside game. "We've got to be persistent moving the ball inside. Players like Greg Dell have the potential to be great in this league."

The Bears next home series is against the University of Wisconsin (River Falls) on December 20-21 in Varsity Gym. Canada West action resumes after Christmas.

BEAR FACTS

Pratt had a game high of 26 points on Friday. Ken Haak led the Bears on Saturday with 16.

The Redekop are rookies in the league after several seasons at Briarcrest Bible College in Saskatchewan.

Victoria, UBC and Saskatchewan all have 3-1 records while Alberta, Lethbridge and Calgary are at 1-3.

All for one ... and one for all

by Shaune Impey

Clare Drake's hockey Bears may have learned a valuable lesson this past weekend in Calgary. That is it takes everyone playing together and giving one-hundred percent to win hockey games.

In some games this year, most recently Saturday afternoon against the Dinosaurs, Alberta has been lax in both of these areas. The Bears dropped a 6-5 overtime decision to a less than impressive Dinosaurs squad. According to Drake, "We had the game but just

ran out of gas and gave it away."

Giving it away was certainly the case as the Bears—after Joel Elliott opened the scoring in the ten minute overtime—allowed Calgary to storm back with two goals. Ron Fischer intercepted an Ace Brimacombe pass in the Bears' end to set up Bob Irvine for his second goal of the game and then, with just 51 seconds remaining, Darren Halasz added his second of the game on a rebound for the winning goal. The play started with his brother Cal missing a breakaway on Bears'

goalie Terry Clark's fine pad save.

Fischer also scored twice and added three assists for a five point afternoon. Bears' other goals were scored by Mike Broadfoot (two), Greg Skoreyko and Wade Campbell.

Sunday afternoon was a much different story as the Bears, after a team meeting by the players to sort out their on ice problems, scored three powerplay goals to swamp the Dinosaurs 6-2. And they did it with three regulars out of the lineup. Rookie defenceman Curtis Jans and forward Mike Broadfoot sat out with bad knees. Brimacombe suffered a broken bone in his hand late in Saturday's game and had his hand in a cast on Sunday.

Playing with only three defencemen and with two extra rookies, Ray Plamondon and Breen Neeser, who sat out Saturday because of the numbers game, the Bears played a much better game.

Co-captain Jim Lomas scored two goals, including the winner in the first period to lead the attack. Plamondon, Chris Helland, Elliott and Skoreyko added singles. Grant Fagerheim had both Calgary goals.

Calgary coach George

Kingston berated his team's performance saying, "We have too many forwards not giving an honest effort. They weren't thinking about the game and were playing for themselves instead of the team." He also said, "Our players can't expect to yack at each other, take dumb penalties, and still play as a team."

Drake said that maybe the absence of the three injured players was a factor. "Sometimes when key players are missing it seems to spark the team."

BEAR FACTS

Saskatchewan and Calgary share first place with 5-3 records. Alberta is third at 4-4.

The Bears have five weeks off before they resume their Canada West schedule after Christmas.

Jans, Broadfoot, Brimacombe and Duncan Babchuk should all return to the line-up after Christmas. Veteran Bruce Rolin will be back on defense as well.

Rookie Jody Holder, a soccer Bear earlier this fall, saw his first action in a hockey uniform. He didn't look too bad considering his lack of practise time so far.

Calgary was missing Rick Williams (elbow) and Jerry Bancks (knee ligaments) with injuries.

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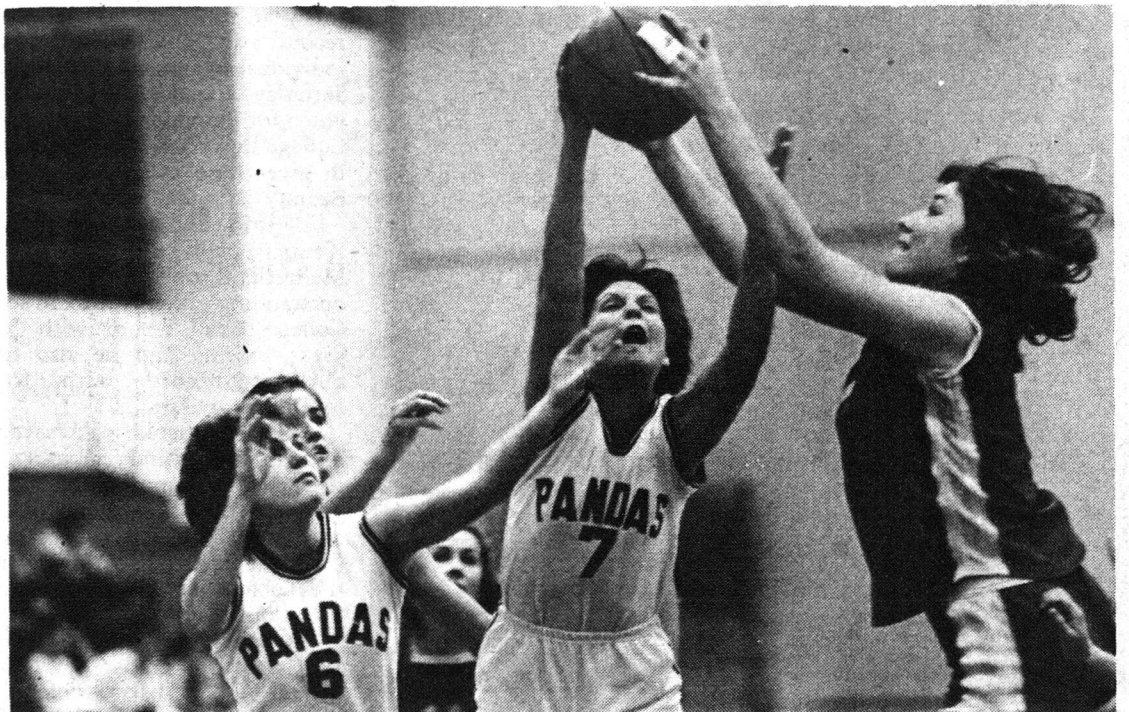
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Pandas' Annette Sanregret (7) battling with a Huskiette for the ball in a weekend contest. Teammate Susan Tokariuk (6) hangs close to provide assistance.

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