

# SPORTS

## Senior citizen clinches victory

by Darrell Semenuk

Alberta 67 Lethbridge 64  
Alberta 70 Lethbridge 63

It was a game of inches and with the return of 6'6" Len Davidiuk that meant a lot of inches. Davidiuk, who missed the last five games due to an ankle injury, came back Friday night and had one of his best games in a Golden Bear uniform as he hit for 20 points (8/15) and pulled in 15 rebounds to lead Bears to a 67-64 victory over the Lethbridge Pronghorns.

Doug Baker, who has led the team in scoring in 11 of their 14 games again topped the Bears scoring with 24 points. For a welcome change the Bears had the advantage on the boards, thanks mainly to Davidiuk. Alberta out rebounded Lethbridge 51-21.

Another reversal from previous form was the Bears finally winning a close game in the final minutes. Saturday actually pulling away with 7 points in the final minute and a half after the Pronghorns had tied it 63-63.

The Bears led at half time by nine but the Pronghorns

scrapped back to within 1 with 6 minutes left. That's when Bears experience, for the most part an unknown commodity this year, came into play with Davidiuk getting four of the last six points and Bain McMillan blocking a shot by Phil Letham with 30 seconds left and picking up a loose ball in the last 10 seconds. The Bears shot 41% on the floor to Lethbridge's 36%.

Saturday night the Bears had to rely on "the old man," 25 yr. old Bain McMillan to keep their slim playoff hopes alive. Len Davidiuk came down on his ankle early in the game and wasn't able to see any action after that. With his absence from the team the Bears managed a slight 32-30 lead after 20 minutes. After the lead had changed hands briefly in the first 10 minutes of the second half, Lethbridge again grabbed the lead with just over two minutes remaining.

With a minute and a half left McMillan tied it with two clutch foul shots, he made 8/8 on the night, all of them coming in the final 6 minutes. With the score tied at 63 Lethbridge regained



Bears were flying high in weekend action. Photo Bob Austin.

possession under their hoop and called a time out with 38 seconds remaining.

McMillan continued with his last second heroics with a steal off Pronghorn's Jim Duxbury and the Bears used a time out with 26 seconds left. Doug Baker then grabbed the rebound of a shot by McMillan and put in the winning hoop from underneath with 22 seconds showing on the clock. Then it was McMillan again as he forced a turn over with 17 seconds remaining. Patterson was fouled on the subsequent play and sunk his first foul shot with Baker grabbing the rebound off his second shot to up the Bears lead to 5.

It was only fitting that the scoring be concluded by McMillan who popped in two free throws with 3 seconds remaining after he was fouled by Joey

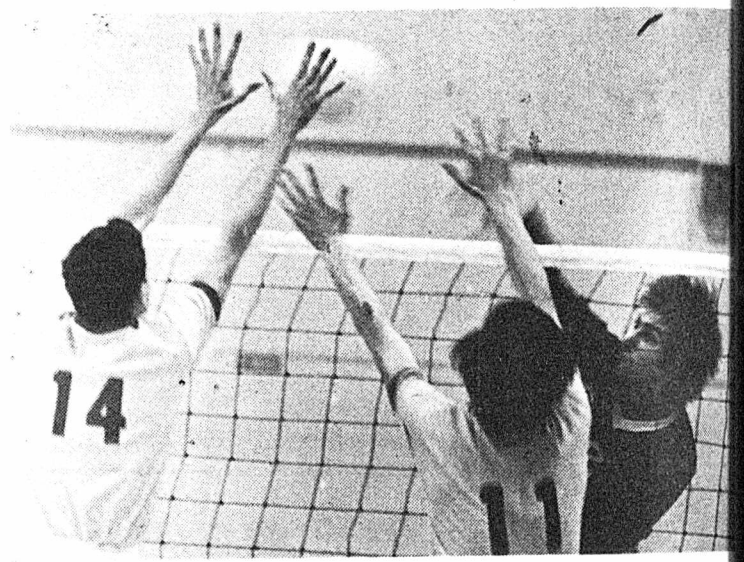
Shackleford after making another steal.

"We did the things we talked about coming home," said a relieved coach Barry Mitchelson. Mitchelson had nothing but praise for McMillan. "It took experience and courage in the plays he made at the end. He made the difference in the last two minutes." "You always wonder what would have happened if we had him earlier in the season," a reference to the two games that Bears lost in the dying minutes in

Lethbridge without McMillan.

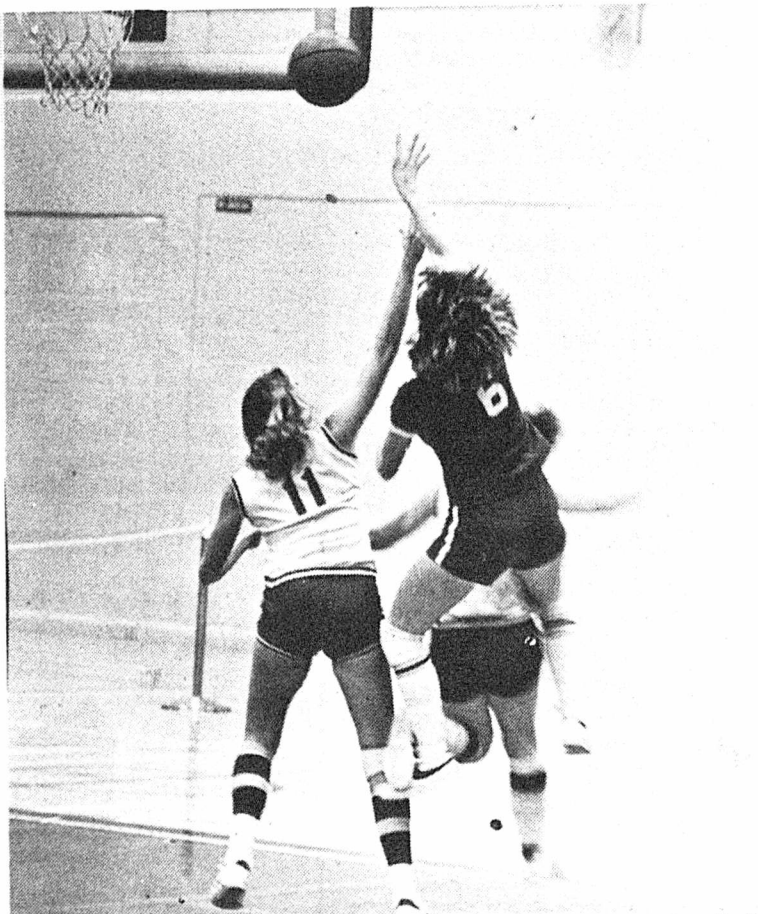
Doug Baker had 15 points and McMillan 12, with Dave Holland gathering 11. Roger Baldry led Lethbridge with 18 points and Richard Foggo added 16. Bears enjoyed a big edge on the foul line hitting 22/29 while Pronghorns made 3/3.

Bears (7-7) trail Victoria (9-5) for the final playoff spot along with UBC (7-7) but UBC has the easiest schedule for the final six games of the three teams.



Alberta had to stretch to gain victories. Photo Brian Gavriloff

## Pandas tighten hold (on 2nd)



Holloway struck for 44 points in 2 games. Photo Brian Gavriloff

by Darrell Semenuk

Alberta 69 Lethbridge 47  
Alberta 59 Lethbridge 50

The U of A Pandas may have fell out of the race for first place but they further consolidated their hold on second spot with two wins over the Pronghornettes over the weekend. Amanda Holloway led the Pandas to their ninth and tenth victories of the season and their record at 10-4. This time Lethbridge's Connie

Frouws drew the short straw.

Frouws had a suicide mission of sorts in trying to guard against the league's top scorer who came into the weekend averaging 17 points a game. Holloway managed 44 points in the series including 24 in the opening game.

Friday night Pandas came out and quickly built up a 14 point lead after 7 minutes and went into the dressing room at

half time with a 35-28 lead. The lacklustre game was marked by sloppy play by both teams evidenced by the 69 turnovers in the game.

Pandas had a chance to fatten up their point totals in the game with four players hitting double figures. Holloway had 24 points, Chris Leiske 14, Lori Chizik 13 and Nora Wayl 1. Lori Lilja had 10 points for Lethbridge.

The Pronghornettes prevented the re-match on Saturday from being as uninteresting as Friday's game with an improved offensive effort along with a rough game marked by the 33 trips the Pandas made to the foul line.

Lethbridge actually led by three at the half 24-21. After the teams traded field goals in the first minute Pandas went on to score 17 points in a five minute stretch.

With four minutes left Lethbridge closed to within 3 points and had a chance to pick up another point after Coach Shogan drew a technical foul out of frustration on the inadequate work of the officials. Whether her outburst sparked her team or not they came on to score 8 points without a reply by the Pronghornettes to salt away their tenth victory in 14 starts.

Holloway had 20 points, despite having a poor night on the foul line hitting only 8/17. Chris Leiske and Nora Way had 10 points apiece. Lori Lilja had 11 points for Lethbridge who out shot the Pandas 32% - 27% but trailed in rebounds 36-40 and committed more turnovers 37-29. Pandas hit on 17/33 free throws while Lethbridge made 6/9.

## V'ballers sweep Calgary

by Doug Leib

Both the Bears and Pandas came up with hard fought, but impressive 3-0 wins in their best of five matches on Sunday, in Varsity Gymnasium.

The Pandas won by scores of 16-14, 15-11, and 15-9. The Bears by counts of 15-12, 15-12, 15-13. As can be seen both teams were taken to the limit in five of the six games played.

The Pandas rallied from a 13-7 deficit in their first game to tie the game 13-13 and went on to win it 16-14. The great rally, mostly on precision setting and blocking, seemed to take the edge in confidence the Dinnies displayed during the middle stages of the game. The Pandas started varying their offence in the second game, especially effective was the quick set, and won it going away 15-11. Around the end of the second game both teams seemed to be tiring and in the third game both teams used the deceptive tip shot more than the spike shot. Panda standouts were Heather Ostevik and Val Hillman.

The Bears had the momentum turn their way in an odd way in their first game. With the Dinos leading 5-2 the Bears were serving and Calgary got caught switching their men too

soon. Not once, but on three successive serves. This made the score 5-5 and from then on it was Bears taking the lead and never relinquishing it again. The Dinos seemed determined to make up for first game error and jumped into a commanding 6-0 lead. But the Bears mounted an incredibly efficient offense and stormed back to win 15-12.

Bears Wes Stripping surprised the Dinos composure with a quick serve which caught Dinos sleeping and made the score 14-12. The third game saw a reversal of form from the second. The Bears grabbed a 5-0 lead only to see the Dinos make 4 straight key blocks to make the score 13-10 Dinos.

But once again the momentum had an about face as Bears scored five straight points and won what was a certain heartbreaker for Dinos.

The win for the Pandas made them 6-1 in league and left Dinnies well back at 2-3. The Bears were tied in second with Calgary and Victoria with 2-2 records before Sunday's match.

Next home action will be Friday, Feb. 13 in the Main Gym at 8:00.