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Bears and Pandas die in Calgary

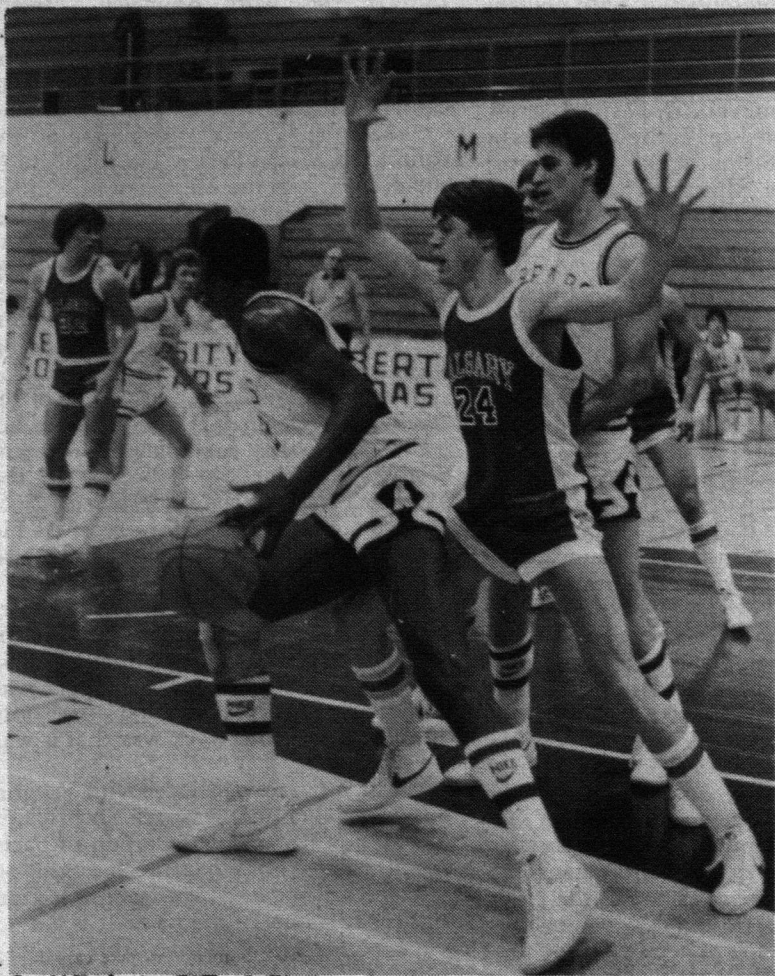


photo Martin Beales

Bears' Leon Bynoe starts his drive for the hoop.

On Friday night here at Varsity Gym the Bears entertained a crowd of 930 with very exciting basketball and came up with a 74-72 victory.

The winning basket was not scored Friday until the final minute when Shawn Izzard came out to put the game away for the Bears. All-Canadian guard, Karl Tilleman, scored an amazing 47 points for the Dinos as the crowd oohed and awwed every time he touched the ball. If an analogy can be drawn, it must be said that Tilleman is to Canada West College Basketball what Wayne Gretzky is to hockey.

On Saturday the story was different. At least the score was. Some things never change - like Karl Tilleman scoring 43 points

this game for a 90 point weekend. The Bears could not muster much in the way of an offence and they were subsequently blown out 78-56 by the Dinos.

Leon Bynoe led the Bears game with 14 points.

Any hopes the Pandas may have entertained in making the playoffs this year in Canada West Basketball action have just about evaporated. The Pandas lost twice to the Calgary Dinnies 66-58 Friday and 69-49 Saturday.

"I didn't think that they (Calgary) were that good but they have done some good things and showed that they were a better group than us," Debbie Shogan, coach of the Pandas, commented yesterday.

The game Friday was described by Shogan as one of the better team offensive efforts this year but the women suffered a lapse in the second half where the Dinnies scored ten straight points.

High score for the Pandas Friday was Sherry Knutsvig with 18 points while Susan Tokariuk contributed 14.

Saturday's game was not nearly as close as the night previous although the two teams were tied at 27 at the end of the first half. In the second half, however, the Dinnies turned it on and blew the Pandas off the court by a 69-49 count. Debbie Shogan summed up the game by stating, "we lack the mental toughness, (needed to win).

Divers destroy Dinos

Defending champion Calgary Dinosaurs had their title taken away from them by the U of A men's diving team over this past weekend in the Pan-Am Invitational meet in Winnipeg.

The team literally destroyed the Dinos with a margin of victory of 205 points winning 565-360.

Dan Flannigan won the one metre, three metre and platform for men 15-17 and captured the senior open platform to pace the Bears.

Overall the team won 25 individual medals which did exceed expectations. The Bears captured 11 gold, four silver, and 10 bronze.

Golden Bear Open

Results of the Golden Bear Open held over the weekend in the Kinsmen Field House: Women's long jump won by Jane Felling of the Pandas (5.51 m). Janet Shulha of the Pandas was second (5.44 m). High jump won by Marianne Frigon of the Pandas.

The Bear's Gary Tarapeski placed first in the triple jump (13.26 m).

Bears lose two, playoffs dim

by Andrew Watts

In perhaps the strangest, the most controversial but certainly the most exciting weekend of hockey the Alberta Golden Bears came out two time losers at the hands of the Saskatchewan Huskies. On Friday night the Bears were beaten 6-2 and on Saturday they lost 4-3 in double overtime.

"I felt we controlled the play for the first two periods (Friday) but we have to start to convert some of our chances," coach Clare Drake commented after the 6-2 loss.

The Bears did control the game for those two periods but still found themselves behind 2-0 after forty minutes. A combination of bad bounces for the Bears, good bounces for the Huskies and some excellent goaltending by Steve Amiss in the Huskies nets gave the illusion of a rout to a very close hockey game. The 6-2 count was simply not indicative of the play.

"There was no way that that was a 6-2 game, they (the Bears) deserved better than that," said Huskies coach Dave King after the game Friday.

It seemed that every time the Bears got close to the Huskies net the puck bounced away from their sticks. Much of this, in fairness to the first place Huskies, can be attributed to the way the defence cleared the puck in front of Amiss. If they couldn't do that right away they threw as many bodies in front of the net as possible to clog traffic. The Bears could not find a way to put more than two pucks through all the legs and then past Amiss.

"It seems that after we miss some of our chances early we get frustrated," said coach Drake, who continues "then we revert to making mistakes."

The Huskies and the games first goal came at the 9:55 point of

the first period when Terry McNaught planted himself to the left of Bears goalie Denis Potvin. He took a pass from Randy Wiebe and jammed the puck in the net as Potvin slid across to cover the post. McNaught scored the Huskies second goal when he crossed the Bears blueline and let go a hard slap shot that went through the legs of Potvin.

"I had taken away everything from him (McNaught) but I could feel the puck go through," said Potvin.

The Bears got on the scoreboard early in the second period as Terry Sydoryk broke in alone on Amiss and after being dragged down shovelled the puck in at :21 seconds.

Willie Desjardins made 3-1 for the Huskies at 6:30 of the third period but Perry Zapernick closed it to 3-2 at 9:35 when he took a perfect draw from a faceoff and blew a shot past Amiss' glove. The Huskies got goals from Dave Bradshaw, Willie Desjardins and Terry McNaught to complete the 6-2 game.

The game Saturday was the most exciting witnessed this year and did not end until 17:50 of the second overtime period when Randy Wiebe tipped in a Dave Bradshaw point shot giving the Huskies a 4-3 win. After the game both teams were exhausted as they each only went with 12 players. This rather undermanned effort was not the decision of the two coaches but was courtesy of the referee.

The trouble began at the 17:00 mark of the first period when Perry Zapernick of the Bears and Dick Kortje of the Huskies got involved in a slight altercation in the Huskies zone. The referee whistled the play down and all eyes turned to these two players. As they were parting Dick Kortje turned and delivered a beautiful sucker punch to the back of Zapernick's head who

quickly turned and began to explain the virtues of hockey to the much bigger Kortje. The linesmen quickly stepped and tried to part the two players as Joel Elliot and Dave Adolph began to bring sticks and gloves up several times. The rest of the players paired off and waltzed about while the ref judged the whole affair.

When it was all over a total of ten players were tossed out of the game. Everyone, save the goalies, who were on the ice during the altercation was thrown out. It broke down like this: for the Bears: Tim Krug, Jeff Marshall, Brad Helfrich, Joel Elliot and Perry Zapernick were gone. For the Huskies: Dick Kortje, Bruce Keller, Dave Adolph, Marc Chartier and Gord Cannon were out. Six of the ten players were tossed out for not going to their respective benches during the fight. Elliot and Adolph were given game misconducts for fighting, although they never dropped their gloves or sticks. Kortje and Zapernick were given five minutes for fighting and game misconducts. They were not given two additional minutes for roughing (so why the ref blew the whistle in the first place is a mystery) and Kortje was not given two minutes for his Jimmy Mann manoeuvre. Further more, the referee must give two warnings before throwing the players out of the game for not going to their respective benches, no warnings were given. In short, the ref boomed. Despite the ejections the remaining players made the contest very exciting.

Prior to the fisticuffs the Bears had taken a 1-0 lead when Jim Lomas poked a bouncing puck past Huskies goalie Bob Dougall at the :21 second mark.

In the second period Denis LeClaire made it 2-0 for the Bears when he came down the right wing and blew a slapshot past Dougall at 3:10.

No further scoring was done until 12:46 of the third period when Greg Chudiak deflected a screened point shot past Bears goalie Terry Clark who had been and continued to be brilliant in the Bears nets. Clarks play in goal was nothing short of spectacular as in testimony, all of the Saskatchewan goals were either deflected or screened.

As the game waned, the Huskies pulled their goalie in the final minute, clogged up the front of the Bears net and a screened shot slipped into the goal with 32 seconds remaining.

In the first overtime period, which is not sudden death Ace Brimacombe put the Bears ahead at 3:51. Randy Wiebe however, tied it up with 1:59 remaining on another deflection.

The second overtime period, which was sudden death, was fast paced and marked by some near misses at both ends of the rink. As the period wore on it began to look as if a third overtime would be required, however, Bradshaw and Wiebe combined for the Huskies to end it for everyone.

The Bears lost twice over the weekend but it is this reporters opinion that they at least deserved a split. They did play well enough for such an outcome.

BEAR FACTS

The Bears have now slipped to 8-10 and must hope that UBC beat Calgary at least once out of four games for the Bears to have shot at the playoffs. The team plays Saskatchewan next weekend and must win both games. The team suffered a few bumps and bruises but there are no major injuries.



Gymnastics

For the second straight year the U of A Pandas and Bears gymnastics teams have won the annual Klondike Challenge. Considering the fact that the tourney has been held only once before the teams don't have that bad a track record.

In the men's division the Bears came away with a 187.85-181.50 victory over Calgary including five gold medals and Reeve Martin won the overall with 51.0 points. Reeve also took the pommel horse with a score of 9.3 and he won rings with a score of 8.15 that was tied U of C's Chris Grabowecy. Not to be outdone, Tony Smith came up with two individual golds on his own as he scored 9.05 in the floor exercise and 8.7 to win the high bar. The fifth gold medal was won for the Bears by Eric Ruckenthaler as he compiled 9.35 points in the vaulting exercise. Tony Smith also placed third in the overall with 49.8 points.

The Pandas got a very consistent performance from Shelley Spaner as she placed second in each of the four events she entered to compile 33.1 points and win the overall title leading the womens team to a lopsided win over the Dinnies. Another model of consistency for the Pandas was Heidi Ross as she entered two events and won them both and you can't get much better than that. Heidi won the uneven bars with 8.4 points and she scored 8.85 to win the balance beam event. Elise Dworkin won the floor exercise scoring 8.8. Next to Spaner in the overall title was her teammate Heather Raven who also didn't win any events but was consistently strong in everything compiling 29.45 points.