

Bears show up Alumni

Bears 89 Alumni 82
by Mitch Panciuk

The Bears basketball team opened their 1989-90 season with an impressive victory over a very tough Alumni squad by a score of 89-82. The Bears, who were missing veterans Ed Joseph and Bill Lavergne, used the game as an opportunity to test unproven rookies.

The Bears took the lead right from the jump ball, and after that the lead switched back and forth until, with 3:20 left in the game, Brian Halsey hit a 15-foot jump shot mak-

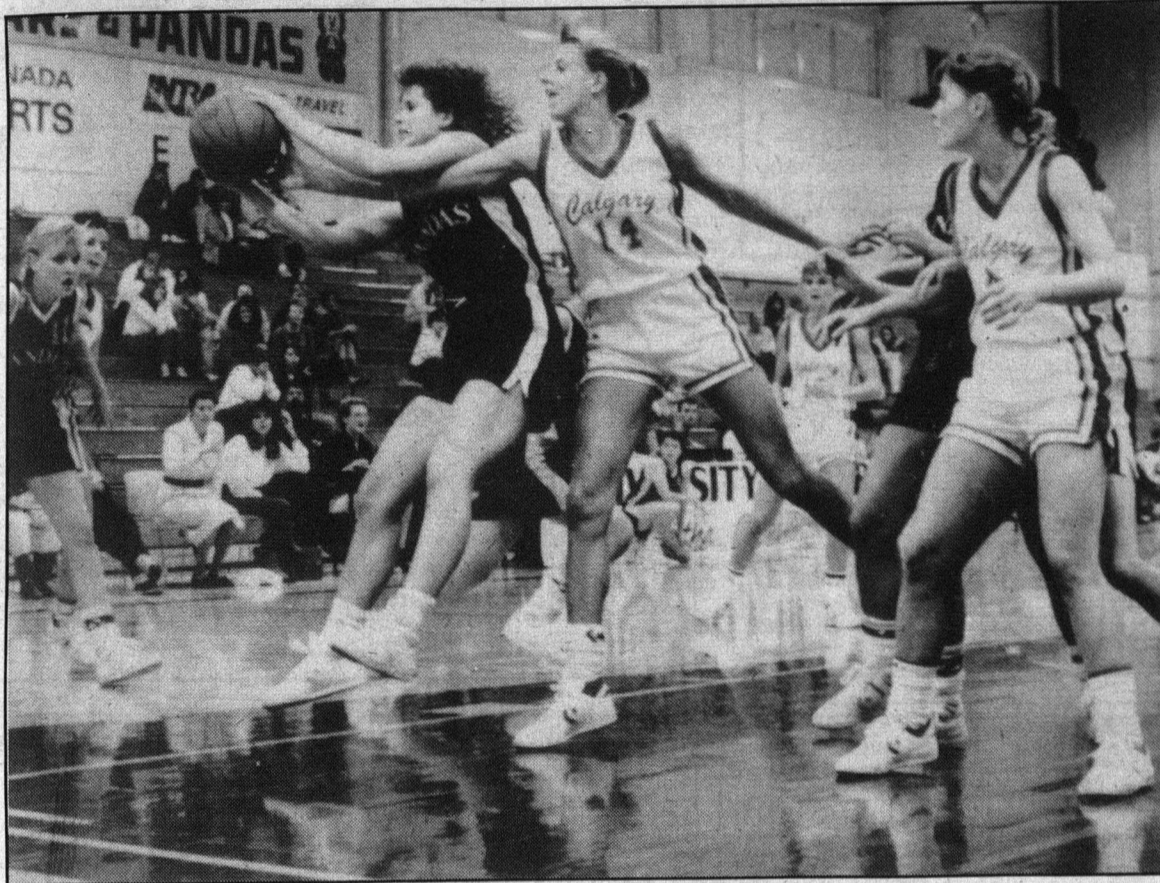
ing the score 83-82. Less than a minute later Halsey fed rookie David Wooldridge for a lay-up, and the Bears then pulled away scoring the final four points in the last two minutes.

Friday night's game marked the return of center Rick Stanley. Stanley, who won CIAU rookie of the year two years ago, spend last year raising his academic performance, and had a strong showing in Friday's game giving the Bears 19 very important points. "It's coming along. I

felt pretty good out there, but I'll be able to play a lot better next game," Stanley said.

Last year's Golden Bear star Chris Toutant led the Alumni team with 14 points, and rounding out the rest of the scoring for the Bears squad were David Wooldridge with 14, and Brian Halsey, who led the team with 22 points.

The Bears are in action next November 2 in the main gym against Lewis Clarke State. Action gets underway at 7:30 pm.



Alumni find holes in Panda defence

Pandas 77 Alumni 60
by Mitch Panciuk

The U of Alberta Panda basketball team started their season off on the wrong foot Friday night, losing a decision to the Alumni squad 77-60. It was the second time in as many years that the Pandas fell to the Alumni squad. They lost last year's game 65-52.

The Pandas took an early two point lead when they opened the

scoring early in the game, but then the Alumni scored to tie, and never looked back. Six minutes into the game the Alumni had scored 12 unanswered points before the Pandas countered with any more of their own.

The Pandas did show flashes of brilliance, and this stems mainly from an effective and credible offense that they were able to muster up against a very strong Alumni team. Newcomer Tracy Henger, who last year played for Red Deer College, led the Pandas in scoring with 13 points. Returning center Joanna Ross also had a strong game in the key with 12 points of her own.

Defense seemed to plague the Pandas throughout the game, with the Alumni getting the majority of their points inside the key, and many on the second and third shots. "We're going to be concentrating on defense this week in

practice," coach Dianne Hilko said. Hilko also said that in the Friday night post-game meeting, the Panda players recognized the fact that they really need to improve on their defense.

One of the big surprises that came out of the game was the play of rookie Susan Chalmers. Chalmers, who played for M.E. Lazerte High School last season, had a strong university level debut with five points and four rebounds. Also returning Alumni such as Trix Baker and Sarah Wickstrom had strong games, and proved that they can still play university level basketball.

The Pandas will spend the next couple of weeks practising, and have their regular season opener November 24 against the University of Saskatchewan. The game starts at 6:30 in the main gym.

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"We're working on two or three units right now. Most of the defencemen are getting a shot. We're teaching everybody everything and waiting for someone to step forward." Eventually the Bears will be down to a first- and a second-string powerplay unit.

The Bears were a little thin on the blueline, as Grant Couture was suffering from a chronic groin problem on Saturday, and had to sit out. Freshman Stan Marple made the team as a forward, but is an experienced defenceman, and so was able to help out when needed.

Sophomores Dave Hingley (with two goals) and Brett Cox led the Bears offensively. Adam Morrison also scored for the U of A. John Krill started both of the weekend's games. "We have confidence in Gavin Armstrong, but John has earned the right to play," Moores said. "He has been given the opportunity (to be number one)." In past seasons, Krill has split time with Blair MacGregor and Darren Turner.

Tennis team tryouts

by Ben Kosman

The University of Alberta Tennis Centre students' tennis team is about to begin its third season. The tryouts for the eight man team will be held on Thursday, October 19 at the Tennis Centre.

The tryouts will cost ten dollars and they are open to all students. However, it is urged that they are members of the Tennis Centre so that they may work on their games.

"The trials should be very competitive," said Tennis Centre manager Rob Bell. "Most of the team will hold provincial top 100 rankings."

The team only lost one player to graduation. Furthermore, several good junior players will be graduating to university tennis. The list includes Jon Chmilar, a top rated under-18 player.

Eight spots will be up for grabs on Thursday night beginning at 9 pm. The team will meet Tuesday evenings at nine for drills and competition. If you make the team there will be additional cost which will be determined later. The season usually ends with a match against the University of Calgary Dinosaurs. For further information, call the Tennis Centre at 492-1045.

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