

SPORTS

Pandas overpowered

Saskatchewan 55 Pandas
61 in Overtime
Saskatchewan 67 Pandas

The University of Saskatchewan basketball Huskiettes beat two different teams in Varsity Gym over the weekend. They outlasted Friday's version of the U of A Pandas 55-51 in overtime and clobbered the Saturday Pandas 67-29.

The Friday Pandas were a pretty good basketball team. Using a man-to-man defense and full court press, they swept to a 17-9 lead in the first 10 minutes of the game.

Huskiettes countered with a halfcourt zone press designed to trap Pandas' guards and force turnovers.

Maintaining their poise, Saskatchewan chipped away at Alberta's lead until by halftime the score was 25-24 for U of A.

In the second half Pandas switched from their man-to-man to a zone defense. The move was necessary for two reasons. Coach Kathy Broderick was worried that her team would collect too many fouls if they stayed in the man-to-man defense. And Pandas were getting tired trying to follow Huskiettes all over the floor.

Saskatchewan coach Pat Jackson had no such problems as she sent in five fresh substitutes every five minutes so that her team was continuously running.

While Huskiettes were always fresh Pandas were being worn out. They had only nine players to start with because Kathy Moore had hurt her foot in practice earlier in the week. Of the nine girls on the roster, Wendy Martin was playing with an inflamed

achilles tendon, Amanda Holloway was suffering from a bad case of shin splints and Glenda Leach was limping around with a chipped bone in her foot.

Despite their health problems Pandas stayed with Saskatchewan through the second half. Their zone defense was bothering the Huskiettes and they were getting strong efforts from Martin and Deena Mitchell to keep pace on the scoreboard.

With 51 seconds to play Mitchell's basket on an assist from Martin gave U of A a 49-47 lead, but Saskatchewan's Rhonda Hunter came back 19 seconds later to hit a short jump shot and put the game into overtime.

Unfortunately Pandas had nothing left for the extra five minutes. Four of their players - Chris Graves, Brenda Mackie, Charlotte Shmyr and Martin - had fouled out and two of the remaining five would be forced to leave the game if they collected another foul.

Yvonne Shea threw in a bomb from the top of the key to give U of A a 51-50 lead in the first minute of overtime, but that was the end of Alberta's scoring.

A free throw by Hunter, three points by Karen Kusler and Barb Wright's steal and layup for another two points gave Saskatchewan the game.

Martin was Alberta's top scorer, as usual, with 19 points, while Holloway added 10.

Kusler, a national team player, did most of Huskiettes' scoring with 23 points. Her big night was doubly harmful to Pandas as after the game it was learned that she should have been fouled out with five infractions. But the scorer had mistakenly credited one of her fouls to a Panda so she stayed in the game and continued scoring.

In contrast to Friday's overtime thriller Saturday's game was no contest. It looked as if Pandas had decided that if their effort in the first game hadn't been good enough to win then nothing would be. Whatever the reason, they were a completely different team than on Friday.

Huskiettes were playing an excellent, tight man-to-man defense that repeatedly frustrated Pandas' attack. Alberta's offense was limited to an occasional screen-and-roll play between Shea and Martin, or Martin going one-on-one against her defender.

Meanwhile Huskiettes' offense was rolling smoothly along. With five new players coming in every five minutes they were ready to use a fast break at all times.

Using a balanced attack they ran away from the exhausted Pandas for their tenth win of the season. All the Huskiettes got on the scoresheet as Barb Wilson counted 11 points, Barb Wright and Barb Berge added 10 each and Kusler was one of four girls scoring nine or eight points.

Martin was Alberta's top scorer again with 14 points.

The losses evened U of A's record at 7-7 and left them in third place in the Canada West University Athletic Association.

Saskatchewan's two wins put them back in first place in the CWUAA, tied with UBC.

B'Ball Bears (yawn) win again

Bears 79 Saskatchewan
70 Bears 86 Saskatchewan
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One look at U of A's basketball Golden Bears' 13-1 record shows that Alberta has a very good team. But who would have suspected that Bears were so talented that they could collect twowins by playing just one game?

That's just what happened last weekend though, as Barry Mitchelson's club stumbled to a 79-70 win over University of Saskatchewan Huskies on Friday night before playing a serious game Saturday to take an 86-56 decision.

Friday's game was a boring affair for even the most partisan Alberta fans as U of A turned in one of their poorest performances of the season. Compared to the

excitement of the preceding women's game, the Bears-Huskies contest didn't rate.

The problem was partly due to the Huskies. Aside from a few quality players - Dean Faris and Bob Thompson - Saskatchewan doesn't have the talent to play Alberta's kind of game, as their 1-13 record indicates.

But instead of ignoring Huskies' inferiority and just going out to play their own game, Bears allowed themselves to be pulled down to Saskatchewan's level for most of the night.

U of A started strong, jumping to a 12-2 lead after five minutes of play. But then they slacked off, letting Huskies close to within five points, 22-17, in the next five minutes.

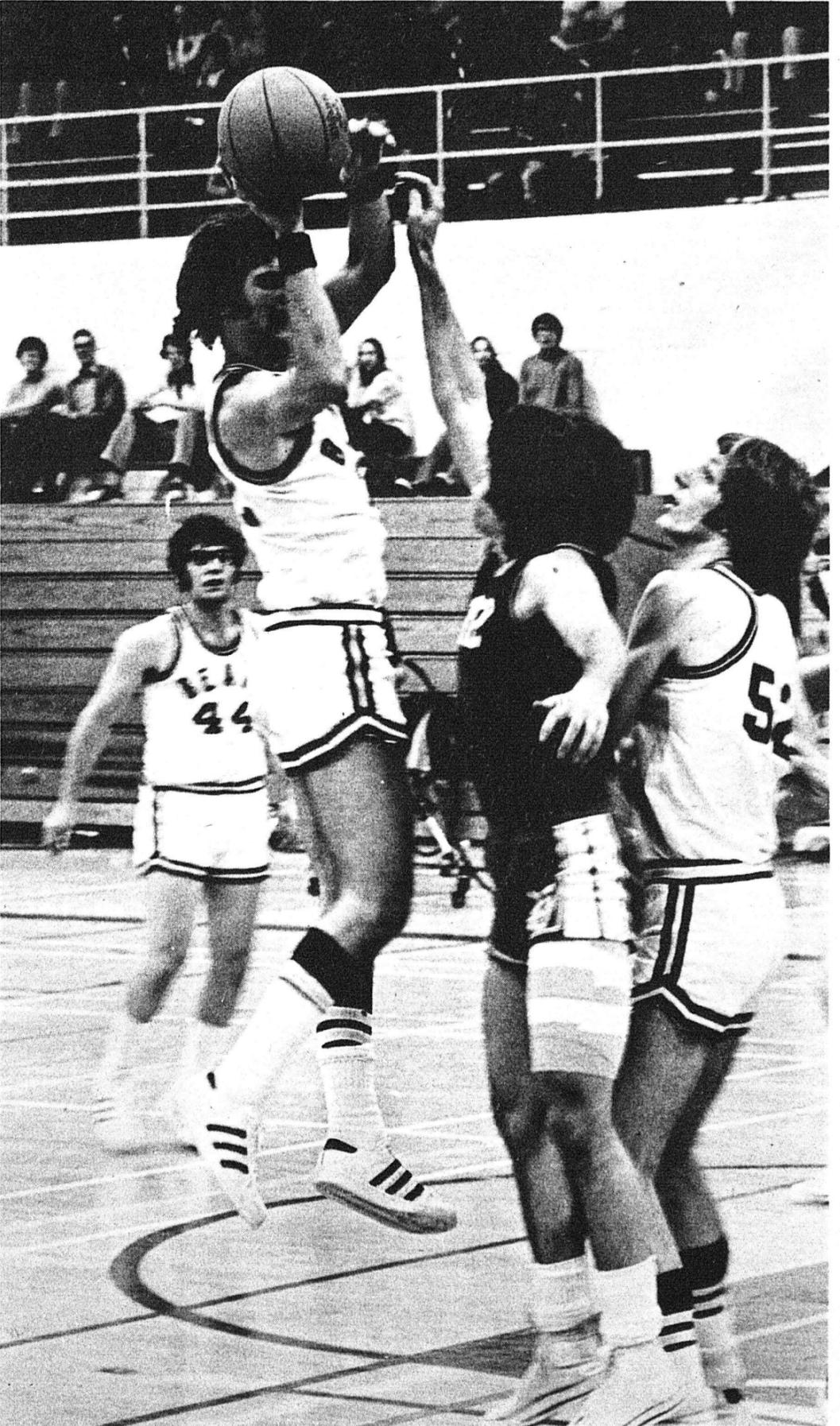
That pattern continued for the rest of the game as Alberta would work hard for a few minutes to build up a 10-or 12-point lead, only to relax and allow Saskatchewan to pull back to within 5 or 6 again.

Tom Solyom managed to come up with a solid game for Bears as he led the offense with 20 points. Steve Panteluk and Wallace Tollestrup were the other Bears to make double figures, scoring 15 and 12 points respectively.

For Saskatchewan Thompson scored 21 points, Faris contributed 19 and Mark Hopkins had 15.

On Saturday Bears put their game faces on, played purposefully and crushed Huskies in the proper manner. "We tightened up all phases of

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Bears' Tom Solyom counted for 40 points in the two games against Saskatchewan last weekend.

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Bearcats

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were something all too frequent this weekend. Styles and Brian Sosnowski spotted two more to give Bearcats a 6-2 lead after 2 periods.

Halfway through the third period, Larry Wall, the powerhouse fo; the Bearcats this weekend, doodled hsi way neatly around four Colts and sent in number seven. Three minutes later Styles got his second and 14 seconds later Sloan credited himself with a hattrick number.

Colts Bob Brown ended the game on a screen shot from the point to finalize things at 9-3 in a redeeming effort for the Bearcats squad.

Next Action for Bearcats is this Friday at 8:30 at Camrose Lutheran College. Bearcats thus far have a 2-0 record over this team but have met them in what probably were their toughest two games of the season. Friday promises good action for fans out Camrose way.