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Fahey's a real sport

If you were at the Bears vs. Bobcats hockey game at Varsity Arena last Saturday, maybe you saw Brandon coach Trevor Fahey give referee Ron Rennenburg the 'choke' sign after the game, or heard him hurling insults as the officials all evening from the bench.

One of the things that make a coach like UBC's Bob Hindmarch so popular is his ability to lose gracefully. After a game - win or lose - Hindmarch never shows bitterness or hostility, and never makes excuses for his team's performance; and, while you can't expect everyone to be as cheerful as that after a loss, you can at least expect a coach to display some intelligence in regard to what went on on the ice during the game.

Following Friday's 10-0 loss, in which referee Ernie Boruk needed only a pair of sunglasses and white cane to complete the perfect disguise, Fahey thought the refereeing was quite adequate, and had no complaints.

On Saturday, in a fairly well-reffed game by Rennenburg, Fahey claimed his Bobcats were "robbed" by the officials. He voiced the opinion that it was "too bad the better team didn't win." He must have been referring to a different contest altogether - surely not the same one I watched.

The game I was at saw Bears outshoot the Bobcats 52-23, outscore them 8-4, and totally overwhelm the Manitoba club from the opening whistle. From my vantage point, it appeared that nothing short of the Black Plague or the discovery of ineligible players in the Bears' lineup could have saved Brandon from a sound whipping.

From where I was sitting, it didn't look as though the Bobcats belonged in the same league with the Golden Bears - and looked even less like conference champions. The logical conclusion is that the Great Plains Conference is a weak sister division, since even CWUAA's last-place team, the Saskatchewan Huskies have given the Bears more of a challenge than Brandon could muster.

It could be that the selection of just three Golden Bears to the CWUAA All-Star teams (when five or six would have been appropriate) was meant as a slap on the wrists for coach Clare Drake, from his fellow CW coaches.

Possibly the head men from Calgary, Saskatchewan, and UBC are still holding a grudge over Drake's Student National Team selections in December - when the only CWUAA players on that team were, if you remember, four UA players.

And speaking of Students Nats, do you recall which other teams also had four members chosen to the squad? Toronto Blues and St. Mary's Huskies - who along with the Bears, are three of the four teams left in the race for the National title which ought to effectively stifle the deadheads who suggested Drake was whistling in the dark with his choices.

And, guess what? The other remaining team, the Loyola Warriors, are the group that howled the loudest when only one of their players was named to the national team. It was their goaltender, Jim Corsie, and he declined to go at the last minute (presumably in protest).

All of which makes this weekend's series against the Quebec champion Warriors a natural for rivalry, as the winner will compete against the Blues-Huskies winner for the CIAU Championship.

The top four competitors in the men's and women's categories of the national gymnastic finals in Winnipeg last weekend will represent Canada at the World Games next August.

That means that UA athletes Yvonne Van Soest and Barb Rutherford who finished 1st and 2nd in women's competition, and Brian Smith (4th overall in men's) will be part of the contingent.

Congratulations to Hugh Hoyles and his Golden Bear Volleyball team, who came within a.... well, very close to winning the national volleyball championship in Quebec City last weekend they'll be back.

The top two finishers in the women's 300-meter event at the CWUAA Track and Field meet at the Fieldhouse last weekend both broke the existing world record time, a pretty fair accomplishment for a western Canadian meet.... next weekend, Edmonton hosts the Canadian Track and Field Championships, also at the Fieldhouse. There should be all the top Canadian athletes in attendance, as well as several entries from the northern U.S. and maybe even one from Hawaii. Action begins at 11:00 a.m. both days, with the finals going Saturday at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday at 3:00 p.m.

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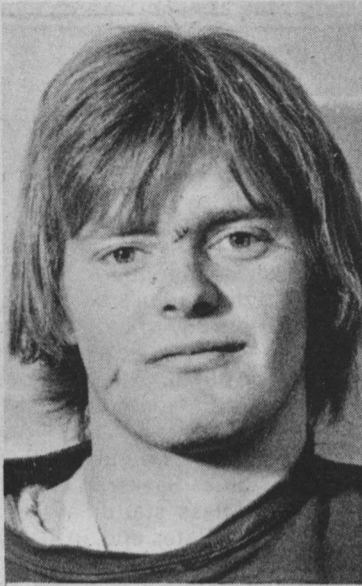
Bears

by Cam Cole

After the strain of the UBC series 10 days ago, what with injuries an' all, they really deserved a break - well, the Golden Bears hockey team took a brief respite from their tough training schedule... just long enough to perfunctorily dispose of the Brandon Bobcats, who should have been an obstacle in the path to the Canadian Inter-collegiate Championships, but weren't.

The Brandon club stumbled and fumbled to two lopsided losses at the hands of the Alberta group, who have had tougher games against the Saskatchewan Huskies, than the Bobcats were able to provide.

The 10-0 and 8-4 scores weren't, as coaches are so fond of saying, indicative of the play; but this was a series with a difference - the point spread should have been greater, but for some poor marksmanship by Alberta shooters in their second outing.



The Ofrim-Jantzie-Steward line back together and loving it.

Volley Bears fail to block Sherbrooke

Hugh Hoyles' GB Volleyball squad placed second in the CIAU Championships in Quebec last Friday and Saturday, losing in the final to Sherbrooke after breezing undefeated through the round robin section of the tournament.

The U of A club, Canada West champions, met teams from Great Plains (GPAC), Quebec (QUAA), Ontario (OUAA), and Atlantic (AUAA) Conferences in the two-day competition.

In best of five round-robin matches, Bears defeated the University of Winnipeg Wesmen, the defending champs, by a 3-0 margin in games, and repeated the feat against both Waterloo and Dalhousie Universities.

The final game of round-robin against Sherbrooke was closer, but Alberta came out on top of a 3-2 score.

That set the stage for the Alberta-Sherbrooke rematch,



as the top two clubs met in a 5-game final match.

Bears had to play minus one of their most effective big men, Hans Zylstra, who twisted an ankle earlier in the competition.

They sagged somewhat in the deciding match, losing close 15-10, 15-9, 15-11 decisions to the Sherbrooke team.

The Golden Bears will represent Alberta at the Canadian Open Championships, also in Quebec, April 3rd, 4th, and 5th.

Bears 10 - Brandon 0

The outcome was in doubt for about half of the first period of the opening game - after which it was only a matter of time. Bears, who were held closely in check by the Bobcats for twelve minutes, were suddenly able to carry the puck any ole' place they wanted to, completely unmolested.

Brandon sage 'Doc' Hannah said, "We've been relying heavily on goaltending all year, because our defence has been the big weakness" - and sure enough, the Brandon defence was terrible Friday. The surprise was that Great Plains Conference All-Star goalie Larry Budzinski was even worse.

Clark Jantzie was the first to beat Budzinski, at 12:39, on a quick screened shot that the goalie had no chance on. Then Jim Ofrim let a 30-foot drive go from a bad angle that squeezed in on the short side, and John Horcoff tallied, after tough digging by Bryan Sosnowski behind the net, from a similarly bad angle. Both Ofrim's and Horcoff's were excellent shots, but neither, according to Doc Hannah, could have beaten Budzinski on a good day.

"Heck, we played lots of games this year where Larry had 55 or 60 shots against him, and only allowed two or three goals," remarked the Doc.

Bears managed only 8



VOLLEYBALL TEAM 1974-75 Standing (left to right) Bill Glasgow (trainer), Al McKee, Doug Herbert, Hans Zylstra, Bob Matwichuk, Ken Flowers, Hugh Hoyles (coach)
Kneeling (left to right) Russ Balmer, Darrell Nixon, Gane Olsen, Jerry Budziak, Maurice Richard (mgr.)
Missing: Bob Hall, Doug Budd (capt.)