Bisons ready to rumble



Dave Hingley gets tossed aside by a Calgary player. The Bisons will play it just as tough this weekend.

by Alan Small

The Bears hockey team has the most powerful offence in the CWUAA this season. What they go up against in the semi-final round of the playoffs is the best defence in the conference.

The Bisons have had to put up the best goals against mark in the conference by necessity. If they didn't keep the puck out of their net, they wouldn't be where they are: in the playoffs.

"We lost a few games because of the lack of offence," said Bison head coach Wayne Fleming. In their two games against the U of A at Varsity Arena, their offence was noticeably absent, as they scored only three in the two games in Edmonton. "Our lack of scoring kept a lot of the games close."

Looking at the stats, it's not hard to notice the lack of scoring punch that Manitoba has. Their top scorer. Pat Scott, would only be the fifth leading scorer on the Bears with his point total. That fact won't have the Bisons playing kitty-bar-the-door, however.

"You got to score goals to win, but we just don't have the firepower that the U of A has," Fleming said. "We don't want to go into a shell against guys like Stacey (Wakabayashi), (Sid) Cranston, (Doug) McCarthy, and (Wes) Craig."

Maybe the Bisons would have rather played someone else besides the Bears in the first round, but Fleming sounded glad just to be in the post-season race for the

"We might as well get right into it," quipped Fleming, "let's get these guys out of the way early."

Late in the second half however, the Bisons made their run for the playoffs, knocking off then number one Calgary twice in Calgary. The next weekend, they split with the Bears in Winnipeg, giving them the hottest record going into the playoffs. They finished with a 16-9-3 record and in the number eight spot in the CIAU rankings.

"It's all behind us now," Fleming said, "I don't think that will matter going into this weekend. I think the team that plays solidly and gets consistent goaltending will win."

Manitoba boasts the best goaltender in the conference as well. Nick Screggela's splended 2.62 GAA in 17 Bisons games was by far the best in the west.

GOAL POSTS: Manitoba defenceman Steve Brown, who scored 43 points this season, was the top scoring defenceman in Canada West this season.

Kids crazy over Tae Kwon Do

by Carol Kassian

Each Saturday morning from 9-10:30 a.m., a group of 6-13 year old children gather in the basement of SUB to participate in Campus Recreation's Saturday Mornings are for Kids Tae Kwon Do classes.

Some of the participants have been involved in the classes since their origin two years ago, while others just began learning the Korean martial art in January. Due to the different amounts of time that the participants have devoted to the discipline, children with a variety of skill levels take part in the weekly classes.

According to Linda Kwan, who instructs the class, having children of various skill levels in the program is beneficial, as the "children who are more experienced in Tae Kwon Do act as role models for the rest of the class, and help the beginners improve."

Kwan is assisted by Kevin Olsen. Both are members of the U of A Tae Kwon Do Club, and are experienced in the sport. Kevin Olsen is the newest black belt recipient of the club, and Linda is a successful international competitor

K wan is an experienced teacher of Tae K won Do to children, and she has had her own school that specializes in children's instruction for 3½ years. The main emphasis of the Saturday morning classes is to teach children self discipline, respect for others, and to increase their self confidence. Tae K won Do is a sport that helps to develop

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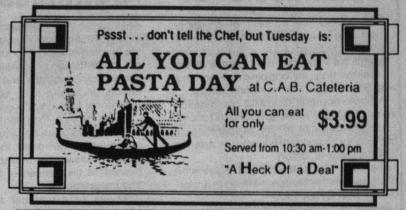
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