

BEAR GUARD DON MELNYCHUK BATTLES MOUNT ROYAL STALWARTS ... but the Cougars turned out to be just kittens

Bears batter Cougars

By LAWRIE HIGNELL

The Bears evened their won-lost record at 3-3 in the provincial lea-gue Monday night as they batter-ed Mount Royal College Cougars

The Cougars, who two years ago were provincial champions, didn't have the height or experience to cope with the Golden Bears.

The game was similar to a practice for the Bears. They were able to experiment with many of the new ideas coach Gerry Glassford has prepared for the coming weekend games.

The only chance the Cougars had to take the lead came on the first play of the game when they were awarded a technical foul shot.

The foul was called because the Bears were not ready to start the game when the referees signaled for the teams to line up for the jump.

But the Bears came on strong after the missed foul shot to surge to a 10-0 lead before three minutes elapsed in the first half.

Coach Glassford stressed the fast break as the Bears were retrieving rebounds at will. They ran the score up quite quickly to 29-8 with eight minutes left in the half. GAME EASY

For a while it looked as if the Bears would score an unlimited number of points in the first twenty minutes but the lack of competition resulted in an easing up on offense.

At times the Bears looked sloppy and they gave the ball away on bad

passes several times.

Murray Shapiro was clicking well under the basket on easy jump shots and Darwin Semotiuk scored three quick baskets on fast breaks.

At the half Ed Blott had hooped ten points while guards Bill Bux-ton and Semotiuk had scored eight each and the Bears held a 49-17

With the start of the second half the Bears looked as if they were disgusted with winning by such a score and they began to pass poorly, miss shots and generally play down to the Cougar calibre of bas-

ketball. After ten minutes of the last half, the Bears had scored only 13 points and lacked finesse on both offense and defense.

EASY POINTS MISSED

Forward Ed Blott missed two gift shots, Semotiuk messed up a lay-up and Shapiro missed a short

jump shot.

Coach Glassford put the first stringers in with eight minutes left to play and they began to run away

with the score again.

Nestor Korchinsky, after two
previous misses, finally scored on a tip-in off Shapiro's purposely missed foul shot.

Top scorers in the game were Shapiro with 17 and Blott and Semotiuk with 16 each. Cougars' top scorer was Peter Jeffrey with

Tonight and tomorrow night the Bears open the WCIAA season with

two games against last year's champion Calgary Dinosaurs. Game time is 8 p.m. at the main

Co-ed corner

Basketball squad ready for big year

By CAROLYN DEBNAM

Finally I'm getting around to the enjoyable task of writing about the Panda basketball team. In two short but descriptive words "they're good". There is little doubt that I'll be calling them "great" before the season is over.

Some people say that to be called "good" you have to be a winner. As yet the Pandas have not been winners but lost out to the Jasperettes in a recent tournament to decide a northern Alberta representative to compete against the south. The eventual winner will travel to Quebec in February for the Winter

But because you lose a best-outof five tourney by a total of only twelve points to a team that doubles you in playing experience ... who can say you aren't good? The Pandas played great basketball in the series and are determined to even the score with the Jasperettes in the city league.

Talent is spread evenly throughout the team which was lucky to get back eight of last year's players. Take Bev Richard, number one on the team and number one in wo-men's athletics. Last year Bev was selected as the most outstanding and sportsmanlike woman athlete on campus. A quietly modest guard on the team, she shows the same great talent on the basketball court as she does on both the badminten and temps courts. minton and tennis courts.

Then there's Cathy Galusha, if there's anything she can't do exceptionally well I'd like to hear about it. She's called one of the best golfers in Canada (Dominion Jr. Champ 1963) and the basketball critics indicated she was one of the nation's best basketballers by voting her to the Jr. All-Star

Also chosen as an all-star was veteran Irene Mackay who plays center for the team again this year.

HARD LUCK PLAYER

Ask Eleanor Lester what she thinks of basketball and she's likely to reply "dangerous". Her nose was broken last year while playing the the Cube. for the Cubs . . . she's hoping the only thing she breaks this year are scoring records.

The poet on the team is little Sandy Young. I've heard her coach so overwhelmed by Sandy's ability she has trouble talking.

There has to be a joker on every team and it's here that Ellory Yurchuk makes her appearance. A real hustler on the court, "El" excells in pulling down rebounds.

Mrs. Kirk (Lois to her friends) joins Donna Bryks as the best longshot scorers.

Newcomer Ann Hall hails from Ottawa where she claimed several years of basketball experience. In graduate studies this year, Ann will undoubtedly prove invaluable for her good ball-handling ability.

Barbara Harbison and Annette Stevenson were brought up from the Cubs (although Annette al-ready claims one year of Panda experience) recently and I personally hope they get the chance to prove they're good enough to stay.

NEWCOMERS

Other newcomers are Joyce Chorney, Marg Convey, and Lynda MacDonald. These girls have proved they are good by making it through the strenuous tryouts which packed in over fifty hopeful

Last year, coach Miss Darwick bravely took her first crack at coaching a women's basketball coaching a women's basketball team. Nobody can say it was "beginner's luck" that he led the Pandas to the lofty position of tying for first place in the Junior Canadian Championships. Now with a year of coaching experience behind her . .

Wendae Grover is the team manager and now that the Pandas have been divided into two teams she should be quite busy.

On Dec. 2 and 3, the team travels to the University of Calgary for an invitational tournament.

Women interested in trying a new and interesting sport . . . keep reading. Netball is the word. According to my Australian friends this is a modified form of basket-ball which requires seven players for a team. If you're interested and want more information call Maureen O'Brien at 482-2539.

AN APOLOGY . . .

The writer of the cutline on page one of the Nov. 10 Gateway wishes to apologize to photo directorate for any uncomplimentary remarks made about them. Surfer says he is sorry photographers are such big losers

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