



## Sport shorts, too-late-for-deadline stuff, interesting facts, and other assorted things...

For example, did you realize what an interesting position the Hockey Bears find themselves in these days? That's what I thought. Well, it seems that they have a nine-point lead over the second-place Dinosaurs, are eleven ahead of B.C., and Saskatchewan is way back there, too Somewhere.

Anyway - they are in the unique position of:

- more or less sitting back and watching the dogfight for second place happen, and
- possibly being able to decide who they will face in the playoffs (they have 2 games left with each of Calgary and B.C.), or
- wrapping up first place early, sitting on their backsides for the rest of the regular season, and maybe being dull enough by playoff time that they will lose, no matter who they play, or even
- losing all four of their games in Saskatoon, and having to stay sharp to ensure a first-place finish.

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Yes, I freely admit I look bad this week. In what was obviously a conspiracy to embarrass and discredit this reporter, the bottom-of-the-barrel-scraping Saskatchewan Huskies twice (not once, but twice) dumped the U.B.C. Thunderbirds in Saskatoon last weekend. You may remember that it was in this column that Saskatchewan coach Dave Smith was razzed for never winning any games, and the T-Birds were touted as the second best team in the CWUAA. Well, nobody's perfect.

Just for the record - I still think the T-Birds should finish second. B.C. coach Dr. Bob Hindmarch says that half his team had the flu last week and didn't practise much before playing the Huskies. Besides, Bears needed more than a little luck to get by U.B.C. last Sunday... which reminds me, news came over the wire today that the big G has denied rumors saying he had any part in that Bears' victory.

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Statistics released by the CWUAA last week showed Golden Bears leading the league in virtually every category. Bears occupy 6 of the top 10 scoring spots, their goalenders are 1-2 in goals-against averages, they have the top two power play scorers, have the team lead in power play goals, they have surrendered only six goals while shorthanded, have scored four times while a man short - I think the only thing they're not ahead in is penalties in minutes. That dubious honor goes to (guess who?) the Huskies.

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Did anybody see the Super Blow, er... Bowl? That's too bad. After the Cotton Bowl, the Sugar Bowl, the Rose Bowl, the Fiesta Bowl, the Hula Bowl, the Gator Bowl, etc., etc... about all I wanted to see was the Toilet Bowl - quickly.

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About the only interesting part of the All-Star game at the Coliseum the other night was seeing two old fossils and three little squirts steal the show.

The would-be pensioners were Gordie Howe and Gerry Odrowski. Howe was skating better than we saw him against the Russians, and nobody beat Odrowski, (a lifetime minor-leaguer till WHA came along) to the outside all night.

The three midgets were Rejean Houle, Andre Lacroix, and Andre Hinse. I don't think any of them are over 5'8" with their tallest pair of skates on. So don't lose hope, Pete, Ollie, and Frank...

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Finally, while I cannot, in the best interests of the spirit of objectivity, express my delight, I will pass on, strictly as news, (even though it isn't) the following brief report.

The Montreal Canadiens were thwarted in their attempt to set a new record for most consecutive undefeated games, when they dropped a 5-3 decision to the Toronto Maple Leafs at the Forum Saturday. The record (23) is held by the Boston Bruins.

Canadiens also lost Sunday, 6-3 to the Los Angeles Kings, who now have possession of first place.

Cam Cole

## Pandas maul Dinnies times two

The Pandas put together wins 3 and 4 over the weekend.

Friday night saw Alberta's women put a total team effort in to the game. Sharp passing, good shooting and aggressive play gave the Pandas a convincing victory.

They were breaking out of their own end well and taking easy lay-ups, to score. Dinnies had trouble in the early going and were visibly upset with the trend of the game.

Coach Debbie Shogan went to her bench by quarter time and allowed her starters to rest. The score was 22-6 for the Pandas. Later in the first half Calgary threw a press, intermittently, at them. This tactic helped them keep pace with Alberta, and left the score 16-34 for the Pandas, at half time.

In the second half, Calgary took more rebounds but failed to convert them to points as easily as the Pandas had done in the first half.

Pandas had a fine team effort, ripping down 38 rebounds to the Dinnies 20. The U. of Alberta team held their turnovers down to 28.

Charlotte Shmyr was high scorer in the game with 16 points and 7 rebounds. Amanda Holloway was close behind with 15 points and 6 rebounds. Deena Mitchell and Kathy Moore were both tough on defence for the home team. Pandas shot 40% while Dinnies only managed 24%.

In Saturday's play neither team had much to offer in the opening minutes. Points came slowly as each team played tough defence and committed turnovers.

Pandas gave up more (37) on Saturday and consequently scored less, without hurting their shooting percentage. Dinnies were able to bring their percentage up to 27% while turning the ball over only 23 times.

Once again, despite a comfortable lead going into the final minutes the Pandas hurried their play. They failed to execute the ball control they would have liked, to eat up as much of the 30 seconds possession time they are allowed before shooting.

One of the most determined players on the court in both games was Calgary's little guard, number 4, Debbi Machon. She continually brought the ball down the court and directed the play for the Dinnies. Unfortunately, Debbi received several fouls and her aggressive play may have cost the Dinnies more than it needed to.

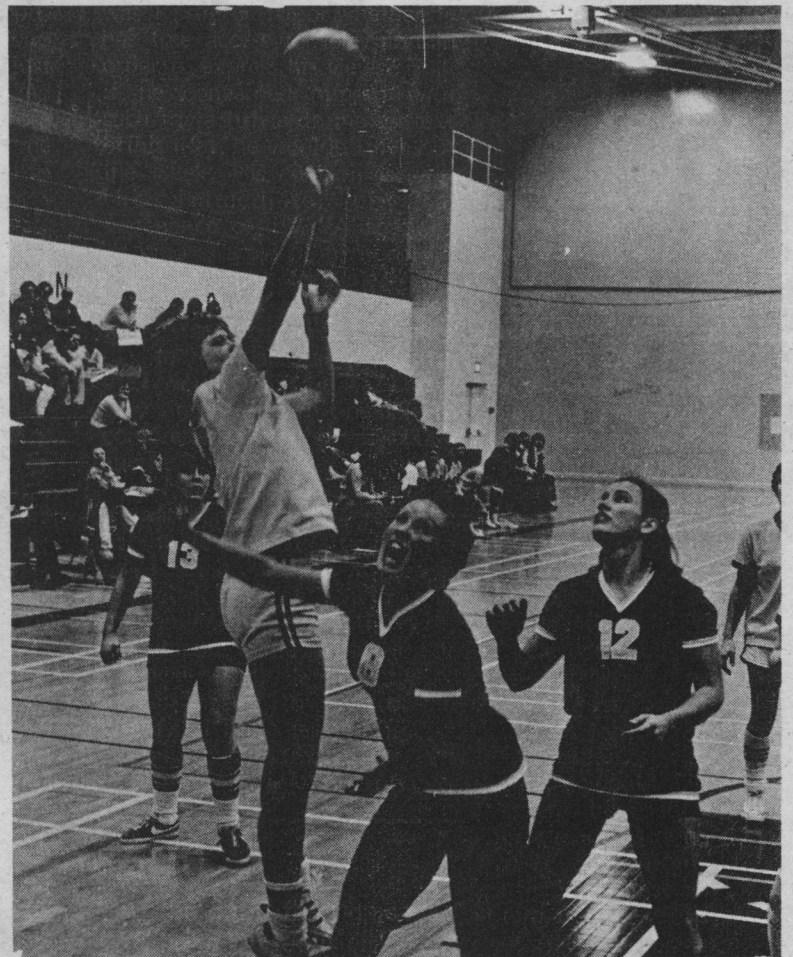
Amanda Holloway dropped in 18 points in this game, at 53% from the floor. Charlotte Shmyr had 17 rebounds for the home team.

Pandas have to look back to Friday's game and hope to duplicate that style of play for the weekend series against the Victoria Vikettes. Victoria is presently in the Number One spot in the Canadian Western University Athletic Association and will give the Pandas all they can handle.

The men will join the Pandas in Victoria this weekend. Bears hope to fall back on history as well. The Victoria Vikings have lost only two games all season and occupy No. 1 spot in the men's league. The Bears have handed Victoria both those losses.

Len Daviduk, out with a hand injury, may be ready to play a full shift for the Bears, while out west. Wallace Tollestrup worked in well to the line-up last weekend and will be a great two way asset for the Bears.

by Cliff Lacey



Dianne Chisholm (light jersey) may be hobbling now, but she was in fine form (above) when Pandas clobbered Dinnies 69-43 Friday, and 47-37 Saturday. Chisholm suffered a badly sprained ankle Monday, and will be out of action for some time.

## Canada downs South Korea in volleyball meet

by Deena Mitchell

The U of A Panda volleyball team put on a fine performance Tuesday night as they met the U of C Dinnies in an exhibition match in varsity gym. Pandas displayed good teamwork and lots of hustle in their come from behind victory over the Calgary squad.

In the first game of the match Pandas seemed to be nervous, and Calgary leaped into an early 4-0 score. Pandas were not able to overcome the deficit as Calgary posted a 15-7 victory. The second game started off just as poorly for Pandas. Dinnies built up a seemingly unsurmountable 10-1 lead before Pandas rallied back with some excellent spiking and serving to tie the score at 12-12. The Dinnies looked rattled at that point, and Pandas won the match 15-13.

The third and deciding game was a close battle at first but Pandas gradually pulled away from the Calgary club for a 15-10 victory. Pandas looked good when they finally settled down, and they should do well this weekend at the second C.W.U.A.A. tournament in Lethbridge.

The Panda match was

## Bears up and down in weekend wrestling action

by Darrel Sawchuk

Friday night in the West Gym the Golden Bear Wrestling team won a dual meet with Northern Montana. U of A accumulated 35 points to Montana's 9. Individual wins were recorded by Sheldon Tate - 118 lbs, Dave Judge - 126 lbs., Russ Pawlyk - 134 lbs, Randy Walsh - 167 lbs, and Blaine Kjollien - 190 lbs.

In the Golden Bear Invitational on Saturday U of A eventually found a second place finish, the anticipated "grudge" match never occurred, and the Canadian Champion was nowhere to be seen. The home standing Golden Bears were the victims of an upset victory by the University of Saskatoon, who won the overall team honors and took the Invitational

played as a preliminary to the feature event of the evening; the Canada versus South Korea match. The 1,000 fans who chose to ignore the various All-Star hockey games on the tube that evening were treated to some highly entertaining volleyball action.

The South Koreans, a club team from the nation ranked third in the world in volleyball, were a good match for the Canadian National team. The taller Canadians did some outstanding blocking and spiking but the Koreans showed great hustle on defence as they picked up countless Canadian hits. Despite their lack of height, they showed power in some spikes and blocks of their own.

South Korea won the first game of the match 15-12. Canada trailed for most of the second game but came up with a 16-14 victory to tie the match. In the third game the Koreans were in charge all of the way as they scored a 15-9 win. Canada began to use more quick sets in the next game, and defeated Korea 15-13 in the most exciting game of the night. In the final game, Canada could do no wrong and they overpowered Korea 15-1 to win the match.

trophy home on the strength of their 66 points. The Golden Bears were second place with 56 points, even without competitors in two weight classes.

The previously publicised "grudge" match between Russ Pawlyk, U of A., and Gil Wist, U of S, never came off. Wist arrived on campus hobbling on crutches because of a knee injury obtained in practise. Pawlyk went on undefeated in the 134 lb. class to cinch a first place finish. Pawlyk rolled up enough impressive victories to be voted the most outstanding Wrestler of the meet.

Dave Cummings of Calgary, the Canadian Champ didn't make the trip up to Edmonton, leaving a notable gap in the quality of some of the wrestling.