

Hockey Bears bomb Pronghorns

Bears Hockey

The last place Lethbridge Pronghorns need not have bothered traveling to Varsity Arena this past weekend as they were handed two losses, 8-3 and 12-5, courtesy of the No. 1-ranked Bears.

Rightwinger Jack Patrick had a hat-trick Friday night while Saturday, four players contributed three points apiece. They were: Centre Dennis Cranston, defenceman D.J. Havrelock, right-winger Joey Engert, and left-winger Stacey Wakabayashi.

Goalie Ken Hodge had an off night Saturday, letting in five goals.

Injuries: Left-winger Craig Dill will be out until mid-March, due to torn knee ligaments, and centre Rick Swan has dropped 20 pounds due to virile pneumonia.

Pandas Basketball

by Mark Spector

The U of A Pandas basketball team salvaged a split of their weekend series with a 60-56 victory over the unranked UBC Thunderbirds.

In the weekend's first game though, the Pandas lost a disappointing 76-55 decision to the Victoria Vikettes. (The Vikettes are currently the No. 1 ranked team in Canada). The lack of team hustle was evident as the Pandas com-

plied 22 fouls.

The Pandas, who have not won in the UBC gym in four years, redeemed themselves Saturday night by rallying from behind to beat UBC.

Two consecutive losses on this coastal excursion could have haunted the Pandas for the remainder of the season. A split, however, gives them a better shot at controlling their own destiny come playoff time.

Bears Basketball

by Pat Maguire

Victoria Vikings 66 — Bears 65

The Bears have not beaten the Vikings in nine years and to have come within one point this time is a depressing loss that coach Don Horwood will not soon forget.

The game, though, was by far the Bears' best effort since Christmas.

Mike Suderman, despite a nagging back injury, led all other players with 23 points and eight rebounds. Mike Kornak contributed 13 points.

UBC Thunderbirds 79 — Bears 69

Despite Horwood's positive predictions, the Bears came out flat. The T-Birds, on the other hand, played way over their heads.

Gerry Couzens had a particularly impressive game. He led the Bears with 20 points and played well defensively.



The Golden Bears took it to the Pronghorns, 8-3 and 12-5 in hockey action last weekend

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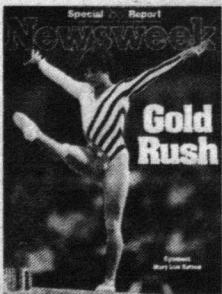
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Let's wrestle

A week after turning in a poor performance at the U of A Invitational Wrestling Tournament, the Bears surged back with pride.

The Alberta All-Stars (hand-picked wrestlers from the U of A and U of C) travelled to Ontario this weekend to compete in the Guelph Invitational.

Forming the Alberta All-Stars were: Tony Bacon (112 pounds), Phil Spate (126), Make Payette (134), Andy Macri (143), Ben Pettit (158), Carl Soderstrom (167), Keight Lightfoot (134), from the Bears, and Mike Daywood (158) and Peter Guterson (177) from the Dinosaurs.

With their combined efforts, the Albertan's were triumphant in one of the most prestigious wrestling competitions in the country. A total of 20 teams competed.

Individually, the Bears wrestled well, although only Bacon took his weight class. He, incidentally, is the first member of the U of A team to ever win at the Guelph Invitational.

Spate lost his championship match to Ray Takahashi of Western. Takahashi is a national team member and a three time Olympian.

Placing second in their respective weight classes were Pettit, Lightfoot and Guterson.

Coach John Barry was enthusiastic about his team's turn around.

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"I was very pleased. Their (the wrestlers) hard working effort paid off," he said.

Mark Yurick, assistant coach and the remainder of the wrestlers traveled to Calgary to compete in the Dinosaur Invitational. They placed second to a victorious Saskatoon.

"That in essence was our second string team," said Barry "They did very, very, well."

Vang Ioannedes (118), John McMullen (235), Sean Mager (185) and Sean Holmstrom all placed second.

Thursday, the wrestlers will be leaving for Saskatchewan to compete in the University of Regina Cougar Invitational.

I'm running a little fan feedback section ala Mark Horton. I'd like to know what you think is the reason for the poor attendance at the U of A sporting events. I'll publish as many responses as I can in Thursday's edition. Call me at the Gateway at 432-5168 up until 6 pm Thursday.

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