



photo Ray Giguere

Leon Bynoe reaches over a St. Francis player in the Bears' win on Friday.

Vikes roll over early lead

by Jim Gerwing
Game synopsis: Vic 83 Bears 67

The game started pretty much as one might have expected.

Little more than a minute gone, 7-0, and Victoria (more specifically Eli Pasquali) owned all the points on the board.

Ho-hum. In another 39 minutes of basketball the University of Victoria Vikings would probably strut off the floor barely sweating and never feel their CIAU number one ranking was ever challenged.

Then the Vikings got cold, the Bears got hot and maybe the referees saw a few things in the U of A's favour.

Who would have thought that with 5 minutes showing on the clock in the first half, the Golden Bears would be leading by 15 points. Indeed, what betting person would have given the Bears ten points at half-time. This writer's opinion was that if the Bears were within 5 points by mid-game they could consider it a moral victory. This was, after all, a playoff game and Victoria was supposed to waste the Bears.

The score at halftime: Golden Bears 43, Vikings 33.

This was the Western Regional Tournament. The highly touted, number five ranked St. Francis Xavier X-men were supposed to be in the final Saturday night against the U of Vic. Somebody forgot to tell the Bears. They, by virtue of some excellent defensive play and the X-men's

atrocious shooting (43 per cent from the floor) advanced to Saturday's final.

And don't ask how it came to be that St. Francis, an east coast team came to be represented in a "Western Regional" tournament.

The Victoria Vikings had little trouble disposing of the Winnipeg Wesmen on Friday to get their birth into the championship match.

Back to the game. The rest at the half gave both teams a chance to think about what was going on. This was good and bad news; good for Victoria, bad for the Bears.

Victoria came out and scored 8 points before the U of A fans had a chance to cheer. A trend had been set and the Bears were on the receiving end of a Victoria roll.

The roll was relentless and unyielding, inexorable. A given team, regardless of home court advantage doesn't just walk away

with a win over a three-time Canadian Championship team.

Notes from all over

Fred Murrell and Leon Bynoe were selected to the tournament all-star team along with John Hatch of the X-men, Narbeshuber and Dukeshire of Victoria.

Bynoe has played out his university eligibility and this tournament was his swan song. Fittingly, he played admirably.

All five of the starting Bears finished with 4 fouls each.

Eli Pasquali was tournament MVP and scored 37 points for Vic in Saturday's game.

Brandon University won the Midwest Regional Tournament 86 - 69 over the U of C.

St. Mary's beat York University 73 - 67 and also qualified for the Final Four CIAU Basketball Championship which will be held March 18 and 19 at Waterloo.

Gymnasts second in nation

In a tense and exciting team competition, the Pandas finished a strong second to the Canada West Champion, UBC Thunderettes in the CIAU National Gymnastics Championships at York.

They were followed by McMaster University, the University of Manitoba, York University, the University of Calgary and the University of Western Ontario.

In the individual competition the Pandas were led by Heidi Ross who finished second out of a field of thirty-seven competitors with a score of 33.77 points. She was the only female gymnast in the competition to qualify for all four individual event finals. Next on the Panda team, and seventh overall with a score of 31.43 points was Shelley Spaner. She qualified for two event finals - the floor exercise and balance beam. In tenth place overall was Margie Drysdale. Margie scored a strong 31.24 points and qualified for the uneven bars and balance beam finals. Finishing 16th all-around was Elise Dworkin who qualified for finals in the floor exercise. Rounding out the team were freshman Carrie Nawata who finished a very respectable 18th overall in her first national level competition and senior Audrey Gee who finished 25th in her final competition with the U of A Pandas.

On Saturday the top six gymnasts on each of the four disciplines competed in the individual finals. Four Pandas, Ross, Spaner, Drysdale and Dworkin competed in this exciting and entertaining competition.

Performing before a crowd of about 1000 spectators Heidi Ross competed consistently and cleanly, taking silver medals on beam, bars and floor exercise as well as a

bronze medal on the vault. Shelley Spaner and Margie Drysdale both picked up fifth and sixth place finishes. Spaner on the floor exercise and balance beam and Drysdale on the beam and uneven bars respectively. Elise Dworkin rounded out the finishers with a sixth place in the floor exercise.

On the men's side of the competition, the U of A was represented by Reeve Martin and Brendon Caryl Carryg. For the third time in three years Martin finished fifth overall. Included in his 52.85 total was an excellent 9.75 point pommel horse score. Reeve qualified first in this event for Saturday's event finals, and was able to capture a silver medal. As well, Reeve was named to the All-Canadian team for the third successive year.

Although somewhat hampered by a shoulder injury Carryg struggled through all six events and finished the competition with a respectable 41.75 score. Trainer Brad Brown said "It was lucky we drew rings at our last event because Brendon would not have been able to finish the meet if he had had to compete rings early on."

Men's head coach Francis Tally said "Our University has reason to be very proud of its gymnastic representatives. The consistent showing by both the mens and womens teams keep our schools name in the forefront of a large Canadian Gymnastics public."

For his outstanding contribution to Canadian Intercollegiate Gymnastics, Tally was honored with the prestigious CIAU Coach of the Year Award. He and the Panda and Bears gymnastic teams are looking forward to hosting the 1984 National Championships.

Huskies win it for the west

by Martin Coutts

It was nice to see the Saskatchewan Huskies crush all their opponents en route to winning the CIAU hockey title.

Dave King's squad defeated Brandon (the GPAC champions) by a score of 6-2 and Sir Wilfred Laurier (the Ontario champs) by a 10-1 margin, to advance to Sunday's championship game against Concordia. In the finale, the Huskies snapped a 1-1 deadlock after 40 minutes with five third period goals, and went on to post a 6-2 victory.

Only some outstanding goaltending by Concordia's Stephane Heon prevented Saskatchewan from breaking open the game earlier. The Huskies outshot Concordia 46-18.

Saskatchewan's win is further testimony to the strength of the Canada West Conference. The Canada West champion has now appeared in seven consecutive CIAU title games and has won four national championships in that stretch. The Huskie victory also showed that the Golden Bears, while not in Saskatchewan's class, were certainly on a par with the other top-ranked CIAU squads.

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