

Basketball bears to tackle defending canadian champs

by Bill Winship

The basketball treat of the season will be provided this weekend as the Golden Bears host the touring Lethbridge Broders, defending Canadian champions, tonight and Saturday. Game time both nights is 8:15 p.m.

The Broders, once again expected to capture the Dominion championship, last year gave a capacity VGW crowd an exciting display of basketball ability in handling a reinforced Golden Bear squad a tough 70-63 exhibition loss. This year the Bears will tackle the Broders without the services of ex-Bear stars Don Munro, Derril Butler, and Ed Lucht.

However, Bear coach Steve Mendryk doesn't expect the Bears to be outclassed and feels the series will give the team good experience against top-rated competition. The Bears have the height to hold their own under the baskets, and the spirit, hustle, and shots to keep the Broders honest on the floor. The series will also serve as a tune-up for the all-important games with UBC next weekend.

Although the Broders have not fared too well this season against American opposition, they have the players to give any amateur team a

battle. Since their formation in 1956 they have been a powerful force in the Canadian basketball scene, coping the championship in 1959 and 1961. Big Bob Bradley, Lloyd Harris, Harry Blacker, Gord Fester, Ken Larsen, and Jack Lilja lead the list of impressive Lethbridge sharpshooters.

Judging from past series the action should be fast, furious, and full of excitement—basketball at its best.

BEARS LOSE

The Golden Bears last weekend fell victim to a hungry Huskie squad in dropping 54-46 and 57-51 decisions. The victories pulled the U of S cagers into a first place tie with U of A and UBC.

In the Friday contest, the Bears blew an early 14-1 lead as the hot Huskies rallied for their first conference victory. Saturday, a tight, see-saw battle was decided on free throws in the final four minutes as the Huskies took full advantage of Alberta fouls.

Jack Hicken led Bear scorers Friday netting 19 points. Maury Van Vliet was good for 10, and Gary Smith added nine more. Saturday Smith was top man with 14 points, followed by Ed Blot, Jeff Hakeman, and Maury Van Vliet with eight each. Ted Little topped Huskie marksmen both nights scoring 14 points Friday and 21 Saturday.

Hockey bears lose

A rejuvenated University of Saskatchewan Huskie team dumped the frontrunning Golden Bears 7-1 at Varsity Arena Friday night, then battled the Bruins all the way the following afternoon before bowing 3-2. Friday's loss snapped Bears' undefeated streak at six straight.

Huskies finally got some solid goal tending from Vic Admache and it showed in their attack. They scrapped from the opening buzzer and left the first period with a 1-0 lead on Bob Gardiner's goal at 13:29.

The second period was scoreless but Bob Thorpe made it 2-0 at 1:11 of the third. Gary Canadine started Bears back at 3:43 but Huskies were not to be headed. Brian Waters and Art Riel had each beaten Gerry Schultz twice and Keith Culham once before it was over.

DEFENSE WEAK

Bears held their own territorially but were prone to several defensive lapses which allowed Saskatchewan to romp away with the game. Schultz was called on to handle 31 shots, compared with 29 for Admache, and was not to blame for the majority of those that got by him. Seven penalties were called in the contest, five to Huskies.

Saturday's game was a costly one to both teams. Bear's speedy right-winger Earl Gray suffered a kidney injury and is through for the season. Starry center Larry Fischer, who pivots Ian Baker and Bob Thorpe on Huskies' number one line, left the ice midway through the first period with a suspected shoulder separation.

Gray teamed with Bobby Cox to score the first goal at 16:29 of the opener. Cox took the puck from Gray at the blueline, fished his way around two Saskatchewan defenders then slid it in front where Gray rapped it home. Bob Gardiner knotted the count at 14:05 of the second scoring from Art Riel and Brian Waters.



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New forms of sporting activity hold the spotlight this week. Intramural officials are still shaking their heads over response to the water polo competition which is being run every Tuesday night. Eleven teams, more than double the number anticipated, have entered and enthusiasm is running high, according to all reports. Officials reported that if they had known that the sport would prove to be so popular they would have reserved more time for it.

Meanwhile on the handball scene, several representatives of our fair campus have been participating in the city handball tournament, and generally speaking they have done right well for themselves. Bill Sereda and Perry Smith advanced to the semi-finals of the novice doubles competition before bowing out, and Joe McKenna and Murray Pike did likewise in the "B" doubles.


McKenna, at last report, was still alive in the singles. Dr. Jack Alexander, member of the Phys Ed staff and coach of the cross country squad, and his partner have advanced to the finals in the "A" doubles competition. Dr. Alexander pointed out that there about 60 people now turning out to play handball regularly on a recreational basis and expressed hope that a handball club might be started next year.

Following the discovery of an error in the tabulation of results for the WCIAU football all-star squad, Vic Chmelyk of the everlovin' Bears has been named as a linebacker on the defensive squad. Seven other Bears were also named to the team, which was announced just before Christmas.

"Disgusting" has been the word for the fact that sporting activity on the campus for Varsity Guest Weekend is almost non-existent. With the basketball, hockey and swimming teams out of town, it leaves only the curlers, the fencers and pos-

sibly the wrestlers to hold the fort. Oh, yes, and we can't forget the EUS winter carnival, the swim meet and the bounceball contest which helped liven up the weekend, and incidentally, relieve crowding, last year, will not be with us this time around.

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