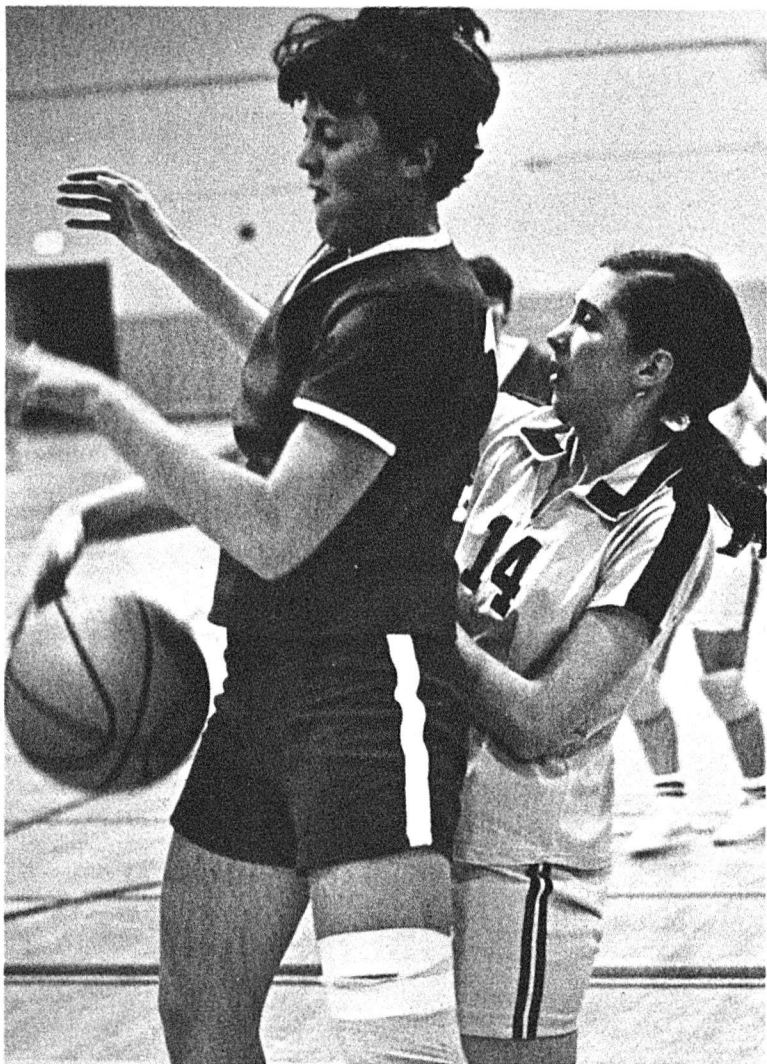


Gateway

Sports



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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL PROVIDES REAL COMPETITION
... even if there isn't much scoring

Pandas, Bisonettes bounce basketballs at the weekend

The U of A Pandas play host to the U of M Bisonettes in WCAA basketball action this weekend.

The Pandas are led by guards Bev Richard and Cathy Galusha. The forward line of Moe Russell, Irene MacKay and Donna Bryks, all veterans, must rebound more

aggressively and increase their shooting percentage if the Pandas expect to win these games. Lynda McDonald and Marge Hawky played well against Calgary last weekend and should see considerable court time against the Bisonettes.

The U of M squad are led by Maureen Dowds, a centre averaging 16 points a game. Dowds also holds the Canadian women's shotput record. Other players to watch on the Bisonettes are Addy Tyngach, Elma Enns and Karen Christianson.

Game time tonight at main gym is 8 p.m., Saturday the teams tangle at 6:30 p.m. in ed gym.

In preliminary action tonight, the Junior Bearcats meet AGT at 6 p.m.

Sports editors never die—they play intramurals

Who says old sports editors are fat and lazy?

Not so around here. In Division I, of the intramural hockey league, Rich "the rock of Gibraltar" Vivone made a startling comeback Monday night. The rock-ribbed defenseman led St. Joe's A to a 17-0 pasting of the Sammies' A team.

A standout on the blue line, Vivone also jumped into the scoring picture. He potted his first goal of the season and his team's 16th of the night. He let no one get around, by or through him as he commanded the St. Joe's blue line every time he stepped on the ice. As a result of his headsup defensive play, the Sammies managed only four shots on goal all night long.

Vivone and the St. Joe's stalwarts make their second appearance of the season Saturday at 11 a.m. at the arena.

Soccer on a shoe-string

U of A team splits first games

Ever try to run a team on a shoe-string budget?

The U of A soccer team hasn't even got that. They supply their own laces. But they do get the use of the jerseys the rugby team used.

The team, formed three months ago and not eligible for support from the UAB budget, plays in the City of Edmonton Indoor Soccer league. The six teams play each Wednesday night and Sunday afternoon at the Kinsmen field house.

The U of A squad split their

Bears gunning for third-place berth in weekend tilt with Husky hoopers

The Golden Bears basketball club is in Saskatoon for games tonight and Saturday against the University of Saskatchewan Huskies.

If the Bears can sweep the series, they will move into undisputed position of third place. Last weekend, the Huskies took a pair of games, 75-72 and 71-65, from the Calgary Dinosaurs to move into a tie with the Bears.

The Bears will employ a pressing defense in hopes of forcing the Huskies to commit ball control errors. Warren Champion, Bryan

Rakoz, and Dave Swann will start on the forward line for the Bears. Bruce Blumell and Al Melnychuk are likely starters at the guard positions, but Jim Ebbels impressed last weekend and will see considerable floor time.

The Huskies are a good defensive team and the Bears will require sharp performances from these players who all shot in double figures against the Mount Royal Cougars last weekend.

The Huskies are led by 6'4" forward Tom Gosse. "He has excellent moves, shoots well and is

strong defensively," says Don Newton, coach of the Dinosaurs. The Huskies have two fine guards in Pat Foster and Doug Kester. Rookie Jim Herbison, a high school teammate of Ebbels, also starts.

The Bears return home to host the Huskies, Feb. 16 and 17, Varsity Guest Weekend.

The first place dreams of the University of Manitoba Bisons were shattered this weekend as the UBC Thunderbirds defeated the Darwin Semotiuk crew 78-53 and 94-64. Few teams escape the wrath of the Thunderbirds in their Vancouver environment.

WCAA STANDINGS

Team	GP	W	L	Pts.
UBC	10	9	1	22*
Man.	12	9	3	18
Alta.	8	3	5	6
Sask.	10	3	7	6
Cal.	10	2	8	4

*2 UBC wins over Calgary were 4 point games.

Almost-healthy band of Bears tangles with hockey Huskies

Thanks to a liberal supply of tensor bandages, white tape, analgesic balm and heat packs from Ray Kelly's training room, the Golden Bear hockey team will almost be back to full strength for their weekend series against the U of S Huskies.

Sam Belcourt, Ron Reinhart, Jerry Braunberger, Dave McIntyre, "et al" though somewhat less than 100 per cent, will all be in the line-up for the major clash with the "sled-dogs" from Saskatchewan.

Wayne Wiste, still out with a bad knee, is the only Bear casualty who won't see action.

The Huskies currently lead the Bears by one point in the battle for the WCAA conference championship and a berth in the Canadian finals in Montreal. The games, Friday at 8 p.m. and Satur-

day at 2:30 p.m., will mark the first meetings between the two arch rivals this season.

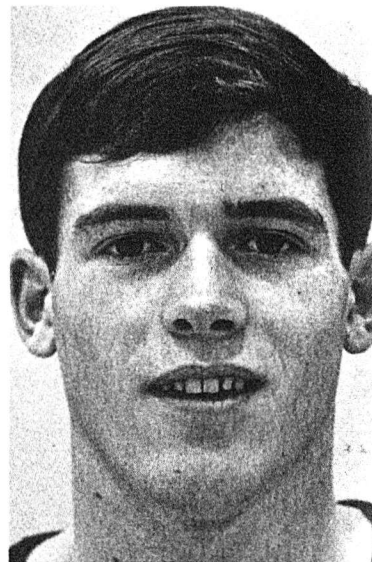
Bear coach Clare Drake has worked his charges hard for the series, giving them only one day off in the last 18.

Don Falkenberg, up from the Junior Bearcats, will take Wiste's spot on the Belcourt, Couves line. Drake is still running the "Kubasah Kommando" line composed of Meroose Stelmashuk, Ron Cebryk, and of course the "people's choice" Milton Hohol.

The third attacking unit will probably consist of Jack Gibson, Tom "Dimples" Devaney and Reinhart if his injured shoulder permits his play.

Defensively the team will be bolstered by the return of Braunberger, the team's captain and leader on the ice.

Dale Halterman will be out to back up his reputation for being the best netminder in the league. He has a sparkling 1.62 goals against average in league play.



JIM EBBELS
... more floor time



TOM DEVANEY
... on third line

The weekend in sports

FRIDAY

BASKETBALL

Women's Junior Basketball Tournament 10 a.m.-6 p.m. main gym

Pandas vs U of M 8:00 p.m. main gym

HOCKEY

Golden Bears vs. U of S Huskies 8:30 p.m. arena

SATURDAY

BASKETBALL

Junior Basketball Tournament 9 a.m.-1 p.m. main gym

Pandas vs. U of M 6:30 p.m. ed gym

HOCKEY

Golden Bears vs U of S Huskies 2 p.m. arena

SWIMMING

Bears and Pandas vs. U of S 1 p.m. pool

WRESTLING

Bears vs. U of S 7 p.m. west gym

JUDO

WCAA finals: U of A, U of M, U of S, U of C 2 p.m. main gym

CURLING

Pandas vs. U of C 3 p.m. SUB

SUNDAY

CURLING

Pandas vs. U of C 11 a.m. SUB