

First loss for Cagers

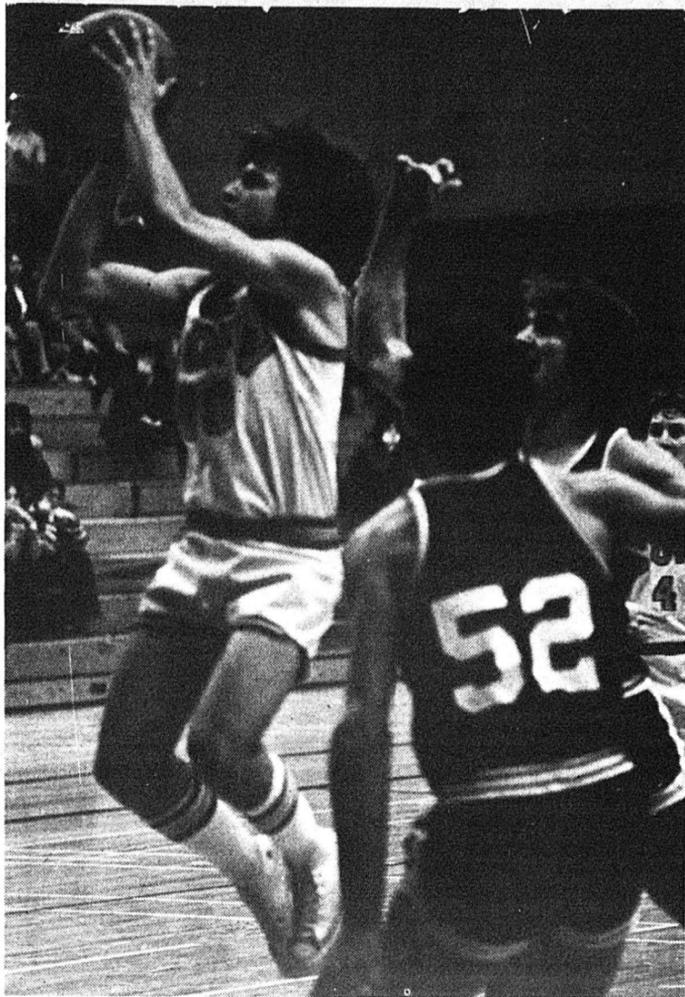
by Robert Lawrie

The first place Alberta Bears basketball team suffered their first defeat of 1977, nonetheless defeated Victoria, becoming the only team to win a game in Victoria. On Friday the Bears played defensive basketball and broke out a 73-71 decision in the highly charged Victoria game. Despite poor team play and the Bears' top scorer Pat Rooney coming with 3 quick fouls the Bears were able to take a 4 point lead in the locker room at half time. In the second half the Bears were led by the superb mini-guard Rob Parris, however the Bears captains Doug Baker and Brent Patterson were alive offensively and kept hitting from the outside. The Bears were able to build up a point lead by the 11:00 mark of the half. At this juncture the Bears switched to a zone defence and closed the gap to 2 in the next 7 minutes. Baker never came up with a clutch shot and Patterson's 2 free throws with 10 seconds left iced the game for the Bears.

Doug Baker hit for 24 points, Brent Patterson and Keith added 16 and 14 points respectively. Baker held high-scoring Jim Dudderidge to just 3 points. Lee Edmundson dropped 10 points for the Vikings and Parris added 18.

Not only were the Bears blown off the floor on Saturday night but there were constant transportation problems, with Pat Rooney eventually being left behind.

The Bears shot an unusually low 32%, conversely the Vikings did no wrong as all the chances went their way as they crushed Alberta 96-62. Rob Parris again played well for the Bears and Lee Edmundson dominated the inside game for Victoria. The Bears were held to a half-time low of 29 pts for the first half but were still in shooting range down by 20 points.



The diminutive but agile Viking guard Rob Parris has to leap high to get his 5'7" frame above the opposing Alberta players, but he had 22 points against the Bears Saturday night in Victoria as the Vikings handed the Bears their first loss in 1977.

photo Gail Amort

In the second half the Vikings continued to roll as the Bears continued to stumble. Victoria stretched their lead close to 40 as the Bears were not able to get untracked. Jerry Shockey hit on 6 consecutive free throws as Viking coach Ken Shields was assessed 3 technical fouls, and eventually ejected from the game.

The Bear loss has no immediate effect on the standings because of the split Victoria was unable to gain on the Bears.

Forward Steve Panteluk stayed home with a sore leg but will possibly be back for this weekend's series against third place Calgary.

Rebounds

Panda Lori Chizik did not seem to aggravate her ankle sprain despite a large amount of playing time.

Mark Jorgenson turned in his best performance as a Bear Friday night rebounding aggressively in place of Pat Rooney

Basketball standings (Men)

	G	W	L	F	A	Pts
Alberta Golden Bears	14	11	3	1172	1107	22
Victoria Vikings	14	9	5	1053	941	18
Calgary Dinosaurs	14	9	5	1021	955	18
UBC Thunderbirds	14	8	6	1132	1008	16
Saskatchewan Huskies	14	5	9	1048	1210	10
Lethbridge Pronghorns	14	4	10	961	1177	8

Gymnasts excel

Getting to the awards stand was more of a challenge on Saturday for gymnast Janice Dever than her third place finish in the University of Calgary's Annual Invitational gymnastics meet. Miss Dever competed in her best meet of the year, placing second on bars, beam and floor exercise, and third in the vaulting event. Jan. 29 was not a perfect day however. Her dismount landing on the very last event caused concern for a possibly serious ankle injury. One doctor's immediate opinion was that her left ankle was significantly sprained, and Janice was allowed to stay at the gym to pick up her five medals, literally hopping to the victory stand.

The effort of the Panda gymnasts as a team in defeating Eastern Montana State College and Calgary's team was outstanding. Peggy Downton, Wah-king Ng, Janice Dever, Joni Dromisky and Thea Mackay walked off with the top five all-around spots, leaving the Montana team in a cloud of Alberta dust. Team scores were U of A 94.55, EMSC 75.55 and U of C 70.80.

Without a doubt, Peggy Downton had her best competition of the season to date, and was a favorite among the photographers. She captured highest marks on three of four events including a 9.0 score on uneven parallel bars. Peggy came home with a highly respected 8.3 average out of a 10 point maximum.

Miss Ng put in steady performances to take second best position all round. Wah-king took second on beam and third on bars, fourth on floor exercise and seventh in vaulting. This tiny mite of the Pandas was apparently just a little shaken from a car accident

from the previous day, and normally puts heavy pressure on Miss Downton for the top marks.

Joni Dromisky captured second position for her bouncy floor routine to "Those Were the Days" and picked up fifth placings on beam and bars. Thea Mackay, who has been climbing the ranks since her start with the Pandas last fall, won a third place medal on a high-flying cartwheel vault.

Coach Sandy Hartley bases some of the achievements on the disciplined training plan and drive of the team members. "Practices have been very concentrated in terms of workload since late November. High repetitions of routines, specific conditioning exercises and the occasionally induced competitive atmosphere has been a healthy recipe for the team.

Pandas expect a more light-hearted interlude in the hectic schedule by doing two half-time shows at home basketball games on Feb. 4 and 5. The next meet will be in the U of A Main Gym on Feb. 13 when the U of Manitoba makes their first encounter with U of A.

Competing in a closely-fought competition for the individual and team honors the Golden Bears won the "we try harder" award, placing second behind Eastern Montana State. Most important is the fact that the Bears were able to outperform Calgary, the defending Western Intercollegiate champions. Individually the Bears' Gordon Osborne placed 2nd with 40.2 points, James Hamilton eighth with 34.0, Bob Bouvier tenth with 32.6, Charlie Mowat eleventh with 32.5 and Dan Meridan twelfth with 32.0.

Co-Rec

Inner Tube Water Polo begins Wednesday, Jan. 19 and runs every Wednesday until February 9. For those teams interested, the schedule is posted on the Co-Rec Intramural Bulletin boards across from the Men's and Women's Intramural offices.

Badminton is on Saturday, Feb. 5 starting at 9 a.m. in the Main Gym. One male and one female per entry (double entries preferred but single entries will be accepted). Check the Co-Rec bulletin board for the tournament schedule on Friday, Feb. 4. Entry deadline is Wednesday, Feb. 2. Enter now at either Men's or Women's Intramural office in the PE Building.

Racquetball Ladders. A singles ladder (guy vs girl) and a mixed doubles ladder (guy-girl vs girl-girl). Entries will be accepted beginning Feb. 1. Matches are to be played on your own time or names will be removed from ladder. Check at the Co-Rec office, located in Men's Intramural Office for sign-ups, more information and challenge regulations.

Sports Quiz

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- Name the first draft choice of the Toronto Blue Jays in this year's major league expansion draft. (2pts)
- Name the home stadiums of the following teams. a) Detroit Pistons b) Dallas Cowboys c) Atlanta Flames d) B.C. Lions (4pts)
- Name the MVP of the National and American League this season. (2pts)
- Name the teams Tim Horton played for during his 22 years in the NHL. (4pts)
- Who were the 1976 men's and women's singles winners at Wimbledon? (2pts)
- Name the five NFL teams that have never reached post-season playoffs. (either in the AFL or NFL). (5pts)
- Name the location where these major bowl games are played. a) Cotton b) Orange c) Rose d) Sugar e) Gator (5pts)
- Name the winning and losing teams in the World Football League's World Bowl in 1974. (2pts)
- Three WHA franchises, a) New York b) Philadelphia and c) Ottawa have moved to other cities and remained in operation. Name the cities where they are playing today. (3pts)
- Which NHL goalie won the most games in 1975-76? (1pt)

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