

UBC women sweep gymnastics, figure skating meets



WCIAA FREE SKATING CHAMP, LOUISE LIND
... a top-notch skater, and cute too

The women took over intercollegiate athletics on the weekend.

At a time when both men's basketball and hockey teams were idle, two intercollegiate meets featured the fairer sex.

Fifty-seven girls took part in the WCIAA female gymnastics and figure skating championships. The University of British Columbia swept both events.

UBC brought a full 12 member team and the girls skated off with the team trophy for figure skating compiling an aggregate total of 80 points.

Close behind was the University of Saskatchewan with 76 points, followed by the Alberta girls with 72.

The two-day event included the compulsory figures Friday afternoon, followed by the dance competition later in the day and then the pairs on Saturday.

GIRLS CLASSIFIED

In the compulsory figures, the girls are classified according to certain tests set up by the Canadian Figure Skating Association into Novice, Junior, Intermediate and Senior categories and required to perform certain figures on either the right or left foot.

On the day of the event, the judges draw to determine which foot the figures must be skated on, so the girls must be able to etch out the figure equally well with either foot.

Each category is required to do three different figures and these range from the simple figure eight and 'change' in the Novice class to the 'change loop' and 'rocker' in the Senior category.

The figures are not etched on the ice, so the entrant must describe the symmetrical figure on the ice while she is being judged.

SCORED ON FIGURES

Figures make up 60 per cent of the contestant's score (while free skating rounds off the aggregate score), and are often the place where most difficulty is found.

In the Novice, Intermediate and Senior classes, UBC skated off with first place.

In the Intermediate category, Sally Campbell finished second for Alberta while Carol Harrison captured second in the Senior for U of A.

Louise Lind, from UBC, just back

from the Canadian Championships in Toronto last week, skated in perfect form as she won the Senior's free skating but had trouble when she teamed up with Susan Miller for the pairs competition.

While in Toronto, Miss Lind, and her partner won the Canadian Novice dance competition but she did not enter in the dance meet this weekend.

INTERESTING PAIRS

The pairs event, run last on the program on Saturday proved to be the most interesting and most surprising competition.

The Senior pairs was the upset, when the Alberta team of Carol Harrison and Sally Campbell outperformed the favoured UBC team of Louise Lind and Susan Miller.

The Junior pairs was won by UBC with the Alberta team of Sandra Johnston and Judy Rognvaldson a close second.

In the Dance competition, the Junior and Novice events were won by the University of Saskatchewan girls while the Alberta team of Carol Harrison and Sally Campbell won the Senior Dance over U of S.

Sally Campbell, from U of A entered the Senior Dance, Senior pairs and the Intermediate figures and won the individual award for the meet, scoring a total of 31 points.

UBC TOPS

UBC also displayed their supremacy in gymnastics, finishing leaps and handspings ahead of Saskatchewan, Alberta and the University of Calgary.

UBC compiled a team total of 85 points. U of S followed with 70, Calgary with 59 and Alberta with 57.

Sandra Hartley of UBC won the individual award by chalking up 36 points, 9.5 out of ten in the free exercises, 8.8 on the balance beams, 9.3 on the uneven parallel bars, and 9.4 points in the vaulting event.

Teammate Leslie Bird finished a close second. Both competitors finished one-two in the junior division of the 1966 Canadian Gymnastics Championships and competed in the World Games in Germany.

After the competitions wound up Saturday, the girls gathered at a banquet held at the Mayfair Hotel. Miss E. Richardson gave a speech and a 'trophy' presentation followed.

Bearcats beaten by senior 'Y' team in exhibition play

The Junior Varsity Bearcats fell behind for three minutes Saturday night and came up on the short end of the score as they bowed to the YMCA Senior Men's team 50-46.

The Bearcats, a feeder team to the Golden Bears was formed this season primarily of first and second year students in an attempt to develop players to replace retiring Bears.

In former years the Bearcats had been a member of a Junior College league and had outclassed their opponents in their games.

This year the team, under coach Barry Mitchelson, are strictly playing exhibition games with senior men's teams from the city.

The Bearcats practice twice a week with the Bears and play them in exhibition during practice, usually giving them good competition.

In the Saturday night game, the 'Cats held a slim 29-27 lead and built the lead to six points with less than four minutes to play in the game.

The YMCA team, however, combined a press and good defense late in the game to hold the Bearcats off the scoreboard and take a commanding six point lead with under a minute to play. A late rally by the Bearcats failed to pull them even as they missed four foul shots in the last minute.

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Pandas get bounced twice by superior Thunderettes

The University of Alberta Panda basketball team lost two straight games to University of British Columbia Thunderettes last week.

On Monday, the Thunderettes outclassed the Pandas 69-42, while on Tuesday, the Thunderettes more than doubled the Pandas' output from the first quarter on, to end the game 69-27.

Tuesday's game centered mainly at the Panda end of the court. Each time the Pandas tried to break away, the Thunderettes pushed them back.

The UBC team was quicker and time after time grabbed the ball and shot.

Score at the end of the first quarter was 19-11 for the Thunderettes.

Towards the end of the first half, the Pandas began to check the Thunderettes closer and the pace increased.

NO HELP

This however, didn't narrow the scoring margin any, and the score at the half was 37-16.

The third quarter began with a great scoring rush by the Thunderettes. Within two minutes, their lead had increased to 45 points.

The Pandas weakened, and at the end of the third quarter, the Thunderettes were ahead 58-24 and out of reach.

Action speeded up considerably in the final quarter with the Pandas trying to catch up and the Thunderettes fighting hard to hold them back.

The Thunderettes curbed the Panda scoring in the fourth quarter to a game low of three points while increasing their lead to 69 points.

LOTS OF FOULS

The Pandas fouled considerably at times in the final quarter giving the Thunderettes at least 6 free throws within two minutes of play.

Thunderettes' Pauline Gensick was outstanding scorer for both games. She earned 22 points in the first game and 26 points in the second.

The Panda's top scorers in the two games were Cathy Galusha and Sandra Young, netting 12 and 7 points respectively.

The Pandas had more trouble at Calgary over the weekend, losing a two-game series to the University of Calgary Dinnies.

Friday night the Pandas went down 57-50. The Dinnies edged ahead in the second half after a half-time score of 27-27.

LED DINNIES

Pat Ridley and Wendy Carson led the Dinnies with 26 and 11 points respectively. Donna Bryto was the top scorer for the Pandas with 12 points. Irene McKay added nine points.

The Pandas lost another close one Saturday 52-50. Pat Ridley got 15 this time around for Calgary, Cathy Galusha netted 14 and Irene McKay scored 13 for the Pandas.