

# Seven year sleep over: Bears clip Thunderbird wings

by Bob Kilgannon

It's been a long time coming. Seven years to be exact. Seven years since the Golden Bear football team finished first in the WFL. They did it in convincing fashion too, beating the UBC Thunderbirds last Saturday by a count of 27-10. That forces the Thunderbirds to come to Edmonton this weekend for a rematch with the Bears in the league playoff game. It will be this Saturday at 1:00 p.m. at Varsity Stadium.

The Bears started strongly. On their first offensive play quarterback Forrest Kennerd combined with Sean Kehoe for a

59 yard pass and run play to the UBC 11. The drive stalled and the Green and Gold had to settle for a 27 yard Trevor Kennerd field goal. The Bears added to their lead late in the first quarter as fullback Rick Paulitsch scored his first of two touchdowns on a four yard run.

The Thunderbirds finally started to move the ball on the stingy Bear defense in the second quarter as quarterback Greg Clarkson directed an impressive march. The T-Birds were inside the Golden Bear five when Clarkson fumbled trying to hand off the ball. Defensive back Barry Kokotilo picked up the loose ball and, after eluding

Clarkson's grasp, rambled 107 yards for a touchdown. That play was probably the turning point of the game. Had UBC scored, it would have made it a 10-7 game, but Kokotilo's touchdown instead made the score 17-0 for the Bears. As coach Jim Lazaruk said after the game, "It was a 14-point play." "Koke" talked about the touchdown after the game, saying, "I scored four others (touchdowns) on interception returns (in 1976, with the Edmonton Wildcats) but that was my longest touchdown ever. I never thought of the play as a turning point, but it did give us a comfortable lead at the time."

Kokotilo really wanted to play well against UBC. "Yesterday (Friday) I talked with coach Donlevy and we both agreed that I could play better play more to my potential. I want to thank him for sticking by me and having faith in me. I think that I did play better today, too. My best two games this year have been against UBC."

The Bears scored again with just seven seconds left in the half, Paulitsch scoring from two yards. That sent the Thunderbirds to the dressing room down by a score of 24-1. (They picked up their lone point on a wide field goal.)

UBC didn't quit, though. They came out in the third quarter, took the opening kickoff, and started to move the ball. Gord Syme, however, said, "No, you don't" and picked off a Clarkson pass at his own 34 to kill the drive.

Frank Smith's T-Birds finally got a major score at the 57-second mark of the fourth quarter, Clarkson throwing a seven-yard look-in to Chris Davies. UBC also got the two-point convert on a Golden Bear pass interference penalty.

That made the score 24-10 and the Thunderbirds appeared to be gaining momentum. They tried a short kickoff and got the ball at the Alberta 44. Again Gord Syme said "No, you don't", and intercepted Clarkson at the Alberta 34 to kill any chance of a UBC comeback. Later in the quarter, Trevor Kennerd booted a 42-yard field goal to round out the scoring.

Now the football team has

won the battle, but the war will be this weekend. The rematch promises to be a close affair, and anything but a yawner. The Bears and the Thunderbirds play similar styles of football and have basically the same type of personnel. By winning in Vancouver, the Bears gained home field advantage for the playoff game. Home field advantage is a lot of things, but one of the most important things is fan support. Good fan support can give a team an extra edge which might be the difference between winning and losing. How about taking out a couple of hours Saturday to support our Golden Bears. You'll enjoy an afternoon of football and the Bears will enjoy your support. Game time is 1:00 p.m. Saturday at Varsity Stadium. Remember, the Bears need you.

## Bear Facts

Ingo Hentschel had his damaged knee operated on last Tuesday. He will be in a cast for about six weeks.

Cornerback Nick Parotta quit the team last week, apparently feeling he should have played more than he had been.

Guard Rick Henschel sustained a mild concussion against the T-Birds but he should be back to 100 per cent by this Saturday.

The football team wants to thank those of you who signed the inspiring telegram they received in Vancouver.

Gord Syme's two interceptions Saturday gave him six for the years in only five games. He's tied for the league lead in that department.

# Vikettes steal home

by Dora Johnson

This past weekend the Pandas were involved in the first Panda Invitational Tournament here at Varsity gym. Despite all the media comments of this fall, the Pandas finished second only to the Victoria Vikettes.

In their first encounter the Pandas simply out-hustled the Regina Cougertettes. Trix Kannekens lead the scoring with 28 points and Sarah Van Tighem played a great help and recover defense.

The Pandas put scoring and defense together for a big victory. One major factor in the success of the game was player communication: "It felt good as long as we talked" said Van Tighem and indeed for the Pandas to win felt good. Regina, despite the 17 point effort by guard Patti Tighem and indeed for the Pandas the win felt good. Regina, despite the 17 point effort by guard Patti Wood, really felt the loss of national player Sharon Douglas who was out with knee problems.

The Pandas were next challenged by the U of Calgary Dinnies. Once again the Pandas began to out-hustle and out-board their opponents. Between them, Janet Bosscha and Trix Kannekens pulled down 26 rebounds. The Dinnies shifted from a man to man to a zone defense which practically stopped the Pandas. Coach Debbie Shogan commented "I don't know why they took the zone off. They nearly had us." Shogan after her team hung on to win 51-50 said the Pandas began to slack off but remained tough.

That toughness was shown by guard Glynis Griffiths as she kept digging, causing a number of Dinnie turnovers. Despite the big win over long time rivals the Pandas came up hurting. Annette Sanregret, a strong rookie forward for the team wrecked her ankle and will be unable to play for at least a couple weeks.

Winning their first two games the Pandas now met the Saskatchewan Huskiettes. The Pandas, in spite of winning 62-60 did not play sharp ball. They seemed to have lost their hustle, their talk and seemed tired. Despite 19 points from Debbie Stacey and 14 from Shelly Ready, the Huskiettes could not rid themselves of the Pandas. The Huskiettes ran into foul trouble in the last minutes and Alberta was able to pull ahead.

The Pandas then advanced to the finals against the Victoria Vikettes. The Vikettes had advanced to the finals by beating Lethbridge 81-30, the U of S 63-

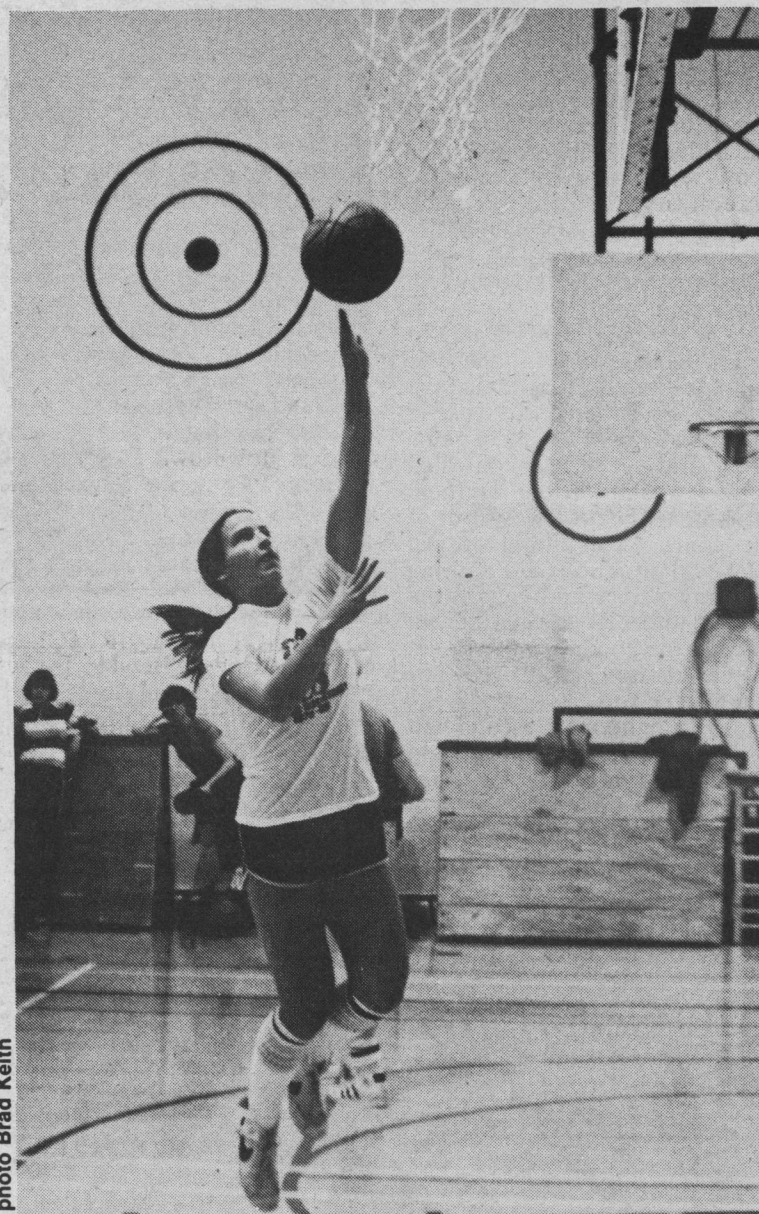


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New Panda's have already found Victoria tough competitors.

43 and Calgary 54-46. Once again the Pandas seemed tired and could not get organized. Consequently, Victoria swept by them 72-44.

A big factor in the win was Victoria's 47% shooting from the floor while the Pandas obtained only 22%.

Even though the Pandas

came second they have showed that they have more in store for them this season than down fall. Their league includes Victoria, Calgary, Lethbridge and Saskatchewan. The competition indeed promises to be tough but as last weekend proved the Pandas can hold their own.



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