

Bears and Dinosaurs fight for first place

The Calgary Dinosaurs make their first appearance of the season in Varsity Rink this weekend to battle the Golden Bears for the top spot in the Canada West standings. After play last weekend the two teams are tied for first with Calgary having one game in hand.

In four meetings this year, all in Calgary, the Bears and the Dinosaurs have each won twice. Alberta took both its games by 6-2

scores while Calgary won 6-5 and 7-6, both in overtime.

Calgary always seems to play better in Varsity Rink than they do at home. Last year they won four of six games on the Bears' home ice — including two straight wins in the Canada West playoffs. The biggest problem with the Dinosaurs in games against the Bears this year has been consistency. They have trouble playing two good games back to back.

With UBC out of the running — they've won just twice in thirteen starts — a real race has developed in Canada West hockey for the first time in many years. Several years back the regular season was just a warm-up for the Bears on their way to the Nationals.

Since the race is so close this year, the Bears may not even know how the playoff situation stands before they head to Spain for the Winter Universiade. Saskatchewan and Calgary play on the February 27-28 weekend in the final series of the year, five days after the Bears depart, and that may decide who makes the top two and who finishes first.

On the subject of Spain, seven countries have entered the hockey competition. Besides Canada, teams from Finland, Japan, Bulgaria, West Germany, Korea, and Spain will compete. Only one, Finland, has any reputation as a hockey power.

BEAR FACTS:

Tuesday night at NAIT the Bears defeated the Alberta College Allstars 8-5. Perry Zapernick, Chris Helland and Jim Lomas all had two goals for the Bears.

Terry Clark's 3.21 goals against average leads the league.

Terry Lescisin, with a bad knee, is the only question mark for the Calgary series.



photo Bill Ingles

Terry Clark is number one in Canada West goaltending this year.

Hockey gals split in NALHL play

by Sandy Gusnowski

The U of A Women's Hockey Team has returned for the second half of their season with a tremendous amount of enthusiasm and determination.

As a result of their consistent performance in the first half of the year, the team managed to secure a position in Division 'B' in the Northern Alberta Ladies Hockey League. The U of A Women's Hockey Team are confident their intense efforts and eagerness will provide the inspiration necessary for their advancement into the play-offs scheduled for early March.

The U of A Women's Team played their first game this term, Sunday, January 11 at Donnan Shell Arena. The U of A opened up by scoring two goals in the first period. Gwen Krook scored early in the first and leading team scorer Jo Hutzul quickly followed suit with another goal. The team continued pressing in the second period for a third and final goal as Jo Hutzul scored her second of the night. The women put forth an earnest effort but relinquished their lead early in the third period to lose to the Chestnuts by a final score of 5 - 3.

The team got their plays clicking Friday at Varsity Arena. They bounced back from their loss to shut-out Stony Plain 4 - 0. Tracy David ignited the scoring fuse for the U of A by scoring her second goal of the year late in the first period. Gwen Krook went on to score early in the second for the only goal of the period. The U of A continued to apply pressure early in the third with a goal by Marie Hughes. They concluded with a fourth and final goal late in the

third by defenseman Carolyn Jones, her first goal of the year.

Shelly Vetesse made her first appearance in net Friday for the U of A. She began her goalie career rather impressively with the shut-out victory. The team has managed two shut-outs this year, the first by Bonnie Kaplan.

The U of A Women's Hockey Team play two away games this weekend. Saturday at 8:00 p.m. against the Chestnuts at Crestwood Arena and on Sunday at 5:15 p.m. against Spruce Grove at Calahoo Arena.

LDS retains title in IM basketball

by Garnet DuGray

Some things just never change. The same holds true with the past couple of men's intramural Division I basketball championships. This year's contest was much similar to that of a year ago as the L.D.S. squad retained their title in a hard fought 40-34 win over Law. L.D.S. led 18-11 at the half as Bob McCue led all scorers with 12 points while Yorny of Law chipped in 11 for the losers. In Division II action, Law got some revenge as they downed the Wrecking Crew 35-24. Leading scorers were not available at this time. Finally, in Division III, the Wrecking Crew came up with a big win over 9th Mac as they trounced their residence rivals by a 35-13 score after leading 21-2 at the half. Dale Hawken of the Crew led all scorers with 11 points while Al Gatenby of 9th Mac hooped 7 points for the losers.

Keeping with men's basketball, the 3-on-3 competition wraps up tonight (Thursday) in the main gym. This is your last chance to come and see some fine basketball. In men's bowling, the times for the Saturday/Sunday bowl-off this Super Bowl weekend, January 24 and 25, will be posted on the men's info board or check with your unit manager.

If the Drillers can play indoors soccer then so can the men's intramurals. But ours is a different game. No boards to collect rebounds off of and a larger playing surface down at the Kinsmen fieldhouse. The double elimination tourney will be run in the evenings anywhere from 7 - 11:30 p.m. with the exception of Sunday, February 1, when the games will be played from 8 a.m. - 12 noon. The tourney begins on Monday, January 26, and runs until the third week of February. A final date has not yet been decided upon.

Another popular men's event that runs in the fieldhouse as well is the field hockey clinic and tourney. The tourney runs from 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 31, with a 15 minute clinic preceding each team's first game. The men's curling bonspiel will be run in a double-knockout style from Monday, February 2 to Sunday, February 8 in the SUB rink with the exception of Thursday. The weeknight matches will run between 5 - 11 p.m. while the weekend contests are slated for 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Deadline for entries into field hockey and curling are by one p.m. on Tuesday, January 27 in the men's office. As well that date is the entry deadline for the men's volleyball league. This year's volleyball will be preceded by a seeding tournament on Thursday, February 5 and Monday, February 9, in the Main Gym in order to balance each league. The schedule runs from Tuesday, February 10 to Thursday, March

12 including playoffs.

Don't forget, any of you that signed up for the Men's, Women's or Co-Rec badminton tourney, that the schedule will be out shortly as the tourney will run on Tuesdays and Thursdays, January 29 to February 12 from 7:30 - 10:30 p.m. in the Education Gym. Co-rec innertube waterpolo continues this week, so come out and splash around with some good old innertube fun. Social Dance begins on Wednesday, January 28 and runs every Wednesday evening from 7:30 - 10:30 p.m. in the Dance Gym until February 18.

In women's sports, the 3-on-3 basketball competition continues this week and next wrapping up on Thursday, January 29

in the Main Gym. The women's squash tourney got under way last evening (Wednesday) with some excellent competition and wraps up next Wednesday, January 28.

The women are also into the curling fun as their bonspiel will run this Saturday, January 24, from 1 - 6 p.m. in the SUB rink. Deadline for this funspiel is today, Thursday, January 22 by 2 p.m. in the women's office. So hurry out there and put together a foursome for this Saturday afternoon.

Last weekend the intramural department sponsored a squash clinic. Twenty-eight players from beginner to intermediate showed up to learn the intricacies of the game.

Skiers improving

by Karl-Ann Quinlan

In spite of tough opposition the Bears ski team is achieving good results. In the sharply competitive Alberta Ski Circus the Bears' performance has been improving with each event.

For example, last weekend at a Paskapoo 'A' race, the Bears' Mark Stein skied to a 7th place Saturday and a 5th Sunday. In addition, Magic Johnstone reached a 12th Sunday. The event featured Alberta's finest racers and included recent Pontiac Cup winner Gord Perry.

Needless to say Stein's comment that the race was "incredibly close" seems justified because the six racers finishing behind Stein in Sunday's first heat were separated by merely .7 seconds.

Stein declares, "This is the most competitive racing I've seen in Alberta," and "You can't make big errors or you're out." Stein's runs Sunday involved "no major mistakes, just little stuff" and he credited Bears coach Bruce Wilson for diagnosing small errors that did occur.

The importance of correcting small errors belies the fact four or five people could win any event. Notably these top racers are generally the older ones who have the emotional stability to be consistent. Racing demands a great deal of concentration and this pressure often proves too much for younger competitors. Stein himself states, "Emotionally I put everything I had in it... I did as best as I can do it".

In all, the Bears are beginning to put training and racing together and will likely peak late in February. Magic Johnstone's performance is sharpening and slalom ace Ted Redmond will return to the circuit for the January 30 Alberta Cup event. When Redmond returns to the slopes he will, as usual, vie with Stein for top rankings.

Optimistically Stein hopes for a win at the Alberta Cup event to be held at Mt. Norquay. Other Bears in the Alberta Cup events, Rigger Matishak and Karl Wilberg, have recently improved their rankings and will also be aiming for good results.

SPORTS QUIZ

by Dick Hancock

1. Who was the Vancouver Canuck's number one pick in the 1970 expansion draft?
2. What was the original home of the Colorado Rockies' NHL franchise?
3. What was the original team name of the Rockies?
4. Who won the 1962 Masters in a three-way playoff with Gary Player and Dow Finsterwald?
5. Who was the first golfer to win the Masters three times?
6. How many times have the Golden Bears been Canadian hockey champions?
7. In the 18 years that there has been a national playoff for Canadian university hockey there have been only five different champions. Besides the Bears who are they?
8. Where did Jim Plunkett start his NFL career?
9. By what name did Minnesota Viking receiver Ahmad Rashad go by in his earlier NFL days?
10. Which Green Bay player led the NFL in scoring in both 1960 and 1961?

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