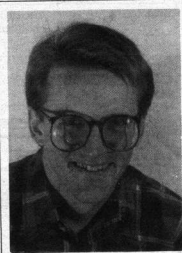




The action was hot in the pool last weekend, as the U of A hosted the Standard Life Colleges Cup.

Photo Rob Galbraith



Randal Smathers

### It's tough to beat a good hockey scrap

I've heard about all I'm gonna take from the anti-hockey violence wimps this year.

If it wasn't for Don Cherry, I'd have to turn the sound off on Hockey Night in Canada. The *Hockey News*' last issue was about half Dave Brown bashes. The city papers regularly froth at the mouth about goons. It's obviously trendy.

It's time to cut the crap, and get down to facts. First, there is less violence now than there used to be. I don't mean the mid-seventies Broad Street Brawls, or the Big Bad Bruins of the early seventies, I mean real, old-fashioned, nasty, dirty, six-team-league violence.

Names like Terrible Ted Lindsay, Gordie Howe, Eddie Shore — these guys are legends of dirty hockey. If you ask any veteran player, they'll tell you that the league has cleaned up its act since then.

Second, if fighting is so awful, why does the *Edmonton Journal* run a fighters feature every year? Why does HNHC show the scrap of the week? Why do they scrap Dave Brown making Tomas Sandstrom do the chicken fifteen times in one night?

Because the fans, including yours truly, like a good fight,

preferably one a game, between a couple of the big hitters. None of this daisy-chain stuff with five Europeans a side, none of whom has thrown a punch in anger since grade two. Don't believe me?

Check the attendance records in say, Chicago Stadium. None of these lunatics don't show up to see guys dance. Compare this with Vancouver, where they don't show up — to see guys dance.

Now, I'd like to see a few things cleaned up. Start with shots like Brown testing Sandstrom's neck muscles. Include Sandstrom working over every left-winger in the league with his arsenal — spears, slashes, butt-ends, cross-checks...

The problem is that most people don't see a lot of the savage stickwork that goes on, especially on TV, where the average fan watches most of their hockey. Sure, you always heard how dirty Bobby Clarke was, but how often did he get so blatant that a camera caught him, let alone a ref?

If you were to ban fighting, you'd see a tremendous increase in stickwork. I've seen it firsthand, by refing in a league that had a three-fights-and-you're-gone-for-the-year rule. It got plenty ugly, believe me.



The reason is that intimidation works. How many of you saw Petr (buck-buck-buck-buckaw) Svoboda give away the puck along the boards against Chicago last Saturday on the tube? The reason he did it because he didn't want to get close to the boards and Rick Vaive at the same time. Until you can remove intimidation from the game (and don't axe me how), you will have intimidators, period.

Even the least violent of sports, baseball, has intimidation, fights, and deliberate attempts to injure.

Frankly, I'd druther watch Gord Kluzak and John Kordic hammer it out than watch Eric Show throw a death pitch at Andre Dawson. Especially if Kluzak wins.

## Swimming wins, U of A loses

by Carolyn Aney

Those who were motivated to go to the west pool on Saturday for the Standard Life Colleges Cup Swim Meet were fortunate enough to witness a well organized meet.

The U of A had to prove itself as a capable force in administering to the national swimming scene. According to meet director John Hogg, we were quite successful.

However the results for the U of

A swimmers were not as promising. The Bears placed last of the six universities and the women placed 4th. The success story of the meet was the U of Calgary who took both the men's and women's side of the meet.

Keltie Byrne was definitely the dominating U of A swimmer in the pool. She took 1st in the women's 200m individual medley (2:24.04) just .06 seconds ahead of Sara

Frisbey from Calgary. Byrne also placed 2nd in the 200m breaststroke (2:41.90) and third in 200m freestyle (2:12.98).

Donna McGinnis also did remarkably well for the Pandas. McGinnis took 2nd in the 200m fly (2:20.30), 3rd in the 400m I.M. (5:08.08) and 4th in the 400m free (4:30.80). Donna was a gold medal winner in the 200m fly in the Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh in 1986.

Scott LeBuke, the only U of A swimmer to compete in the World Student Games this summer in Zagreb, Yugoslavia, took 2nd in the men's 400m individual medley (4:37.22) and 3rd in the 200m I.M. (2:11.10) missing 2nd place by .04 seconds.

Scott Flowers took 2nd in the 400m free with a 4:01.16 behind Gary vanderMuelen from Calgary. Flowers also placed 4th in the 100m butterfly missing 3rd by .07 seconds and 4th in the 800m free. Scott swam on the Canadian national team in the 1986 Commonwealth Games and World Championship team.

Dave Goodkey held onto 3rd place in the 200m free beating Francois Dionne from Laval by .3 seconds with a 1:56.58. Goodkey also placed 5th in both the 50m and 100m freestyle.

Cam Grant, a first year U of A swimmer from Stettler, placed 4th in the 200m breast (2:30.07) and 5th in the 50m breast missing 4th by .01 seconds and third by .88 seconds.

The Bear's 4X50 medley relay placed 3rd and the 4X50 free relay took 4th in both events.

**FALSE STARTS:** With approximately three months left to qualify for CIAU's the U of A already has four swimmers who have qualified: **Donna McGinnis** in the 400m free, 400m I.M. and 200m fly; **Keltie Byrne** in the 200m breast, 200m free, and 200m I.M.; **Scott Flowers** in the 400m free and **Scott LeBuke** in the 400m I.M.

## Pandas get V-ball upset

by Randal Smathers

Something completely different happened in the main gym on Saturday night; the Panda volleyball team beat the U of S Huskies.

Last year, the Pandas managed only two pre-season game wins over Saskatchewan in four matches, against 12 losses and an 0-4 match record. Therefore, the win was a major step up for the team.

The Pandas showed signs of challenging the flatlanders in Friday's match. The home team went up 9-3 before Saskatchewan scored 12 straight points. Coach Suzi Smith blamed the loss on a lack of intensity, saying her players didn't focus for the whole match.

After dropping the first game, the Pandas got blown out in the second, 15-2, eventually going down three games to one. "I'm not satisfied," said Smith. "I'm never satisfied to lose."

### Panda Volleyball

Smith then said that she thought there was a "small difference" between the teams. She picked out blocking, net play and consistent intensity as the things the Pandas would need to improve on to win Saturday's game.

Smith got both elements from her team, along with some aggressive serving, and she also got her

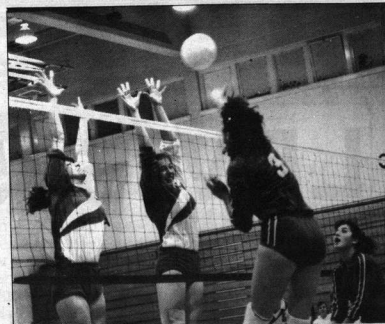


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Pandas Barb Donadt (l) and Terry Wildeman (r) go up to block a spike win. "The team decided they wanted it," said Smith.

The scores were a mirror of the previous night (15-13, 15-2, 13-15, 15-10). Alberta increased their blocks from 9 to 13 in the second match, with Debbie Dyson, the game MVP, providing three of them.

Friday's game star was Shelley Brewster. She received praise from her coach for her work ethic. "She trained an extra 120 hours, above and beyond what the team did this summer, and it's showing," said Smith.

The Pandas are definitely a team

looking to the future, as they are starting 3 rookies, and 5 of 10 players on the roster are first-years.

The good results are a positive sign for the Pandas, who are coming off an 11-19 season, including 3-12 in conference play. This weekend was the start of their conference schedule. Their next home action is next year — Jan. 15 to 17.

Their next matches are against No. 5 ranked Victoria Vikettes and against UBC, who is tenth in the nation, as they make their yearly trek to the coast.