

SPORTS

Pandas sweep! The Mighty have fallen

Pandas 71 UBC 62
by Tim Enger

In the life of every team, there is a tendency to develop little idiosyncrasies that can turn into major problems if they are not taken care of quickly. Just ask the New England Patriots, who's inability to win in Miami's Orange Bowl turned into an 18-year-old ball and chain that they had to carry with them everytime they played the Dolphins at home until last Sunday.

In the Panda's case they were developing a nasty habit of only playing serious basketball in the second half. This was fine against some of the weaker teams they faced in the exhibition season because they could always save themselves in the second half. But faced with playing in the toughest conference in the country, this was a trend that was beginning to worry Panda coach Sherry Melney.

"We talked alot about it over the week" said Coach Melney "I just told the team that this wasn't the kind of play that would win many games in our conference." "I don't know about the rest of the team, but in my case it was hard to gain confidence at the beginning of the games," said rookie forward Kathy Keats. "But as the game wore on it would grow and grow until I could finally play at my best."

In the UBC game on Friday night though, it appeared that all the talk throughout the week was to no avail as the much weaker Thunderbirds jumped out to a 8-0 lead with the help of a stifling full court press defense. The Pandas eventually battled back but could not break away from the fiesty T'Bird and the half ended Pandas 34 T'Birds 32.

True to form though, the Pandas came out for the second half and ran like their uniforms were on fire. They built a solid ten point cushion and never looked back in defeating UBC 71-62 for the opening regular season game win.

The Pandas were led in scoring by Annette Sanregret who, like her team, turned it on in the second half scoring most of her 22 points then. The T'Birds were led by centre Colette Pilloud who suspiciously scored all her 14 points in the first half.

Thought the victory was convincing Coach Melney was not overly pleased. "We can't play that way tomorrow against Vic and expect to be in the game" said Coach Melney. "We have to play two full halves and be all over them right from the start."

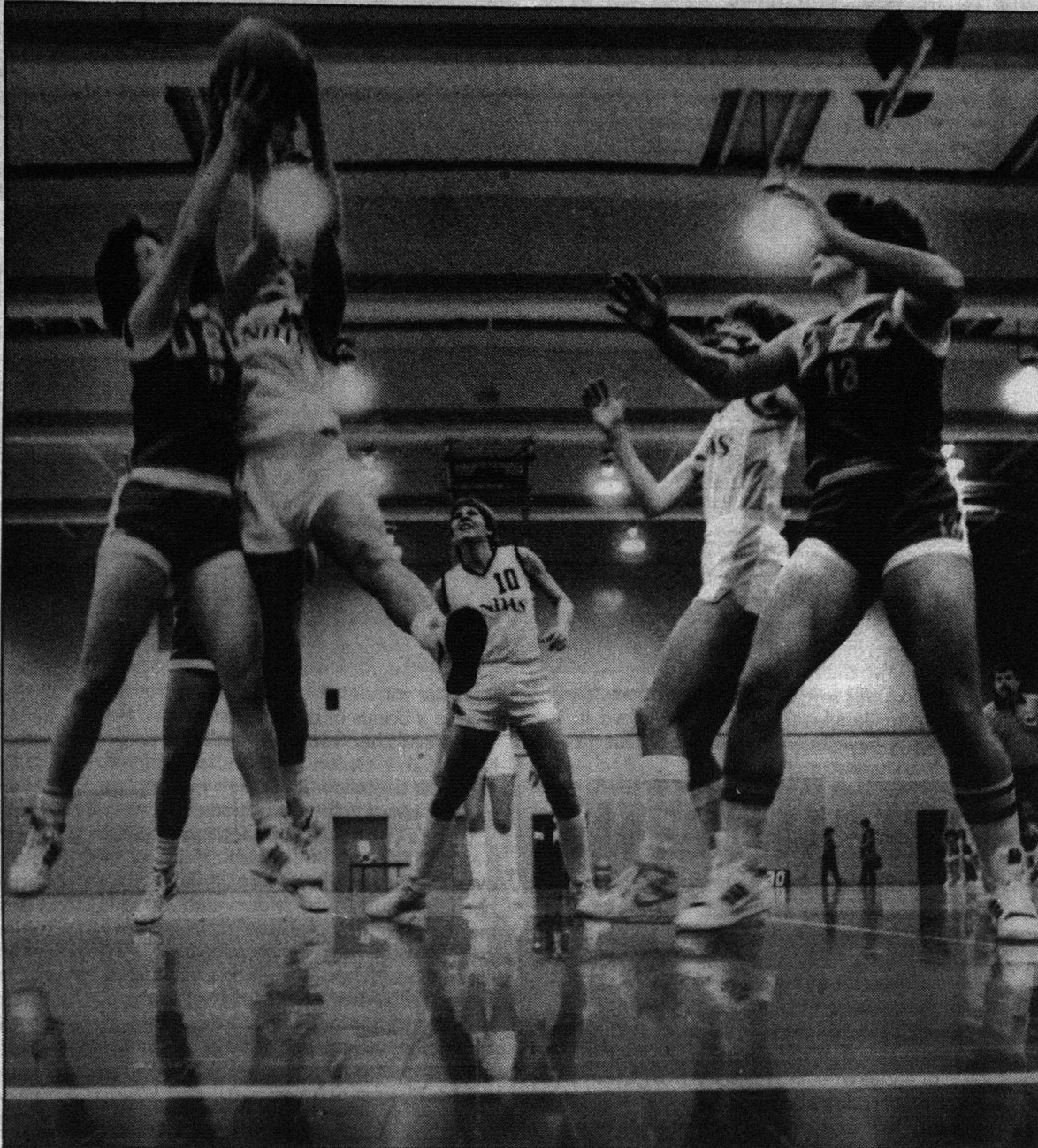
UBC stomps on swim teams

by Carolyn Aney

On Friday night the Bears and Pandas Swim Teams faced the UBC Thunderbirds in the west pool for their second meeting this season. Both the Pandas and the Bears lost to last years CIAU national champs but fared better than in the previous meet in October.

Assistant coach Cam Henning attributes the improvement to strengthening the last half of each individuals' races, an element specifically developed over the Christmas training camp in Miami.

The score on the women's side of the events was 67 to 28 for UBC. Exceptional performances were turned in by the Panda's Colleen Delaney placing 2nd in the 800m free, and 1st in the 400m free with a time of 4:44.78. Mary Jo Clark placed 1st in the 200m free, 2:15.09, and 2nd in the 400m free. Elaine LeBuke



Pandas battle for a rebound against UBC. Two wins send Alberta on the road with some confidence.

Photo Alex Miller

U of A burns up the track

It's been a tradition since 1971 to see who is "blown of the track" between the University of Alberta and U of Saskatchewan Track Teams. This past weekend U of A won the meet 132 to 94 over U of S. In the last few years this meet has extended an invitation to the U of Calgary to make it a Tri-Dual meet. The scores were as follows: Alberta 132, Saskatchewan 94; Alberta 127 Calgary 108; Calgary 134, Saskatchewan 98.

Both mens and womens 4 x 100 m relay teams from the U of A made National standards, as

well as Noella Lee Pong, who won the 60m (7.78) and 300m (39.81). Nancy Gillis won the high jump (1.68) and long jump (5.60) in the scoring sections.

Other athletes to surpass national standards were: Angie Debogorski — 12.07 (shot put) (4th), Paul Rains — 14.06 (shot put) (1st), Dan Lanovaz — 14.51 (Triple Jump) (1st), Angus McDonald — 2:28.76 (100m) (1st), Brian Monaghan — 600m (1st).

Next meet is the Edmonton Columbian meet X on Jan. 18-19.

Pandas 44 UVic 42
by Mark Spector

If you were one of the multitude of fans that walked into the Varsity gym on Saturday night and only caught the last couple of seconds of the Pandas' game versus the Victoria Vikettes, you missed what was undoubtedly the best game all weekend.

In a stunning upset, the Alberta Pandas basketball team defeated

the defending Canadian champion Vikettes 44-42, boosting their standings in the CIAU rankings from seventh to fifth. The loss knocked Victoria out of the top spot for the first time this year and into second place behind Laurentian University.

"It's not a real rah-rah feeling, but rather one of 'we finally played two solid halves of basketball'," said a satisfied coach Sherry Melney after the contest. "I'm really surprised with the way we played tonight. The UBC game left kind of a bad taste in my mouth because the intensity just wasn't there."

Wherever it was on Friday, that intensity returned to the Varsity gym the following night, as, try as they might, Victoria just couldn't break away from the Pandas as easily as in years past.

The first ten minutes of the game were virtually even, but in previous losses it was in the last part of the first half that the potent UVic offense would get on track.

They would have had it the same on this night, however, two late buckets by Dawn Schooler and a nine-footer at the buzzer from Annette Sanregret saw Alberta with an unfamiliar halftime lead of 26-25.

"That was really a big basket," commented Schooler. "We went into the dressing room totally pumped up after Annette's shot dropped in there."

The second half saw Alberta blow leads of ten and seven points respectively, as only a heart-stopping miss from ten feet by UVic centre Lori Clarke with 14 seconds left to play allowed Alberta to steal a rare two point victory over their coastal rivals, 44-42.

"We've got to enjoy this win while we can because come Monday, it's back to practice to prepare for Calgary and Lethbridge," commented Schooler on the upcoming southern Alberta swing for both the Bears and the Pandas.

In a short ten game season such as the Pandas play, a 2-0 start is the surest way to a playoff berth in Lethbridge come February, and a win over the best team in the country will go a long way for Alberta in the confidence category.

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