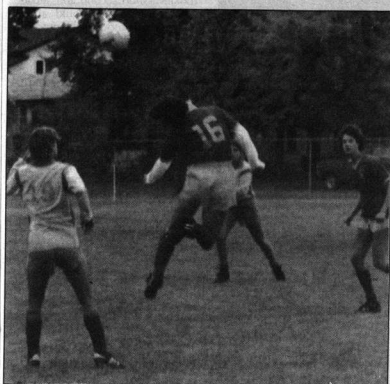


## SPORTS

# Pandas kick Dinos for indoor title



Pandas get a head start on the outdoor soccer season.

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by Alan Small

The Pandas soccer team can do just as well indoors as outdoors. They showed that this weekend as they beat arch-rival U of Calgary at the Butterdome in the tournament final 3-1.

The victory over Calgary was preceded by a pair of wins over Edmonton club teams. The U of A Alumni were shut out by the Pandas 2-0, while Strathcona United lost a 3-1 decision to the U of A.

Panda head coach Tracy David expected more from the Calgary foes than what they showed, considering that the U of C has given Alberta more than its share of grief over the past two seasons in Canada West outdoor play.

"They really came out flat against us," said David, whose Pandas had to play without graduating centre midfielder Angie Wildemann, a CIAU all-star this past fall, who was

injured. Her injury gave David the chance to try some new blood at the centre midfield spot, for next fall Wildemann will not be there.

"We had to find a replacement," said David. "Tanya Orr did well for us filling in."

Orr was one of three goal scorers against the Strathcona United, as Tina vander Linden and Diana Kondraski also scored for the Pandas in the 3-1 victory. Against the Alumni, Glynis Logue and Carrie vander Linden scored, while in the final game, Logue, Tina vander Linden, and Inis Diachuk scored the three Alberta goals.

"We got a good look at who the U of C will have playing for them this fall," David said of the tourney. Although March is not the usual

time for soccer in this country, the Butterdome is a regulation size soccer field.

"The length is good, but it just meets the minimum requirement for width," says David, "although you get a bigger bounce on the surface and the ball goes very quickly compared to a grass field. Your strategy has to change."

David likes the timing of the tournament, with finals coming up and the summer soccer season on the way, after the snow melts again.

"I think it's a good way to look forward for the upcoming year," David said.

## Small's Final 4 notebook

by Alan Small

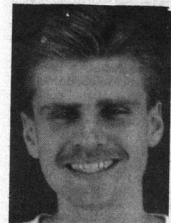
**AND HOW ABOUT THAT NCAA TOURNEY.** Did you know that three of the final eight teams in the hoop tourney were Wildcat clubs, although only one of them won their quarter-final game (Arizona), the other two weren't even supposed to get that far. Kansas State did a whole bunch of upsetting to get that far, as did Villanova. Arizona was the only Wildcat team of the three to get to the final four, as they were ranked number one for much of the year. One other Wildcat club, Kentucky, was supposed to make the final four, but got upset in the third round. Ironically, none of the Wildcat clubs had the same color. Verry interesting.

Now that the final four teams have been picked, I will make my prediction. It really doesn't make sense to pick when there are 64 teams, considering that the chances of being correct are so slim. Anybody who has taken Stats 241 can tell you that a 25 percent chance of being right is better than a 1.6 percent chance. Therefore, I will pick Oklahoma, because they have shown that they can run-and-gun with anybody rather than just the Big Eight, whom they dominated all year. At the beginning of the tournament, it was debatable whether they could do that. The only team that could upset them is Arizona, who they play in the semis, who are great three point shooters. Kansas

and Duke are one-man teams that are pretty slow.

**DID YOU KNOW** the last time the Oilers finished less than first in the Smythe Division, they knocked off Montreal in the first round of the playoffs. Glen Sather and his gang will be hoping that history repeats itself, if they meet the Habs in the Stanley Cup Final.

**KUDOS GO TO THE GRANT MACWEN GRIFFINS** with their third place finish in the CCAA basketball championships. Former Golden Bear Kevin Ottewill led the team throughout the season. On QCTV last week, Bear coach Don Horwood is hoping to get the 6'5" forward back on the Bear side of the floor for next season.



Gord Stech

### From the Home Office

OK, Oilers fans, just in case the Flames do come out of the Smythe at the end of April, don't feel badly. Take a close look at these creeps next time you get a chance and ask yourself if they don't deserve SOMETHING to alleviate the burden of having to look at themselves in the mirror (if it doesn't crack) day after painful day. These guys are ugly with a capital U. Mr. Letterman, help me out...

**DAVE:** Ughuh, anyway, y'know, kids, we'll uuh — is it me Paul or is it hot in here?

**PAUL:** Either it's you or it's hot, Dave.

**DAVE:** (laughs) Thanks, Paul. Tonight's Top 10 List from the Home Office. Top 10 jokes about Calgary Flame Ugliness.

**PAUL:** So, not about their good looks then, but about their —

**DAVE:** Ugliness. Once again Paul you've crystallized my thoughts with alarming accuracy. Uuuh, oh, and due to our writers' enthusiasm on the matter, it's actually a Top 25 List, a 150% power bonus increase to pass the savings on to you, the home reader. OK, here we go... (drums)

25. What was every Flame's childhood future ambition. Facefill.

24. Why does a fan bring a thesaurus to Flames games? They get the Flame roster for free. Under 'hideous'.

23. What does a Flame's elder relative say at a family reunion? My, but how tall and han-uh, not short he's become.

22. What did the Flame's mom say to her doc after delivery? Sticks and stones will break his bones... etc.

21. Hear about the Pit-bull who bit the Flame's face? The Flame dates regularly now.

20. Last time they went to the zoo people led the Flames.

19. What does a drunk have over a Flame? Hope in the morning.

18. When were the loudest screams heard at a recent horror flick? When the Flames walked back for popcorn.

17. What's a sure bet? A Flame in a staring contest.

16. What does a lady call a Flame escort she's just met? Blinding date.

Dave: Definite lull there, Paul.

15. When God handed out good looks, why were the Flames at the front of the line? Better protesting position.

14. Hear about the Flame's friend who had his face bashed-in during a bar-fight? The paramedics took the Flame away.

13. How did the kid with terminal

hiccups cure himself by watching Lawrence Welk? His parents kept switching to the Flame-game during ads.

12. Sure sign of a Flame's presence: sheep with blindfolds. Dave: Oooh. Good night everybody, drive safely.

11. What did the barber say to the Flame after the cut? Sure I can't take anything else off you ya?

10. What question would a Flame be exempt from answering in a KGB-Chernobyl interrogation? Were you near the plane?

9. Last time the Flames published their team picture, anthropologists grew jealous.

8. What do you do if you meet a Flame in an alley? Pray it's a dark one.

7. What do you call the hiring of the Flames to clean Manulife Place? Poor management decision.

6. What does a plastic surgeon call a Flame's Tease.

5. What's a Flame wife's most dreaded phrase from her husband? Look at me, damnit.

4. What does a sasquatch call the Flame Media Guide? Playgirl.

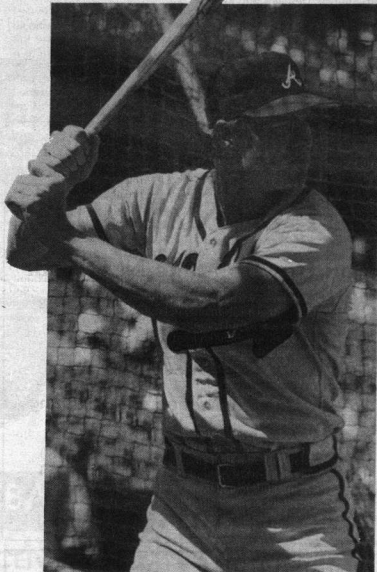
3. Why did the Flame originally want to play hockey? To have his first face off.

2. My pal Ed went too close to a Flame once. Ed now works in a geology lab. As a rock sample.

1. And the number one joke about Calgary Flame ugliness...

What's a Flame's best feature on a Video-Dating cassette? His balacava. (band, confetti, fountains, thrill-cam, noise, applause, glass-shattering)

**DAVE:** We'll be right back with Tim Hunter.



Play Ball!

Atlanta's Dale Murphy is looking forward to the Gateway baseball predictions by Cam McCulloch, Alan Small, and Randa Smathers. A great way to start your season.

## Who's in first?

Alan Small

NL East

**Pittsburgh Pirates** — Most underrated team in baseball will prove that you can make a winner (or at least a contender) with the 25th player from every team in the league. Look for Barry Bonds to hit 30 homers and steal 30 bases for the Bucs. Ex-Blue Jay Jim Gott will save 30 as well.

**New York Mets** — Darryl Strawberry's antics in spring training will continue through the season. Unfortunately for Strawberry, the Mets won't find a power shortage very funny. Lame duck Dave Johnson managing won't help when the Mets fall behind early. He won't find the energy to make the Mets a winner.

**Montreal Expos** — Can finish first if pitching holds up for whole year. It might help if Mike Fitzgerald played more than 110 games behind the plate too. The Expos won't get much hitting from whoever is his backup. Look for Wallach to cool off from last year as well.

**St. Louis** — Team will be much like squad from two seasons ago, which didn't hit 100 home runs. Bob Horner is a poor man's Jack Clark, and is one of the few players that can field first base worse. Ozzie and McGee have peaked, while the World Series last year showed their glaring pitching weaknesses.

**Chicago Cubs** — Young talent, Sandberg, Dunston, and Dawson

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