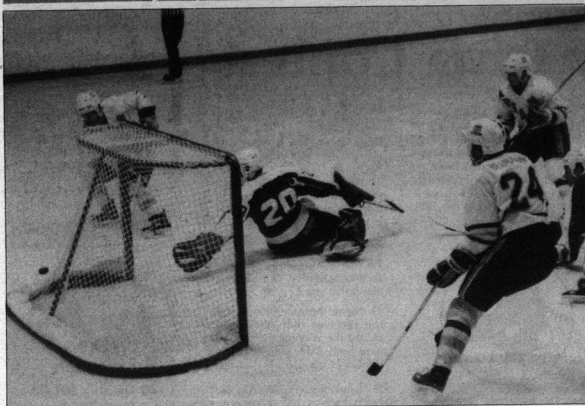


## The Gateway



The Golden Bears ran roughshod over the Lethbridge Pronghorns last weekend.

## Pandas disappoint in Cowtown

by Alan Small  
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A lack of composure kept the Pandas basketball club off-balance this past weekend as they ended up

losing two of the three games they played at the Calgary Invitational Tournament.

"I'm upset about this weekend," Panda head coach Diane Hilko said, "we beat ourselves."

Their first game, against Bishop's

on Friday, they had trouble with as some early foul trouble took some edge they had on their full court press.

"They were shooting bonus at the ten minute mark of the first half," said an exasperated Hilko.

"We'd pressure them and pressure them," Hilko said, "then we'd get flustered and couldn't capitalize on the turnovers."

Turnovers were not a rare commodity for the Pandas as they forced 26 turnovers in the game, ten of them coming in the last eight minutes of the game. Unfortunately for Hilko's Pandas though, the Gaitsers dominated both the offensive and defensive boards as they ended up winning by 15.

"It (poor rebounding) was surprising, especially after the exhibition matches when we dominated the boards," Hilko said, "We just didn't hustle."

The second game against McMaster Hilko called, "One of the toughest losses to take personally."

"We didn't put on a good display," McMaster dominated the game, which they won by nine, especially on their offensive boards where they nabbed 21 offensive rebounds.

"We were not aggressive. We gave up on ourselves," Hilko said.

Hilko pointed out the play of Chris White as being one of the Pandas' best, as White shot 54% from the floor and did not make mistakes such as throwing the ball away needlessly.



The third game was a much better effort by the Pandas as they dominated the UBC T-Birds club and won 76-62.

A better overall effort, especially on the boards, where the Pandas grabbed 47 rebounds and played a much smarter game during the physical match.

"We just never let them get to us," Hilko said.

The Calgary Dinnies ended up winning their own tournament with a 60-52 win over the University of Toronto.

**FOUL SHOTS:** Panda forward Linda Mrkonjic played well in Bishop's game as she grabbed 6 of the Pandas' 25 rebounds.

## Bears show 'Horns the way it's done

by Alan Small  
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Head coach Clare Drake's Golden Bear hockey charges had a successful weekend, as they romped to two victories over their Pronghorn rivals.

Bear sniper Sid Cranston scored three times over the weekend and scored six assists which helped him to Canada West player of the week honors.

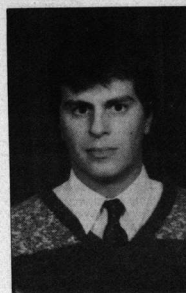
"The team played really well offensively," coach Drake said, "We had some really good puck movement, especially in the first game."

Drake was even more impressed with his team's power play which they now rank first in the conference. This weekend, they were five-for-twelve, which kept up their 40 percent goal rate with the man advantage.

"Bill Moores is spending extra time on the power play," Drake commented.

Drake was also pleased with his young defensive corps, which played much more solidly than their previous encounters, against UBC and the Saskatchewan Huskies.

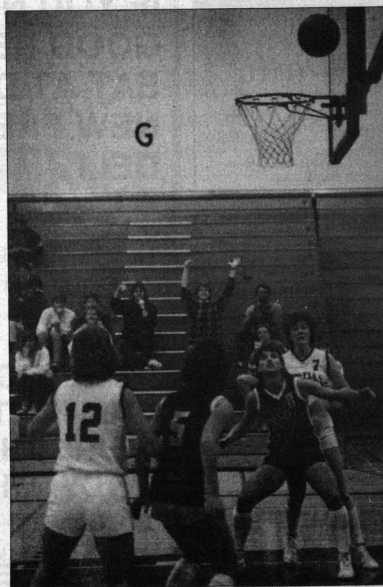
Drake was also pleased with the work of the whole line that Sid Cranston plays on. Both Stacey Wakabayaski and second year man Todd Stokowski played well from a production standpoint.



Bear goalie John Krill split both games with Darren Turner.

Also drawing good reviews from the coaching staff were rookie defencemen Gord Thibodeau and Grant Couture. Thibodeau, the former Fort Saskatchewan Trader played some strong defence and Couture notched a couple of points on the weekend, getting in on the three star parade at the end of the game.

The impressive results bode well for the Bears as they go up against another Canada West weak sister in the Brandon Bobcats this weekend at home in Varsity Arena. The next real major test will come on the road in Calgary as they face the Dinosaurs in the first two of the four game "Battle of Alberta."



The Panda basketball club ran into stiff competition in Calgary.

## The CFL is not really Canadian

by Ajay Bhardwaj

Have you ever wondered if the CFL is really "Canadian"? I have. A lot. Sure, 19 of every 34 players on a team's roster is Canadian.

But what about where it really counts? What about the General Managers, the head coaches; where the decisions about who stays and who goes, and about finances, and about rule changes are made. How many of them are Canadians? Of the eight GMs around the league, only Ottawa's Paul Robson and Winnipeg's Cal Murphy are Canadians. The GM down in Calgary, Vern Siemens, is also Canadian, but he's only a volunteer, and the Stamps will surely hire somebody to replace him.

Only three, and soon to be two, General Managers around the league are Canadians.

How about the head coaches? Zero. There are no Canadian head coaches in the league. But that's only part of my complaint. The other part is this: Americans are making decisions about our game; how to change it to draw more fan support. But essentially they are only trying to convert it to a northern version of the NFL. How is a smaller field and an extra down going to attract more people? Is it going to create more offense? The CFL has enough of that (this weekend's games' scores were: BC 33 Edmonton 32, Calgary 34 Hamilton 33). These changes will only make the CFL more "Ameri-

can." And it won't bring in more people.

Here is my suggestion, whether or not it will attract more people is questionable, however: the CFL should put an import/non-import ratio on coaching staffs, and it should make more room for Canadian GMs. This would give many Canadian coaches and ex-players a chance to coach in the CFL. Maybe fans would be interested in what Canadians could put on the field. And, it would make the Canadian game more Canadian.

There are many qualified football people coaching in the CIAU and in junior football who could handle these positions admirably; people like the Golden Bears' Jim Donley and UBC's Frank Smith, just to give you an idea.

Oh, and in answer to Cam Cole's editorial of last week, I feel that, right now, the CFL is not worthy of fan support, and that Canadian fans are different from American fans. Sure, I love football, but I'm not ready to pay good money to see a revolving door of players and utility game after game, year after year. Give me a good product to watch and I'll be there.

When was the last time you heard, that in Canada, someone was shot or stabbed over a football game? Well, in the States it happens at least once a year. American fans are definitely different from Canadian fans.