

Bear Dave Youngs (23) attempts a shot while being guarded by T-Birds J.D. Jackson (left) and Perrie Scarlett.

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they're sunk).

Then there is a question of teams which are borderline or somehow present a challenge to the NFL's elites. Watch for St. Louis, Philadelphia, Green Bay and the L.A. Rams to have good seasons in the NFC. Indianapolis, Miami, Buffalo, Pittsburgh (if Mark Malone comes to play in all 16 games) and even Kansas City to make big strides in the AFC.

Could next year finally be the year of the Cowboys? No way. The Cowboys' defense is porous. Randy White is past his prime, and Too Tall Jones isn't the player he used to be.

Looking at the NFL elites, Washington, Chicago, the Giants are all running neck and neck. In the AFC (Denver may not be big enough to compete with the big boys and neither is Seattle) Cleve-

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land seems to be the Titan in the AFC.

Whether Cleveland is a Titan or not, they're not going to go to the Super Bowl. I'm going out on a limb and picking Indianapolis and Minnesota in the Super Bowl next year. Minnesota will win it by a touchdown.

Pandas still in hunt for playoffs

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The Panda basketball club staved off elimination with a pair of victories against the UBC Lady T-Birds last weekend.

Panda post Joanna Ross cemented an outstanding rebounding effort Friday night by tossing the winning free throw with 20 seconds left on the clock. But it was the boards that Ross owned, as she grabbed five offensive and four defensive boards.

The T-Birds led a poorly played first half 25-23, in which both teams shot less than 50 per cent from both the floor and the line. At the end of the game, both teams only shot 35 per cent.

The Pandas came back early in the second half with ten consecutive points and led by seven points until late in the game, when UBC closed to three with 3:20 left and then went ahead on a Panda turnover and foul with 57 seconds left. Anne Lacey made the foul shots but they were the last points UBC made as Linda Mrkonjic sank two free throws and Ross's single free throw won it for the Pandas.

Mrkonjic led the Pandas with 18 points while point guard Patti Smith had 13. Lacey led the T-Birds with 11 points.

Stanley, Scarlett excel in hoop series split

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In the first game, the Bear basketball game against the UBC Thunderbirds was the Sean Chursinoff and Rick Stanley show.

The next night, the two T-Bird guards, J.D. Jackson and Perrie Scarlett ran amok through the Bear defense giving the Birds a split of the two-game series.

Stanley scored 20 and Chursinoff scored 18 for the Bears in the first game.

"This Rick Stanley, if he's not the best freshman in the country this year," T-Bird coach Bruce Enns said, "there better be someone great somewhere. We just couldn't stop him."

The Bears jumped out to a 14-4 lead at the start, and kept it up until halftime. They led 42-30.

UBC post Mike Clarke started to even it up for the T-Birds in the second half after having a brutal first half in which he shot 39 per cent from the field. He scored 13 in the second half to give him 21 points on the day. Clarke was all the T-Birds had this day, as with 1:30 to go, the Bears had stretched their lead to 15 points, leaving the T-Birds with three-point shots.

"Over the last six to eight games we've played with intensity and confidence," Bear assistant coach Mark Dobko said.

"We were outplayed at every position including the coach," T-Bird coach Bruce Enns said.

It looked like more of the same for the Bears in the second game as they jumped ahead 18-4 with seven minutes gone in the first half. But some good comeback efforts by the T-Birds late in the first half evaporated the Bear lead ten minutes later. Scarlett, the T-Birds veteran guard, backstopped the comeback by scoring 11 of his 17 points in the first half.

"Yesterday, Sean Chursinoff won their little battle (between Chursinoff and Scarlett), but today, Perrie did a real good job," Enns said.

The Bears plan was to give Scarlett a lot of room, and then get in

the face of shooting guard J.D. Jackson, who is second in the league in scoring. In the second half however, both Scarlett and Jackson dominated.

"The guy who killed us was Perrie Scarlett," Bear guard Chris Toutant said, "we just didn't think he could shoot. We laid off him the whole game."

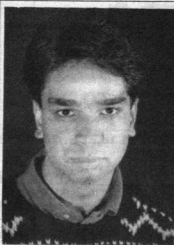
But Bear head coach Don Horwood disagreed. "Anybody playing in this league if you leave him alone long enough will hit some," Horwood said. "We had to make some calculated guesses. Look at the lineup. Clarke really tough inside. Jackson you can't leave alone so the only one left was Scarlett and he hit a few. It made a difference for them."

"I think they made a mistake," Enns said of the decision to lay off Scarlett. "Perrie Scarlett wins basketball games many, many different ways. He's one of my favorite players of all time."

Enns has coached Scarlett at UBC and also coached him for three years in Winnipeg.

The strategy of being in Jackson's face was also not very successful for the Bears. Jackson sank 34 points for the Bears and sunk seven free throws in the contest, and sank the last two to put the game out of reach. The night before, he sank 15 points in a losing cause. Both he and Scarlett were the scoring leaders on the day for UBC. Scott McIntyre led the Bears with 15 points and five rebounds while Toutant and Stanley tossed 14 apiece in a losing cause.

FOUL SHOTS: On a humorous note, UBC forward Brent Henderson lost a contact lens late in the second half and stopped play for about five minutes. GUBA helped looking for it by stomping on the floor on the other side of the court. It was a rough game for Henderson, who missed a breakaway slam dunk and rimmed out a pair of free throws much to the delight of the heckling crowd... The Bears complete the home and home series in Vancouver next week at War Memorial Gym on the UBC campus.



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Restart the hype machine

Now that the hoopla is all over, now that the Super Bowl (better known as the Super Bore) is all over, it's time to create all the hype for next year.

Now is a good time to make predictions for next year. Of course, you have to get rid of all the teams which aren't even going to be close. This can be done in a hurry. Atlanta, Detroit, Tampa Bay are the teams which will have terrible years in the NFC (so what else is new?), Cincinnati is the most likely to have a terrible year in the AFC. But don't count out the Jets, Chargers, or the Raiders (Bo Jackson or not, if they don't get a quarterback,



The Pandas demolished the T-Birds 74-45.

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In the second game, the Pandas took a 24-9 lead 12 minutes into the game and kept hammering the T-Birds and led by 24 points at the half — 41-17.

"I've seen them practice like this before," Panda coach Diane Hiiiko said, "what can't you like about a win like this."

Panda forward Cheryl Galenza had a career first half as she scored 19 of her 25 points in the first stanza.

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