Bobcats win battle of giants

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A superb effort by the Brandon defence held Regina's top scorer Chris Biegler to only six points and gave the Golden Bear Invitational crown to the Bobcats.

At the beginning of the game, the Bobcats defenced Regina with a box-and-one, a zone defence except for one man who covers the other team's best player. That shut down Biegler, who had burned both Western and Alberta in Regina's two previous games.

It was a tactic that Bobcat coach Jerry Hemmings used to keep Biegler from getting into the game early.

"We observed in the Alberta

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game that he played well early in the first and second halves and he gave the rest of the team a lift," said Hemmings, "we also had to keep him off the foul line."

What the Cougars couldn't do is stop the Brandon tandem of Whitney Dabney and Patrick Jebbison, as Dabney scored 20 and ran the game underneath the basket while Jebbison, the tournament's MVP scored 23 points, mostly with him deadly perimeter game.

"It's a big win for us," said the 6'8" Dabney, "They're as tough a team as we'll play all season."



Bear Dave Youngs (23) goes for a shot against Regina's Chris Biegler (L) and Bill Knudsen (R).

It was like a grudge match for the Bobcats, as the Cougars defeated the CIAU defending champions just week ago at a GPAC tournament in Winnipeg.

"I don't think anybody is playing like they are," said Hemmings, who switched up the defences in the second half to confuse the Cougars. The move worked as the Cougars could only muster 31 second half points.

The lead changed many times in the first half, and at halftime the Bobcats led by only four points. But in the second half the lack of scoring by Biegler haunted the Regina side as Brandon stretched their lead to ten points by the twelve minute mark, forcing the Cougars to take risky three point shots.

Small Notes

The U of A swimming team came up with the cash this weekend when they finished second overall in both the men's and women's overall standings at the Standard Life Colleges Cup held at the West Pool on Saturday.

The Calgary Dinosaurs took home first place money (\$750) in the men's division with 350 points, 22 points ahead of Alberta. The University of Toronto won the women's overall with 358 points, 334 more than the Pandas.

Among the winners for the U of A were: Keltie Byrne, in the women's 400m individual medley, Dave Goodkey in the men's 200m freestyle, Debbie Gaudin in the women's 50m and 100m butterfly and the 100m freestyle, Anne Taylor in the women's 800m freestyle, Chris Bowie in the men's 800m freestyle.



Both the Panda and Bear volleyball teams were swept in their first conference matches in Vancouver this weekend. The Lady T-Birds handed the Pandas 3-0 and 3-2 losses while the men defeated the Bears 3-0 and 3-1.

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The Golden Bear hockey team split a pair of games in Saskatoon this weekend. After dumping the Saskatchewan Huskies 9-4 in the opener, the Huskies bit back and knocked off the U of A 5-3.

The Bears, along with five Calgary Dinos host Team Canada tonight. Memorable names in the lineup for Canada are former Oilers Mike Moller and Todd Strueby.

On Friday, the Bears host the Dinos, the first half of a home-and-home series with the southerners. Calgary holds a four point lead on the Bears so far this season. Both games start at 7 pm.



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