

SPORTS

Eli's coming, with basketball's best

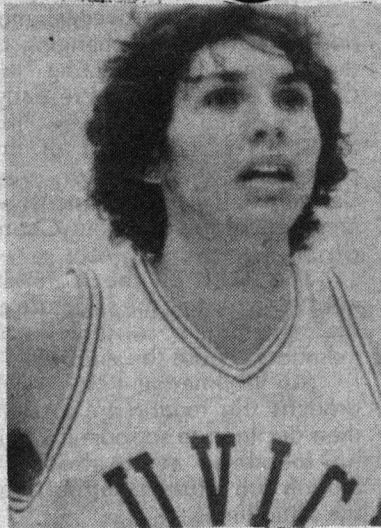
by Kent Blinston

When you talk about the Victoria Vikings basketball team you start by talking about Eli Pasquali.

"Pasquali is the best point guard in Canada," says Tom Deimeo of the Golden Bears, who face the Vikings Friday at Varsity Gym.

Alberta has lost to U of Vic. 3 times this season largely, according to head coach Don Horwood because of what the star of the Canadian National team did to the Alberta offense.

"He controls our guards and puts us out of our offense," said Horwood. Pasquali forces the Bears into turnovers, which the Vikes turn into easy points.



Eli Pasquali

To counteract Pasquali, Horwood has put some new options into the offense. He is hoping that they will give Bear's point guard Dick Price some help in the match-up.

Stopping Pasquali, however, will only be the beginning for the Bears if they want to hand the Vikes their first loss of the season.

Victoria forwards Craig Wilcher at 6'11" and Dave Clement at 7'2" are not quite the twin towers of Kentucky but they are big enough, especially to the Bears whose tallest player is Jim Prett at a mere 6'6".

Winning this one would be a dream come true for the Bears. "It would give us an advantage over everybody for the rest of the season, knowing that we beat the

number one team," said Demeo.

The Bears have a better chance of winning Saturday night when they take on the UBC Thunderbirds also at Varsity Gym.

UBC players to watch for are Ken Claussen and Pat West, according to Horwood, who intends to counter their scoring with an aggressive 1-3-1 defense.

Pandas need two

The Pandas Basketball team can finish the season in second place if they win both their games this weekend. And they are confident they will.

"We can beat them, the question is by how much," said Panda point guard Shelain Kozakavich, referring to the Victoria Vikes who the Pandas play Friday night.

They intend to use the press, that worked so effectively in their

69-37 win over Saskatchewan last weekend to get the fast breaks going.

Expect Sue Tokariuk to check Vikette star Sandy Neal and the Vikettes to fall back on their outside shooting.

Saturday the Pandas are hosts to the UBC Thunderettes. Pandas' centre Toni Kordic says she expects UBC to try to slow the game down and nullify the Alberta offense.

More injuries for gymnasts

The University of Denver hosted the Panda gymnasts, Friday Feb. 10 along with the University of California (Northridge) and the University of Northern Colorado.

It was a long day that began with a 5 a.m. wakeup to get to the early morning flight. Flight delays, air turbulence and blizzards ensued. Fourteen hours later the gymnasts were making final warm-up preparations at the Denver gym.

The Pandas, headed by team captain Heidi Ross, went into the meet with some injuries and came home with more. First gymnast on the first event was Christine Speake. Christine hyper-extended her knee on the second tumbling pass and spent the rest of the weekend on crutches. That meant that every performance score of the five remaining women would count in the team results. Elise Dworkin and Ross both scored season's bests on floor exercise with 8.65 each. Next was vaulting where Carrie Nawata pulled off the best score of the Panda's - an 8.25.

Disaster struck again as uneven bars when Nawata released the bar early from a crooked swing on the dismount. She tumbled upside down to the floor onto her right elbow. Hospital x-rays later showed a suspected hairline fracture of the radius. Dworkin scored a 7.85 on that event.

The final event was balance beam where only four women were still able to compete. That meant that the Pandas wouldn't have a hope of placing as a team. Ross pulled off an 8.55 despite lost confidence in the overall team effort.

First place team was the host team, University of Denver with 178 points, second was Northridge with 167 points, third was University of Northern Colorado with 165 points and finally U of A Pandas with 146.

Coach O'Brien summed up the situation, "By the third event we had a very busy time just trying to look after two major injuries

and keep the other four women going." Henri Bureauud (Assistant Coach) was adjusting the bars amongst all the chaos. Because of his height he was the only one who could reach the high bar.

He was getting coats to keep the injured women warm and bringing ice and trying to pick up their belongings which were getting scattered around the gym. "Thanks to the tenacity of our team we were able to keep going."

On a positive note, Barbara

Bull, a rookie Panda on her first real trip of the season, ranked third best on the team with a strong score of 29.60. Donna Spaner placed a close fourth with a 29.30. Their scores will enable them to attend CIAU Nationals March 2 and 3 in our own University Pavilion.

"Elise and Heidi are our main hopes in all around and maybe Margie Drysdale if her ankle heals fast" said Coach O'Brien. Canada West Conference Championships are next weekend in Calgary.

CIAU Scoreboard

Basketball

Men	GP	W	L	PF	PA	PCT	GBL
Victoria	7	7	0	609	454	1.000	-
Calgary	7	5	2	540	529	.714	2
Alberta	6	3	3	441	462	.500	2.5
Lethbridge	7	3	4	518	496	.429	3
British Columbia	7	2	5	457	534	.286	5
Saskatchewan	6	0	6	416	506	.000	6.5

Women	GP	W	L	PF	PA	PCT	GBL
Calgary	9	8	1	586	470	.889	-
Lethbridge	9	6	2	529	530	.667	2
Alberta	8	4	4	472	386	.500	4.5
Victoria	8	4	4	453	458	.500	4.5
British Columbia	8	3	5	454	466	.375	5.5
Saskatchewan	8	0	8	344	528	.000	8.5

Hockey

Team	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS	PCT
Alberta	20	16	4	0	94	49	32	.800
Saskatchewan	20	12	8	0	84	79	24	.600
British Columbia	20	9	11	0	82	90	18	.450
Calgary	20	3	17	0	66	108	6	.150

CIAU Top Ten

1. Toronto Blues
2. Alberta Golden Bears
3. Manitoba Bisons
4. Concordia Stingers
5. Saskatchewan Huskies
6. UNB Red Raiders
7. Moncton Blue Eagles
8. Brandon Bobcats
9. UPEI Panthers
10. Wilfred Laurier Golden Hawks

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