

SPORTS

Pandas manhandle Huskiettes again

Basketball Pandas win their opener

by Mark Spector

"There's something special about a home opener, whether it's at home or on the road."

—Yogi Berra
Manager, New York Yankees

Nothing very special happened for the University of Saskatchewan Huskiettes on Friday night at the Varsity Gym as they lost a lopsided 69-36 decision to the basketball Pandas. As for Alberta, the game marked a successful start to their CWUAA season — a year for which they have very high hopes.

Last year, the Pandas finished second in the West and fourth nationally. On this season's squad, you will not find one player whose ultimate goal falls anywhere short of a national championship.

The Pandas started the game slowly, falling behind 6-5 after two

and a half minutes. This was to be the Huskiettes only lead of the game, though, as the powerful Panda running game slowly took control. Guard Shelaine Kozakovich rallied the team, scoring eight of Alberta's first 11 points.

It was not until the 13 minute mark of the first period, however, that the Pandas reached high gear, padding a five point difference to 13 at half time.

In the second half, the game became an obvious mismatch four of the Huskiette starters accumulated four personal fouls by the six minute mark.

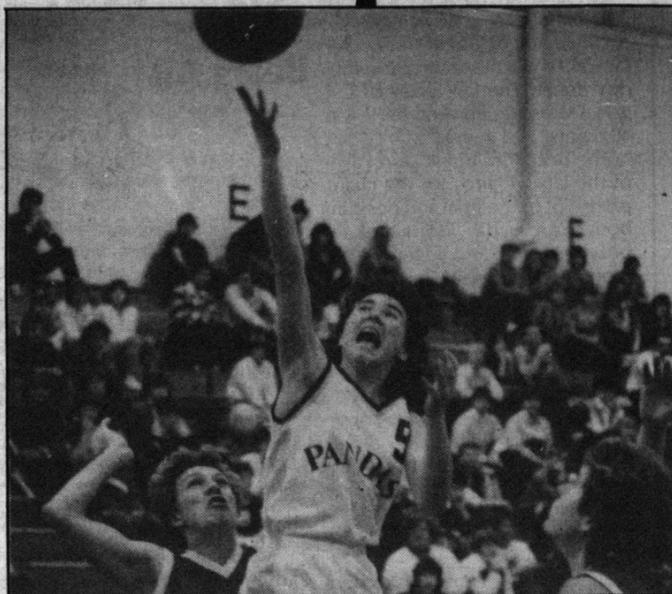
For the Pandas, it was definitely 5'5" point guard Kozakovich's night. She earned high scorer honors with 16 points. Her partner, guard Jenny Webking, closed out the game with 15 points.

The Pandas excellent bench strength was exemplified by the play of rookie Dawn Schooler.



Playing in the last six minutes of the game, Schooler shot one hundred per cent from the floor and the freethrow line to earn a game total of eight points.

The Pandas next see action on Friday, January 18, as they travel to Victoria to take on the number one ranked Cougars. This will be a much tougher test for Alberta and, if they win, will definitely have repercussions on the national rankings.



Guard Shelaine Kozakovich led Pandas with 16 points

photo Tom Huh

Pandas beat Bisons

The Panda Gymnastics team started their 1985 season off on a winning note. Friday in Winnipeg they captured the University of Manitoba Invitational Tournament by outscoring the host Bisons by five points—125.7-120.75.

In pursuit of their team victory, the Pandas took six of the top eight all-around positions in the competition. Heidi Ross led the team with her second place finish and 32.25 total. Margie Drysdale and Carrie Nawata tied for fourth overall with a score of 31.5. They were followed by the fifth place finish of Shelley Spaner (30.8), sixth place Donna Spaner (29.8), and eighth place Barbara Bull (26.9).

Manitoba's Janet Black captured the overall title with 34.30 points.

The Pandas began the competition on the uneven bars. Drysdale was the team's top performer in this event. Her well-constructed routine earned her a second place finish and an 8.55 score. Ross finished fourth, and Shelley Spaner and Bull tied for fifth.

The best event for the team was

the vault. High scores were recorded by all of the girls. Ross paced the team with an 8.85 score. She was followed by Carrie Nawata (8.70), Shelley Spaner (8.70), Drysdale (8.55) and Donna Spaner (8.15).

The highest score obtained was a 7.80 by Ross.

In the final event, the balance beam, Ross (8.30) and Nawata (8.25) placed second and third respectively.

O'Brian was pleased with the team's performance.

"Overall, I feel that the team performed quite well. I am most pleased that all six girls remain healthy and will be ready to compete next weekend."

"The fact that Heidi Ross, Margie Drysdale, Carrie Nawata and Shelley Spaner obtained strong qualifying scores should ensure their eligibility for the CIAU National Championships in Vancouver, March 2nd and 3rd, and that is an added bonus," she said.

Next Sunday, January 21, is the team's next competition and the only home meet of the 1985 season.



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