



WE DID IT—Looking beautiful after winning the Provincial Championship last weekend in Calgary, the members of the Panda volleyball team are: Back Row (left to right), coach Audrey Carson, Dina Nichyporuk, Carolyn Dyke, Taffy Smith, Lynne Cooke, Carolyn Debnam and Manager Audrey Allen. Front Row, Brenda Whitley, Bev Hamilton, Sandy Draper, Chris Mowat, Judi Cooke and Nancy Fay. Phyllis Newman is missing from the picture.

Varsity Sports In Canada Too Many Obstacles To Overcome

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MONTREAL (CUP)—Sports is all the rage south of the border. Americans have the time, the money and the inclination to follow and participate in more sports than any people in history.

Canada probably will never be this sports-oriented; she can't be. There are too many obstacles to overcome. Nor should she necessarily strive to be; there are other areas in which to excel.

Yet sport is making a worthwhile contribution to Canadian life—one that is growing

yearly and adding spark and economic stimulus to the life of the country. The nation's universities would do well to hitch their wagon to the sporting boom, both to enhance student life and to encourage public subsidy.

NATURAL OBSTACLES

Sport in Canada faces a number of natural obstacles which will probably not be overcome for generations. One is climate. The country has to make use of what it has; a cold, six-month winter.

Another obstacle is tradition. In hockey, the nation's forte, Canada turns out the world's best athletes. But she is unlikely to turn out as many fine football, baseball or basketball players. Imported sports are naturally less popular with

Canadians than sports which have originated or grown up in Canada.

A third reason is the size and character of the fan market. There are fewer Canadians than Americans—with less money, less time and more pressing matters than sport to think of. In Eastern Canada there is a cultural division among the fans as well, and French Canadians have less of a sporting tradition than English Canadians.

NOT ENOUGH GLAMOUR

Only hockey captures the imagination of the nation's youth, and attracts its support. The other sports haven't the glamour to attract a big following and are not well developed on the lower levels. The quality of play is poor in most sports as a result. Yet quality is seldom a large factor in the popularity of a sport. Balanced leagues, traditional rivalries, outstanding athletes, glamour and excitement draw fans at all levels of sport. The Canadian Football League has learned how to draw the fans and the lesson is paying a healthy dividend.

Harry Griffiths, McGill's present Athletics Director and formerly Manager of the University of Toronto's Varsity Stadium, indicates that things weren't always so. "Ten years ago," says Mr. Griffiths, "the Blues were outdrawing the Toronto Argonauts two to one. Then they were eating humble pie. Now it's the other way around."

PROS HURT COLLEGE SPORTS

Competition from the pros has certainly hurt big-time college sports in Canada. Yet many American schools (e.g. Harvard) draw big crowds despite competition from as many as four big league pro teams.

In the States the National Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA) has led the way in promoting college athletics. The NCAA has built a big-time aura into college sports and has organized them into balanced, exciting leagues.

The infant Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic Union (CIAU) is not yet in a position to do the horn-blowing and arm-twisting necessary to build any auras about Canadian college sports.

Student Government

Georgian Wants Parliament

MONTREAL (CUP)—The student newspaper at Sir George Williams University last week proposed a parliamentary system of the university's student government with election by constituencies, cabinet ministers and a joint civil service.

Criticizing the present student government at Sir George as "wasteful, undemocratic and inefficient," The Georgian said, "A student government that holds both legislative and executive powers is little more than a fascist co-operative state."

As an alternative the newspaper proposed that Sir George Williams University and its affiliated schools be divided into constituencies composed of students in the same university division and academic year.

Each constituency would have an electorate of 300 students, giving a total parliamentary membership of 50.

One cabinet minister would be

chosen from each university division, and the others drawn from any division. Each minister would have a portfolio—Club Affairs, Finance, etc.

CIVIL SERVICE

Each minister would have a departmental civil service, headed by a chief deputy minister, elected on a narrow franchise, selected from the student body at large or promoted from within the government.

To safeguard the individual student from possible abuses on the part of his powerful student government a parliamentary commissioner would be elected from the student body as a whole, serving as a civil servant responsible to the student body as a whole.

The Georgian suggested a parliamentary system would "permit of an effective and democratic student self-autonomy within the university and a strong and respected student syndicalism in dealing with outside organizations."

Clean Sweep

V-ballers Take Alberta Open

U of A teams swept the Alberta Open Volleyball Championships at the weekend.

The Golden Bears captured the "A" division of the tourney by downing Safeway of Edmonton 2 games out of 3 in the finals. The scores were 15-8, 12-15 and 15-7.

The junior Bears, the Bearcats, won the "B" division by defeating the Latvians of Edmonton in the same way. They took 2 of 3 games 15-7, 11-15 and 15-10.

DEFEAT OLD RIVALS

The Pandas defeated their old rivals, the Calgary Cals, 16-14 in a final game thriller to capture their part of the championship.

The Bears now look forward to the WCIAA Championships which will be held in Edmonton next weekend. Coach Chrysanthou says his boys should win it this year and add to their already impressive list of victories.

Pandas Meet First Loss Of Season

The Panda swim team travelled to Calgary last weekend and suffered its first defeat of the season. They bowed 103-46 to the Killarney Swim Club in the dual meet held last Friday.

The Calgary club proved very strong, and the only Panda win was that of Bonnie McPherson in the diving competition. Pandas were at a slight disadvantage due to the fact that they did not know that the events were to be swum over metric distances which is not what they are used to.

For the Pandas, Audrey Tomick swam well and picked up two second places. Gaye Stonell and Donna Moe each picked up a second and a third.

The Pandas finish their season next weekend with the WCIAA championships which are to be held at the University Pool. The meet goes at 9 p.m. Friday night and 2 p.m. Saturday afternoon.

Bears Split Doubleheader With Bisons

The U of A Golden Bear basketballers split a twin bill with the U of M Bisons at the weekend in Winnipeg.

The Bears won the first game 67-66 on Friday night, then dropped one on Saturday by an identical 66-67 score.

Friday night, Bears won when John Hennessey successfully hooped two free throws in the dying seconds. On Saturday afternoon, Garth Mitchell won the game for the Bisons with a last minute basket.

Bears with a 6-4 record are now tied for first place with UAC Dinosaurs, who have won six and lost six. Dinos dropped two last weekend to the Huskies, while Manitoba and Alberta were splitting their twin bill. Bisons have won five and lost five and are in third spot. Huskies with a record of three and five are in the cellar.

Bears next games are this weekend at Varsity Gym, where they host the Huskies.

High School Set Sees VV Premiere This Evening

"How To Succeed In School Without Really Succeeding" is the title of Varsity Varieties' 1965 production, scheduled to open tonight in the Jubilee Auditorium.

Tonight's performance is for Edmonton high school students only.

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