

# Stanley is a great addition

by Alan Small

The Golden Bears basketball club can get a better grip on a playoff spot this weekend with a good result against the UBC T-Birds.

The T-Birds, who are 6-4 in Canada West play this season are the surprise in the western conference. Led by 6'5" freshman guard J.D. Jackson and second year forward Mike Clarke, who are second and sixth in scoring in the conference.

"Jackson can hit the three pointer," Bear coach Don Horwood said. "We'll have to be right in his face all the time."

Both were members of the junior national team as well as Alan Lalonde, their other starting point guard, who in his third year of eligibility, is the veteran of the T-Birds.

"Their forwards aren't slow and big like Victoria," said freshman post Rick Stanley but Bear assistant coach Mark Dobko did say that they are wide and bulky.

Stanley is having a great freshman year so far, averaging 10.7 points-per-game while connecting on 54 per cent of his field goals. Of all the freshmen, he has adapted well to the wood's pressure defence.

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Stanley said. "Our style is run-and-gun. I just love working them (opposition) as hard as I can."

Another advantage for Stanley was coming in for an injured Scott McIntyre early in the year and playing against Saskatchewan, who were

"Ricky's played a lot better than expected," McIntyre said. "He's taken the load and the double teams off me."

The Bears would have also been very small if Stanley didn't start well this year. Baker is 6'4" while McIntyre is 6'7". Stanley's 6'9" frame can match up with many of the top spots in Canada West.

"Height matters a bit," McIntyre says, "but we got to block the guys out."

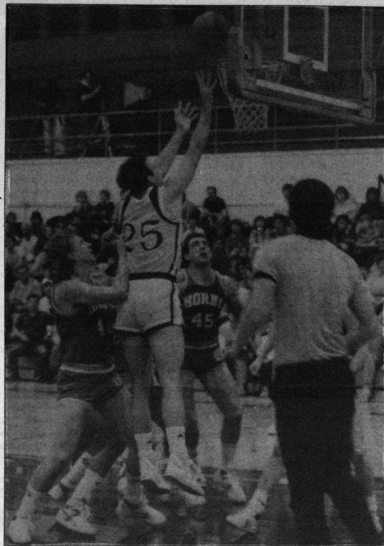
"I could get more rebounds," Stanley said. "That's one thing I could work on."

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the top team in the country then.

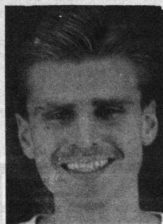
"I've been learning from their moves," Stanley said. "Playing against Saskatchewan centre Byron Tokarchuk was a great experience." Tokarchuk is in his fifth year with Saskatchewan and leads the conference in scoring and rebounding.

Going into this year, fourth year post McIntyre was expected to get the bulk of the work at post position for the Bears along with fifth year post Mark Baker. Stanley's quick entry into the Bear starting lineup makes it easier for the Bears, especially if one of them gets into foul trouble.



The Bears Mark Baker (25) tosses a bucket for the Bears.

Photo: Paul Macintosh



Gord Stech

## Some big games this weekend

**SOLVE THESE** — What do you get when you cross a big black pit bull with a big black ravenous wolverine? Mike Tyson. What do you get when you cross a retired boxer with a chance for him to regain his title? The all new "Larry Holmes set-for-life-don't-care-about-no-brain-damage-pension fund"! What do you get when you cross slurred annunciation with crude, wolf-boy like sentence structure? Muhammad Ali. Nice sport, eh?

**FLIP A COIN** — How the hell is anyone supposed to pick the winner of a game between two closely matched teams that only play each other once a year? OK, I'll try. Naturally, I'm referring to the very charitable and exciting Faceoff '88, the 4th annual hockey clash between the NAIT Ooks and the U of A Golden Bears for the Ronald McDonald House Cup.

**Current Records:** Bears are 15-5-1, 2nd in their division and #3 national-wide. Ooks are 10-5-1, 1st, and #2. Bears get only a slight edge here, mainly because they play in a slightly superior league.

**Past Records:** Bears won Faceoffs 1 and 3 in '85 and '87, and didn't win their national championship either year. The year

NAIT won Faceoff in '86, U of A DID win the CIAU final. NAIT won their own Canadian championships in '85, '86 and finished third last year. Based on past Faceoff results, NAIT should win this year's showdown and both teams should win their respective championships. And you should stop wasting space. Gord, OK, sure.

**Experience:** Barring injuries, etc., the Bears will have seven players in this '88 contest that played in Faceoff '85. Ooks will have one. Big advantage Bears.

**Motivation:** NAIT gets motivated by wanting to put on a show for the largely NAIT-flavoured crowd to be, by wanting to show the Bears the Ooks weren't just kidding on their video (a great idea by the way), and by wanting to show Edmonton that the pretentious bastards at the institute of higher learning (U of A) at least don't have a better hockey team.

**Money-back Guarantee:** Entertaining hockey. Compared to your average mid-season Oilers-Kings game, for hit content, this game is CHED compared to CKO.

**Bottom Line:** Guessing the result of a single hockey game of this nature is like guessing why the majority of U of A students suffer from Pandabearphobia. Therefore, don't even ask the U of A Athletics Department for their guess. I'll say, Bears by 3.

**NEWS FLASH** — The Buffalo Sabres are 6th in the NHL's overall standings. Yes, this is amazing. But then, who cares? I mean, who, in all of Gateway readership, could potentially fill their pants over the fortunes of a bunch of rubber disc chasers, 4500 clicks away, who sport the cheapest of all puns for a crest, and a nickname that makes as much sense as a Muhammad Ali response to a question on advanced paleontology!!!! Who!!

**WE ARE GATHERED HERE TODAY**... Well, it's that time of year again. Only two shopping days left until Super Sunday. However this year, I must ask all CFL fans to say a prayer during this time of NFL glory. You see, I have this funny feeling. There's this slim chance that we may have already watched the last CFL game. At least for a while. CFL Executives haven't been lying about the stability of the league for the last few years, they've just been doing a good job at staying positive for purposes of maintaining a positive public image. Even that hasn't worked that well.

Sure we all knew how much trouble the '86 Alouettes and the '87 Eastern Riders were in. But we were always assured they'd survive, especially in Montreal's case. Then one morning, they folded. Some teams also assured their players there would be no pay-cuts. Then, weeks later, axes fell. In the next few weeks, unless a lot of season tickets are sold, there won't be a CFL Dear God, please let there be a CFL Amen.

To the matter at hand, here's my Super Bowl prediction, but first a few key stats: John Elway —Shaves to date: 1897... Favourite eating utensil: spoon... Current status with Grade 8 girl-friend: none; lost phone no. and address in 1980 after desk cleaning. Sounds like Broncos by 6 to me.

**CAN YOU SAY ANNIHILATE** — This Saturday, Jan. 30 at 2:30 p.m. in the Butterdome it's the 1988 Indoor Soccer Showdown between the Gateway Media Hounds and the SU Council Cretons. To put it simply, the Cretons have as much chance of winning as Muhammad Ali has at reading commercials for CJSR. You see...

There once was a soccer team called SU Who thought they were best in all the U

They soon met the Gateway — And found out the hard way That writers kick more than balls to.

So come out, cheer your favourite writer, and jeer your favourite SU rep. See ya there.



Pandas Michelle Durand (12) guarded by three Horns. Photo: Paul Meneses

## Pandas go for playoffs vs UBC

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The Pandas basketball team needs a win now more than ever.

They are 2-10 over the year, and only one game out of the fourth and final playoff spot. Their next four games are against UBC, who are also 2-10 and are fighting for that last playoff berth along with Saskatchewan.

"We have to do it now or we're not in the playoffs," Panda head coach Diane Hilko said.

The Pandas have struggled all year and now must come up big near the end if they have any hope of getting into the playoffs.

"We've got to win all four games against UBC," Hilko said. "The Pandas after the two games against UBC this weekend, take on the T-Birds in Vancouver the week after."

"They're very young, they're younger than us," Hilko said of UBC, "they're scrambling, hoping for the last playoff spot just like us."

One of the bright stars for the Pandas is point guard Patti Smith. Last year, Smith averaged only 4.5 points per game as a rookie, but has turned into the Pandas leading scorer and most consistent player, with 9.4 point per game average.

"She's done a superb job since the Christmas break," Hilko praised, "it doesn't matter what situation she's in, she doesn't lose sight of what we have to do."

"At 5'5" tall, Smith doesn't have height on her side, but has held her own going up against notch guards who are 5'9" or 5'10".

If the Pandas don't sweep the T-Birds over the next two weeks, they'll have to sneak one from either Calgary or Victoria, the number one and number two teams in the country. That is not likely.

"The most frustrating thing is the two losses to Saskatchewan early in the year," Hilko said, "the girls just weren't ready for those games."

"We should be 4-8. Those two losses could kill us."

Hilko is also worried over the team's outlook on their record so far.

"They (Pandas) just look at the win-loss record, instead of looking at the talent we've played," Hilko said, "they may be depressed about that."

The games between the Pandas and the T-Birds start at 6:30 Friday and Saturday in Varsity Gym.