

Western Montana sweeps classic

by Peter Best

Last Sunday afternoon U of A's Golden Bears and the Western Montana College Bulldogs met in the championship of the Klondike Classic basketball tournament. It was Western Montana 65, Bears 53. Disappointing for U of A fans but we saw some pretty good basketball anyway; not just in the finale but throughout the tournament.

The action started last Thursday night with two games in the round robin university division. In the first contest Montana showed their strength early in beating Lakehead University Nor'westers 86-77.

The Bulldogs jumped to a 40-28 halftime lead before Lakehead got untracked. In the second half the Nor'westers came back to within two points (64-62) with 6:30 left to play only to see Montana pull away for good.

Thursday's second contest saw Bears defeat the University of Guelph Gryphons 75-67 in a game that looked pretty ragged at times. Bears' coach Barry Mitchelson felt the reason for the spotty play was that neither team had worked out much during the holidays. In fact three of Mitchelson's players, Steve Ignatovicus, Bill Hamilton and Scott Lawrie had just flown in from Ontario that afternoon.

Nevertheless Alberta showed some strength and poise against Guelph. They led for most of the first half until Gryphons Bob Sharpe sank four straight free throws to put Guelph ahead 37-36 with 3:33 left in the half.

At halftime it was 45-42 for Guelph, but in the final 20 minutes Bears took control, led by centre Mike Frisby's rebounding strength and a good fast break.

Ignatovicus and Frisby, playing what Mitchelson called probably his best game of the season, both finished with 16 points. Sharpe was Guelph's

gunner, hitting 9 of 33 shots from the floor and 14 of 17 foul shots for 32 points.

On Friday night Guelph and Western Montana met in what figured to be a runaway for the Bulldogs. But Guelph played a very tight man-to-man defense and held Montana to 65 points.

Unfortunately Gryphons only scored 58 for themselves as the Bulldogs came up with their own tough defense. Guelph couldn't handle the quick steals of Montana's guards, Ernie Carter and Leroy Armstrong, who scored 15 and 12 points respectively. Sharpe again led Gryphons with 23 points, followed by Al Grunys with 17.

In Friday's second game Bears met Lakehead in a replay of the playoff series last spring in which Nor'westers knocked U of A out in two straight games. Friday night Bears got their revenge with an 87-74 win.

The game started out as a shooter's delight, with Alberta gaining a 14-12 lead after five minutes. Bears' fast break was being slowed down a little as Frisby was having some good battles under the boards with Nor'westers' fine centre, Evan Simpson.

But Lakehead couldn't hold Bears' running game in check forever as Steve Panteluk and Wallace Tollestrup began helping control U of A's defensive rebounds to start the breaks.

With their fast break working well Bears steadily pulled ahead. With 10 minutes left in the game they led 72-52 and from there they coasted to victory.

Frisby led all scorers with 23 points, one more than Simpson. U of A's Tom Solyom, who has started in place of Terry Valeriotte for better outside shooting against Lakehead's zone defense, hit 69% (9 of 13) of his shots from the floor and added two free throws for 20 points. Ignatovicus also sparked Alberta with some fine passing and shooting, totalling 16 points.

In the early game on Saturday Lakehead and Guelph met in the final match of the tournament for both teams. Lakehead had the superior

talent, especially in Edwards, Copeland and captain Danny Rajnovich, but Gryphons had more hustle and desire.

The final score: 80-76 Lakehead.

In the next game, a preview of Sunday's championship, Montana cruised to a 64-57 win.

At halftime Montana was in control, 35-28. In the second half Bears switched to a zone defense and a zone press for a while to try and upset Bulldogs' offense, but with four minutes to play Montana was still ahead, 58-49.

Then U of A's press began taking effect and they scored six points in a minute to pull up to 58-55. But Montana regained its poise and stalled for control to finish on top.

In the championship Montana confidently proved itself the best team in the tournament with some outstanding defense.

Metsker was especially tough, holding Frisby to four points while scoring 22 himself.

Bears were overwhelmed at times by the Bulldogs' defense but they didn't force their shots as much as in the previous game.

On defense Alberta kept switching from man-to-man to zone and back, trying to upset Montana. But it didn't seem to bother Carter, who showed more outside shooting ability than Mitchelson had expected, scoring 16 points.

Bears were led by Hamilton, whose good shooting (8 of 15,

53%) netted 16 points, and a determined effort from Panteluk with 12.

Mitchelson was relatively happy with his team's effort. He felt they played better than on Saturday night, and were more patient on offense. And it was good experience for the team.

After facing Western Montana, Bears should be ready to resume league play. They travel to Calgary this weekend for two games on Dinosaurs home court.

Apathy

Since I first came to this campus in the summer of 69 I have never ceased to hear constant slurs about student apathy. From every corner within our walls students have constantly heard the cry of this 6 letter word. And now the outside world in the voice of Bruce Hogle has entered in. Not only entered in but in a custom true to his day he has also rated us. F. for failure. Sight unseen or statistical non-evidence.

Did Mr. Hogle come on our campus and see the pitiful bit of advertising put up to inform students? Was he there at 4.25 p.m. in the Education Bldg. where a poll which should have been open till five had been closed down prematurely. Was he there to hear the lack of noise made to encourage voters to get out to the polls or to advise them what the issues really were.

PEMBINA HALL HOUSE COMMITTEE

December 11, 1973

The Board of Governors,
The University of Alberta.

Gentlemen:

The residents of Pembina Hall have asked me to express to you their concern over your decision of last Friday -- to close this residence on April 30, 1974. They are disturbed that a decision vitally affecting their future was made without prior consultation with them: the residents have had no opportunity to discuss the matter with you or to advance alternatives.

The circular letter which we received from the Department of Housing and Food Services following your meeting Friday offers high costs as justification for the closure of Pembina as a student residence. The residents fail to see the results of the constant maintenance spending referred to in the circular. We would appreciate more specific information concerning the upkeep of Pembina. Exactly how does it compare of a pro rate basis with other campus residences and older buildings? We feel that the losses to the University community if Pembina Hall is closed will be much greater than the present charges on manpower and monetary resources.

We acknowledge the need to upgrade Pembina to acceptable fire safety standards and we have observed the recent improvements in this area that the University Fire Marshal has initiated. We understand from him that the building itself is solid and could be made completely sound if a program of renovation and rewiring were completed.

To make a judgment on the fate of Pembina Hall based solely on what can be quantified is to ignore the intangible, but no less real, benefits that living in this environment brings. The style of Pembina contributes to our sense of community and its size permits personal contacts to be made on a humanly manageable scale. Traditions are valued in Pembina; there is not that bias towards the new that marks most other residences. We firmly support residence life as an integral part of university education. The quiet atmosphere of Pembina is conducive to study and its multicultural student body feel at home here. It is especially appreciated by those students arriving in Edmonton for the first time. Finally, Pembina Hall has played an important part in the growth of the University of Alberta, and many women graduates of this university cherish their associations with Pembina.

The Department of Housing and Food Services has given us assurances that current levels of surveillance will be maintained until the end of term. May we also have your assurances that alternative accommodation -- quiet, on campus, for mature women students -- has already been planned for Pembina residents and that we may take up occupancy in it as of May 1st, 1974?

Residents are in the midst of responding to a questionnaire survey on mature student housing conducted by Institutional Research and Planning. We tend to feel that the closure decision of the Board of Governors was reached in some haste and made in isolation, without consideration of the housing needs of graduate and senior women students and without complete awareness of the research presently being conducted in this area. We respectfully ask that the matter be reopened for full discussion.

Yours faithfully,
Linda Spencer,
President,

Pembina Hall House Committee

January 15, 1974.

FEE PAYMENT DEADLINE

University regulations governing the payment of fees require that the second instalment be made by January 15, 1974. A penalty of \$15.00 will be charged on any payment made or postmarked after that date.

The regulations further state that should payment not be made by January 31st, registration will be subject to cancellation.

Payments are accepted by the Cashier, 3rd Floor, Administration Building, or by mail addressed to the Fees Division, Office of the Comptroller, Administration Building.

