

The Pit: Takes new victim

by Ernie Lotz

It was one of those weekends in Lethbridge. It has become a tradition for visiting teams to have problems in "The Pit," and the basketball Bears were no exception.

Coach Heaney stated, "We had a hard time with officiating." This was illustrated by the fact that Colin Fennel, Tim Ryan, Tom Groat, and Terry Ayers all fouled out early in the second half.

All four players happened to be the only big men on the team which resulted in a lack of rebounding on the part of the Bears. The Lethbridge Pronghorns picked up 17 offensive boards to the Bears 9, and went on to win 101-84.

Top scorers for the Bears were Jim Bonin with 23, Jamie Thomas with 20, and Brent Patterson with 13 points. The bears shot 46 per cent from the floor and 70 per cent from the line. Perry Mirkovich was high scorer for the Pronghorns with

25 and Ernie Hill added 21 points.

The Bears came out flying in the next game to lead 39-30 at the half. However, things started to go bad again when Jeff Gourley fouled out early in the second half. Gourley left the game with 12 points and a good effort to this point. The Pronghorns capitalized on free throws and turnovers to win 76-71.

Tom Groat scored 23 points for the Bears, shooting an impressive 10 for 10 from the floor and 3 for 3 from the line. Perhaps the most surprising statistic was Jim Bonin shooting only 3 for 14 and committing 7 turnovers. This is far from normal for Jim who is presently the 5th leading scorer in the conference.

Overall, the Bears shot 51 per cent from the floor compared to Lethbridge's 34 per cent. However, the Pronghorns had 23 free throw opportunities whereas the Bears only had 9. Offensive boards were again a major problem. The Bears had only 9

and the Pronghorns picked up 24 which made a big difference.

The night's top scorer was Perry Mirkovich marking 32 points for the Pronghorns.

With respect to the officiating, Brent Patterson stated, "This is the worst I've seen it for years," and he's been with the Bears for years. The rest of the players felt the officiating was very one-sided, as it often is in Lethbridge.

Coach Heaney tells his players not to worry about the loss, and feels they can make it up by beating Calgary 1 out of 2 games this weekend. This will be quite a chore since Calgary has three national team members and is ranked high in the Canadian ranking. As of now the Bears are tied for 3rd place with Lethbridge with a record of 5 wins, 5 losses.

Therefore, the Bears need all the support they can get on Friday and Saturday. Come and cheer them on in what should be two very exciting games.

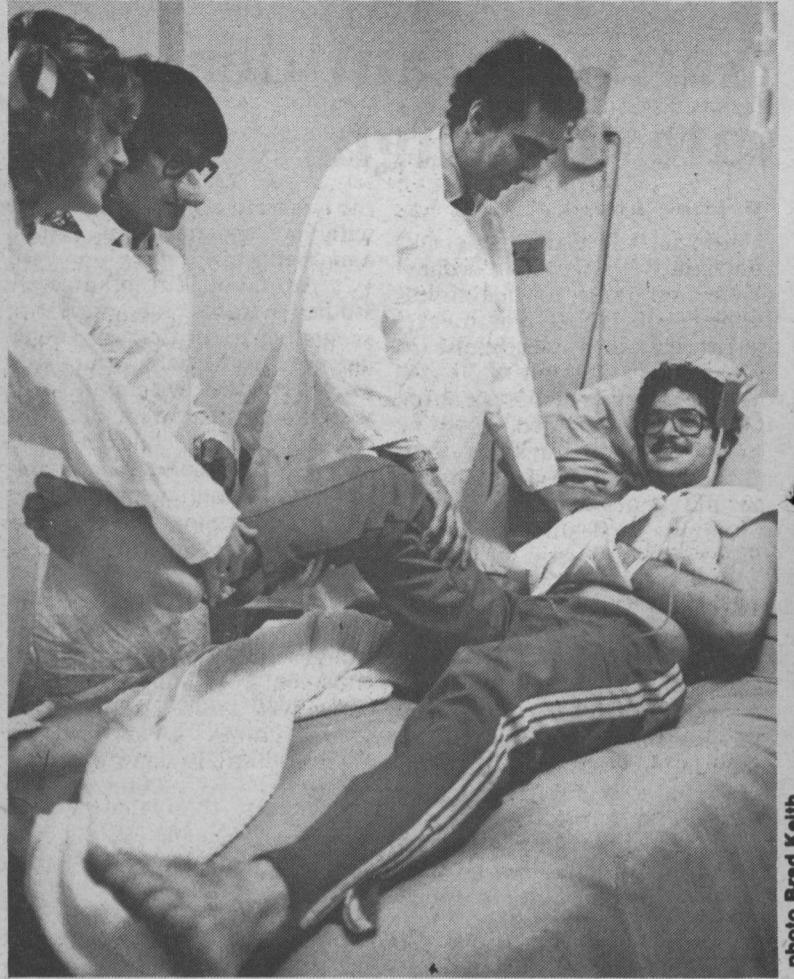


photo Brad Keith

Fiendish doctors prepare unwitting victim for nose transplant.

Ex-Bruin has new life

by Bob Kilgannon

For three years Bruce Rolin played in relative obscurity for the University of Alberta Golden Bears hockey team. On an immensely talented team the Jasper native played both forward and defence but never seemed to get established as a game in and game out starter. However, all that has changed this year.

At the start of the season head coach Bill Moores moved the 23 year old to defence to stay. There, Rolin has steadily improved and strengthened the club, especially with the injuries the team has had to overcome. Bruce prefers to credit others on the team, saying, "It's a little different without all the ex-

perience we've had in the past on the club. Right now though, it's all the young guys that are pulling the team together, especially with all the injuries."

The former New Westminster Bruin feels that coach Moores has helped him out a lot this year. "This is my best year by a long shot. It's mostly because I'm playing more. Billy (coach Moores) has shown confidence in me by giving me more playing time and that in turn has given me more confidence in myself. Plus, I've switched back to defence."

Coach Moores feels that Bruce has helped the team, particularly in the second half of the schedule. In comment he says, "Bruce has really come on in the second half. He has provided some of the intensity

and leadership for us that we knew he could."

Talking about the rest of the season and whether or not the Bears will be able to overtake Calgary for top spot, Rolin is quite candid. "I think we can. They have some tough games ahead of them and we still have six home games. We also still have four games with them and we feel we can beat them."

Those four games that Rolin mentions are at the tail end of the season and, if the Bears and Dinosaurs keep rolling until then, they will probably decide first place. Those Dinosaurs will be tough to beat, too. They are the first team to be ahead of the Bears in the standings in the last four years.

Who nose?

A fun-filled weekend awaits any students who are up to it. Even those, it seems, who aren't, as the photo illustrates. Mike Broadfoot, outstanding forward for the Golden Bears hockey team, although hospitalized by injury, is urged by his friends Danny Nakamura and Kathy Chernetski to come out to watch the weekend Basketball and Hockey games.

However, Bears' Basketball star and part-time student-intern Colin Fennell thinks it better for him to stay put for a couple of days longer. Fortunately for Mike, he will be released this afternoon and won't miss out.

Starting tomorrow night the Pandas and Bears' basketball teams take on the highly ranked University of Calgary in a fight for second place in the main gym at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday afternoon their hockey counterparts battling for first place take on the University of British Columbia Thunderbirds at 2:00 p.m. After which the Bears and Pandas renew their rivalry with Calgary on the basketball court (7:00 p.m.).

Sunday at 2:00 p.m. hockey action continues with the Hockey Bears playing the second part of their double-header with the Thunderbirds.

All games are free to all University of Alberta students. This is Nose and Glasses Weekend, and you can be a part of the Ref Raff. Other varsity teams are leading the Ref Raff section and you are welcome to join in. To be a part of this exclusive club all you need is a good set of lungs and a Nose and Glasses disguise which will be available at the Ref Raff Registration Desk for only \$2.75.

If you buy a ticket for the pre-game warmup Nose and Glasses Party on Saturday afternoon, you get a Nose and Glasses disguise free. The party starts at high noon with music and food free, and cheap golden refreshment. So come and get social before the hockey and basketball games Saturday in Room 142 SUB.

The Pandas and Bears never needed your support more than this weekend so c'mon out and be a part of it. Why not, it's all free.

One win, two wins

by Dora Johnson

Last weekend the Pandas travelled to Lethbridge to tangle with the Lady Pronghorns. In their first game the Pandas beat the Pronghorns 64-51 in a game evenly matched for both rebounds and turnovers.

Trix Kannekens lead the Pandas with 22 points while Ruth Wilson of Lethbridge hit for 13.

Saturday night Lethbridge came out hot shooting 51% from the floor. The Pandas fell behind 15 points at the first half's end.

However, in the second half the Pandas shifted to a zone defense in response to foul problems. The zone stopped Lethbridge cold. The Pandas fought with a controlled offense and defeated Lethbridge 57-50. Trix Kannekens again lead Panda scoring with 15 points.

This weekend the Pandas are at home hosting the U of C Dinnies. These games will probably be the determining factor in national finals as the second place team will likely be chosen as a wild card entry.

In addition, on Friday night prizes will be given to the residence floor or frat making the most noise. The Pandas need your support so come out and cheer them on.

At your service

by Karl Wilberg

In spite of a 6-2 record the Bears volleyball team finished sixth in Victoria's invitational tournament last weekend. Still, the two losses were close and in general, coach Hugh Hoyles believes the team is "coming together for the big ones."

The Bears won their pool of four by beating Calgary Volleyball Club, the Vikings, and Seattle Boeing. Hoyles mentions the pools contained two strong teams and the pool winners proceeded to the final round.

Saturday the Bears went on to play Eugene. Hoyles states Eugene had been carefully scouted, but adds, "We underestimated their strength in the middle." The Bears lost 16-14 in the first and were taken again by Eugene in the second game.

The Bears went on to beat Seattle volleyball club but ran up against a tough Multnoma Athletic club. Hoyles credits Multnoma with being "tall, balanced . . . a good club." The Bears beat Multnoma in the first game, but lost the next two. Hoyles explains, "I don't know if it was a let down."

At this point the U of A squad won the next two matches

to place fifth. The Vikings and the Multnoma Whites were victimized by the Bears in two straight games.

Hoyles points out, the Bears 50% serve reception remains a problem, and unfortunately is a vital part of the Bear's quick attack. Hoyles adds that if serve reception is poor and "the following set is high then it lets the other team line up their defense."

On the other hand the team's attack is impressive. For example first year man Dave Wilson's kill average was 56%. Left hander Ron Norton averaged 58%, and another lefty, Bob Engels, spiked 57%. Hoyles is pleased with other individuals like Terry Danyluk. Danyluk was an all-star choice in Victoria. However, he emphasizes "the team is playing well as a team."

The Bears will concentrate on serve reception for the next match this weekend. Hoyles is optimistic and believes the Bears can raise their 50% serve reception to 70% before they play the U of Saskatchewan in a CWUAA meet. Hoyles claims, "If our players serve and receive well . . . so we can run our stuff we can take any team in Canada."

Pandas crushed

by Pam Spencer

The Pandas ice hockey club had a devastating weekend against Capilano and Innisfail last Friday and Saturday. Both opposing teams crashed through the Panda's weak defensive system. The humiliated green and gold skated in vain to gain some points, but glaring lapses in concentration, checking systems and overall speed resulted in a 7-0 loss to Capilano and an 8-0 loss to Innisfail.

Capilano has been fighting for three years to gain a berth to the Alberta Winter Games which has previously been occupied by the Pandas representing the Edmonton zone. The win for Capilano was well deserved and they displayed good hockey skills and determination.

The Panda's coach Kosolowski says the majority of the team is composed of rookies

who haven't the ice time to capitalize on their hockey skills. In spite of the poor results, goalie Leanne Ekholm displayed excellent form as she warded off a barrage of Capilano shots in Friday game's third period.

Saturday night against Innisfail, the top team in the league, the Pandas were unable to muster a point. The Pandas were able to stave off a powerplay by Innisfail which turned out to be one of the game's few high points for the Pandas.

The Pandas return to the ice this Saturday in Crestwood arena at 8:00 p.m. to face the Edmonton Chestnuts.

Correction, the Skate-a-thon is staged for February 1 at 2:30 p.m. in Varsity arena. There is still time to support your favorite.