

SPORTS

B'Ball teams to Victoria

That mobile demolition unit known as U of A's basketball teams will invade the tranquil, unsuspecting community of Victoria, British Columbia, this coming weekend for games with the University of Victoria Vikings and Vikettes.

For first-place Bears the series with Vikings will be their chance for revenge against the only team that has defeated them in Canada West University Athletic Association play. Victoria beat U of A 60-58 on a last-minute shot in their game on January 12 to spoil Alberta's undefeated record.

Bears' coach Barry Mitchelson reports that his team should be in good health for the series. Centre Mike Frisby, who rested last weekend in Lethbridge due to a groin injury, was going at full speed again in practice and should be ready.

Vikings will be tough opposition because they'll be fighting for the second playoff spot in the CWUAA. They're currently third in the league with a 9-7 record behind U of A (15-1) and UBC (10-6).

The women's games should also be close as the Pandas and Vikettes are tied for third with 9-7 records. Alberta

coach Kathy Broderick knows her team will probably have to win both games if they hope to finish ahead of Victoria.

Vikettes have two of their top five scorers in the CWUAA in Edna Ritchie and Lorna McHattie. Ritchie is also the league's leading rebounder.

Pandas have been looking forward to the trip for weeks. They're excited about their chances of defeating Victoria and taking sole possession of third place.

And more important, several of the girls have made appointments to have their hair styled at an exclusive salon in Victoria.

Athletes of the Week



GYMNASTICS
Lenka Svatek

Last weekend in Calgary, Lenka, who has been a bright spot all year for Pandas, placed first overall against some very tough competition from the teams from Eastern Montana, Eastern Washington and University of Calgary. Lenka's routines are exhibitions of athletic prowess and poise. She has come off two serious injuries that have occurred in recent years and is getting back to her Olympic form. She looks forward to duplicating last week's achievement in the CWUAA finals in Vancouver this weekend.



SENIOR HOCKEY
Marcel St. Arnaud

"Horse," as he's known to his team mates, celebrated his last home game as a Golden Bear last weekend against the Saskatchewan Huskies by beating Doug Spitzig in the Saskatchewan goal five times (including two short-handed goals in 34 seconds in the last period). Marcel has had a rough year. He started out scoring well, then an injury slowed him down, and his scoring slowed down, too. Last weekend, though, he pulled his weight against UBC, as well as against Saskatchewan, scoring a goal and two assists. He is top scorer for Bears this year with 15 goals and 11 assists. It looks like his last year is going to be a good one.

Who's running the show?

The Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic Union announced this week that it has changed the dates of the national intercollegiate basketball championships. The eight-team tournament, originally scheduled for the weekend of March 7-8 in Waterloo, Ontario, will now be played one week earlier.

The change was made to accommodate the CBC who discovered that the basketball finals would conflict with the Canadian Brier curling championships also being played the second weekend of March.

According to U of A's assistant athletic director, John Milligan, the Canada West University Athletic Association has rejected the proposal when they first learned of the CBC's request. But the CIAU over-ruled the western league's objections in favour of the television network.

As a result, the CWUAA's basketball schedule has been disrupted, to say the least.

The CWUAA planned to end its regular season the weekend of February 22-23 and then to hold playoffs to decide the league championship. The first- and second-place finishers would meet in a best-of-three series at the home of the first-place team the weekend of March 1, 2, 3, the winner going on to Waterloo.

Now the CWUAA must revise its schedule in order to finish a week early and have its playoffs the last weekend in February.

The league's prime objective is to find a second-place team to play the Golden Bears, who've already clinched first place. The University of British Columbia Thunderbirds and University of

Victoria Vikings are fighting for second with UBC currently holding a one-game lead.

The problem could be solved this coming weekend if T'birds win their two games against Lethbridge in Vancouver and U of A wins one of its two contests with Vikings in Victoria. That

would clinch second place for UBC and they would meet Bears in the playoffs on February 22, 23, and 24 (if necessary) in Varsity Gym.

If the standings aren't decided after this weekend the league will have to play games in the middle of next week to determine Bears' challengers.

Volley teams in action

The Golden Bear Volleyball team will be in action this weekend in the tournament that will decide the CWUAA champions for this year.

The other tournament was held in Vancouver during the last week in January and the UBC team took first place while Bears placed second.

Points were awarded to each of the five teams to correspond with their place in the standings - five for first place (UBC), four for second (Bears) three for third (University of Calgary), two for second (University of Victoria) and one for fifth (Lethbridge).

The U of A tournament will be held in the Main Gym with games on two courts at once -- this leaves one team idle in each round. The first round begins at 1 p.m. on Friday; UBC will be the idle team. The next round begins at 3:30 p.m. and Lethbridge will not play. When action resumes at 8 p.m., Victoria gets the benefit of a break.

The action resumes at 10 a.m. Saturday morning with the defending champion Calgary Dinosaurs sitting out. In the final series of round robin, which begins at 3 p.m., Alberta stands by.

The tournament playoffs begin Saturday night at 8:30 when the two top teams meet in a best of five series.

If, once the playoffs are over and the points awarded for this tournament, there is a tie, games to break the tie will be played beginning Sunday morning at 10 a.m. (best of five). If the Golden Bears, with the home court advantage, can reverse positions with the UBC Thunderbirds the two teams would be tied with 9 points.

Bears' coach Hugh Hoyles says that "as things stand, all of the teams are pretty evenly matched...it's hard to make predictions."

Hoyles and Hiroshi Toyoda, former coach of the Japanese national volleyball team who is now visiting the U of A, are spending a great deal of time with the Bears

"hoping we can pull it out this weekend."

This Sunday, the Panda volleyball team is in action again in the main gym. They will be hosting several Calgary and Edmonton teams in the Alberta Women's "Senior A" tournament. This tournament is one of three tournaments, that will be used to determine which Alberta team goes to the Canadian Championships in Vancouver, March 28, 29, 30.

The Pandas have been working hard since their last tournament in Saskatoon where they played very well. The team was extremely fortunate to have on their last trip, the assistance of the visiting Japanese National coach, Hiroshi Toyoda. Toyoda took the Pandas through extensive warm-ups before each match and offered his advice about team play, between games.

Toyoda felt, perhaps his warm-ups were too exhaustive, as the Pandas were very tired in the last game against Calgary, and suffered from "an energy crisis".

However, the Pandas were playing with a newly revised offense and defense, and may not have been fully acquainted with the system to perform to their full potential. During the tournament, the Pandas took matches off Victoria and Lethbridge and won games against the University of Calgary and UBC. From his observations, Toyoda feels that UBC is presently the best University team in Canada, but if the Pandas work on this new attack system they could very well beat UBC in the Canada West Tournament on Feb. 23, in Vancouver.

So for the past two weeks, Coach Sue Neill, Toyoda and the team have been practising hard for that ultimate goal...first place.

Sunday's tournament will be a good opportunity to test their new tactics and techniques. Spectators are welcome to the main gym in the Physical Education Building, at 9:00 a.m. Sunday February 17, to view the action.

CWUAA BASKETBALL STANDINGS

WOMEN

Team	Won	Lost	Pts.
British Columbia	12	2	24
Saskatchewan	11	3	22
Alberta	9	7	18
Victoria	9	7	18
Calgary	5	11	10
Lethbridge	0	16	0

MEN

Team	Won	Lost	Pts.
Alberta	15	1	30
British Columbia	10	6	20
Victoria	9	7	18
Calgary	7	9	14
Lethbridge	4	12	8
Saskatchewan	3	13	6

Men's Intramurals

Happy Valentine's Day sportsfans!

Feb. 19 will see the last two deadline dates in the men's intramural program for this season. Those two final activities will be snooker and table tennis. All activities will go as scheduled during mid-term exams but all activities will cease during Reading Week.

On Feb. 20 the handball, squash and racquetball challenge ladder tournament will commence. Only those participants on level No. 1 in the squash, racquetball (singles and doubles) and handball

(singles) and those on level No. 1 and 2 on the handball doubles ladder will advance into the tournament. The final cut-off time for PLAYED matches will be Feb. 15 at 10 a.m.

Final results are in for the men's intramural badminton tournament. First in the novice singles was Robert Zachouski (St. Joes) and second was B. Rasborough (Arts & Sci). In the power singles Ross Hainsworth was first and second was Tony Richard (DKE). In novice doubles the pair of John Ip and John Fu (CSA) won the honors while

Parras and Paesemco (Dent) came in second. In power doubles the team of Oei and Er (CSA) came in first while Cook and Joam came in second.

Two other sports completed lately were slalom skiing and field hockey. Commerce was victorious over Agriculture, winning two out of three games. A well fought battle for both teams.

And in closing, congratulations to Ryan Blackmore (Mac Hall) for winning the intramural slalom ski meet with a time of 40.2 sec.