

Almost everyone's going to Victoria

The pucksters are going

by Stu Layfield

All indications point to a virtual holiday this weekend for members of the Golden Bears hockey team. Along with their basketball contemporaries, the Varsity pucksters will invade the warmer climes of Victoria to clash with the hometown Vikings on Friday night and Saturday afternoon. The Bears should breeze through the two games against the perennial league doormats, but this of course is the type of overconfident thinking which has proved over the years to be the downfall of many a powerful team.

Last weekend's twin victories over the University of Calgary Dinosaurs at Varsity Arena may have proved costly to the Bears, as centermen Harvey Poon and Clarence Wanchulak were both injured playing against the rugged Dinnies, the former with a bruised wrist, the latter with a damaged knee. Poon has been taking part in team practises this week with a cast on his wrist, but Wanchulak has not been on the ice since Saturday night's game. Coach Clare Drake was still undecided at press time as to whether or not either or both of the injured players would see action in Victoria.

In Vancouver last weekend the Vikings were soundly defeated twice by the U.B.C. Thunderbirds to the tune of 12-3 and 7-3. Last season's league scoring champion Bob McAneely appeared ready to

repeat his record setting performance as he paced the T-Birds with seven goals in the two games. The Vikings, however, lost their first-string goaltender through an injury in the pre-game warm up to Friday night's contest and then saw their backup netminder forced to leave the game at the 13

minute mark of the third period of the same game. British Columbia hockey coach Dr. Bob Hindmarch reported to Coach Drake over the phone that this season's Viking team is much improved over last year's patsies. But improved or not, the Vikings shouldn't prove to be much of a threat to the powerful Bears this weekend, although the Golden Ones aren't likely to repeat last year's 18-1 slaughter of the Vikings in which Bear winger Jack Gibson set a league record by scoring seven goals in one game.

In other W.C. I.A.A. action this weekend, the Dinosaurs travel to Vancouver to meet the Thunderbirds and the Brandon Bobcats visit the Winnipeg Wesmen, while the Manitoba Bisons and the Saskatchewan Huskies have the weekend off. Look for the Bears and the T-Birds to remain undefeated with identical records of four wins, no ties and for the Bobcats to steal two games in the Manitoba capitol, although the Wesmen might earn a split.

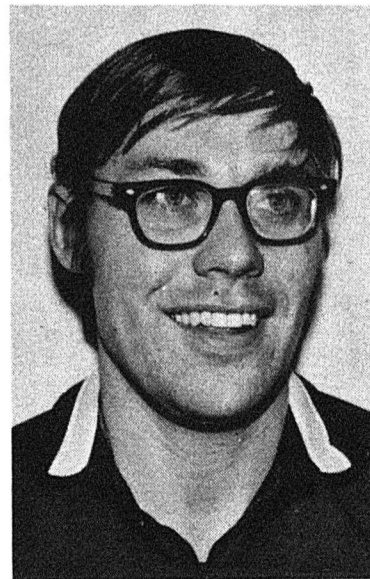
...and the basket ballers

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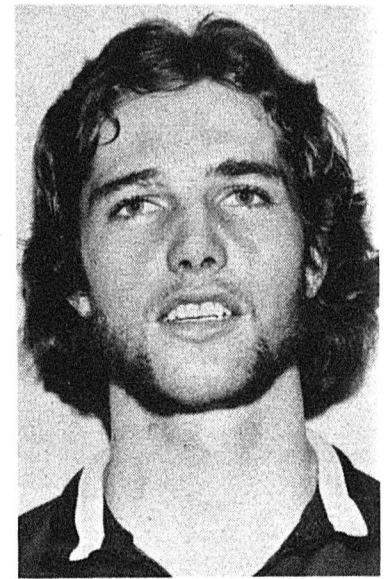
It seems a bit early in the basketball season to be pinning the term "crucial" on a weekend series, but the Golden Bears weekend trek to Victoria will be just that. After splitting a two game-tilt last weekend in Calgary, the Bears find themselves in the unenviable position of playing catch up ball. The University of Victoria has a 2-1 record and appear to be the team the Bears will have to beat for a play off spot.

The Bears will be looking for continued scoring power from Marty Lyons, a 6foot 4 inch transfer student from ST. Francis Xavier University. Initially awe-struck by the Husky tower, Lyons overcame his big city gitters to pace the Bears attack in the Calgary series. Luckily there are no sky scrapers in Victoria, but the eerie totem poles of Thunderbird park may prove unnerving to the naive easterner.

Making the trip to Victoria will be Brian Hartz, a junior varsity cager who will be replacing the injured Bob Dawson. It seems that Dawson was an innocent by-stander in a riot that occurred outside the Beverly Crest hotel. While running from the melee, Dawson attempted to retrieve his watch,



MARTY LYONS
...totem poles?



BOB DAWSON
...broken watch

which had been severed from his wrist by an errant boot. Both the watch and Dawson received injuries. Dawson fortunately will play basketball in another week, but his time piece is no longer ticking.

Throughout the season Coach Mitchelson has been forced to juggle his line-up, what with the injuries to Bob Morris and Dawson, and the suspension of Dick Deklerk. This has forced him to insert rookies into the starting line up with Tom Solyom and Mike Frisby seeing plentiful amounts of playing time. Solyom, who has the sweetest

jump shot this side of Rick Barry figures heavily in the Bears weekend plans.

A concerted scoring effort is needed in Victoria, for the Bears main weakness to date has been inconsistent shooting.

Last Saturdays game in Calgary saw 4 of the 5 Bear starters shoot under 20% from the floor. A similar effort this weekend will almost certainly concede the conference honors to the B.C. teams. Thus the justification of the term "crucial series".

Quality and not quantity is swimming Pandas' forte

Quality, not quantity is the word used to describe this year's Panda swim team coached by Miss Sandy Drever. Consistently strong in previous years in both WCIAA and CIAU meets, the Pandas are fewer in numbers this year but all the more determined to prove themselves among other inter-varsity competitors.

A major part of the inter-varsity sports schedule, competitive swimming involves four strokes of which competition may be done on either an individual or a combination basis. The four strokes include the butterfly, probably the most demanding stroke, the breaststroke, usually referred to as a resting stroke, the backstroke, and the freestyle event generally consisting of the front crawl stroke. Often a grueling event, the individual medley requires a swimmer to execute four strokes in the following order: butterfly, backstroke, breaststroke, and freestyle. Another event is the medley relay which involves four team members each swimming one of the following strokes of which the sequence is: backstroke, breaststroke, butterfly and freestyle.

The Pandas' sole addition this year is Susan Smith, illustrious member of the Canadian

National swim squad, who, with a wealth of international competitive experience, is indeed a welcomed asset to the team. She is complimented by her sister, Sandra, who is back for her second year with the Pandas following a year's absence. Both potential candidates for the up-coming 1972 Olympics, the Smith sisters provide a solid nucleus for an already strong Panda swim team.

The sister team of Susan and Marybeth Morrow, as well as Brenda Martin, all graduates of the excellent South Side swim club, are back for their second year of inter-varsity competition. Another second-year member, Glynis Thomas, comes to the Pandas from the Jasper Place swim club where she amassed ten valuable years of competitive experience. Jeanette Paquin, also a second-year member, possessed little competitive experience prior to joining the Pandas. However, on the strength of her consistent performances in breaststroke and freestyle last year, Jeanette shows every indication of a successful year. Returning for her fourth year as the team veteran, Linda Snell lists her forte as the freestyle event. Jan Foster rounds out the



Photo Gary Vernon

LOOK, MA, NO HANDS!

...one of the Pandas contemplates the upcoming meet

Panda swim team roster as their only female competitive diver. With her second year of inter-varsity competition Jan has proven her competence on both the one and three-meter boards which will rank her among top divers in the CIAU.

On December 4th Varsity Pool will be bustling with the hosting of the tenth annual Golden Bear Relays. Diving begins at 9:00 a.m. and swimming at 12:00 noon. Clubs from Edmonton, Red Deer, Stettler and Calgary, along with

our own Pandas will be competing in freestyle, individual medley, backstroke and medley relays. Why not join in the action at pool-side and see the Pandas swim team prove that quality not quantity is the main criterion for success?