

Busy weekend for U of A squads

HOCKEY

The University of Alberta Golden Bears of hockey will face some fired-up competition when they play the University of British Columbia Thunderbirds at Varsity Arena this weekend.

For the T'Birds, any wins they can get in the two-games to be played Friday night and Saturday afternoon could go a long way to strengthen their hold on second place in the Canada West hockey league.

UA swimmers dump BC

The U of A swim teams met with success last weekend in Vancouver as they defeated UBC in a dual meet. UBC is an improved squad and both teams met with tough competition.

Pandas defeated their opponents by a close 65-56 score. The last relay was crucial to determine the winning team, and Pandas responded with an unofficial record time to take the event. Outstanding Panda swimmers were Diane King with five victories and Wendy Kruger with three.

The men had less of a struggle as they beat UBC by 20 points - 76-56. Ross Nelson broke a meet record in the 200 I.M. event to lead the Bears to their victory.

Both squads are looking forward to the Western finals. These will be held at the U of A on February 13, 14, and 15.

And they will have momentum - last weekend T'Birds won two games against the University of Calgary Dinosaurs, putting them two games up in their struggle with the Dinos for the second and last Canada West playoff spot.

"This series could be the key to their chances for second place," says Bears' Coach Clare Drake. The coach is confident that his Bears will perform all-out for the two games despite having first place in the league locked up.

Drake is pleased with the balanced scoring attack his team has shown this year with forwards all grouped fairly close together in the scoring statistics. "It has helped us in our consistency," he says. "When one line lets down some, another takes up the slack."

CURLING

The University of Alberta will host the Canada West curling tournament this weekend.

Action begins Thursday in the Students' Union Building curling area and features six University women's rinks and five men's. The first draw is Thursday at 8:30 p.m.; the second and third, Friday at 9:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. respectively; the fourth, Saturday at 9:00 a.m.; and the final draw is scheduled for 12 Noon Saturday.

The University of Alberta has won the tournament the last three years - the last two years with teams skipped by Jack Isaman. This year Isaman, and

Golden Bear coach Chuck Moser will serve as the umpires.

This year, the Golden Bear team will be skipped by John Strand who will have Don Chandler, Eldon Pearce and Dave Hemstock curling with him.

TRACK AND FIELD

Kinsmen Field House will be the site for the 3rd annual University of Alberta Golden Bear Track & Field Meet on Saturday, February 8th at 9:00 a.m.

University and top club athletes are expected and entrants include Canadian National Team members Debbie Brill (high jump, 6'2"), Joanne McTaggart (sprints), Randy Makolosky (800 m. Canadian Indoor Champion), Diane Jones (hurdles and shot put), and Joyce Sadowick Yakubowich (sprints).

The best Edmontonians include Barry Boyd (sprints and Canadian long jump champion) and Peter Moore (middle distance events). Events of special interest should include the women's sprint events, women's high jump and men's 1500 and 3000 meter races.

BASKETBALL

The University of Alberta basketball teams have their work cut out for them.

This weekend the Bears journey to Saskatchewan for two must games. Bears are one of four teams (the others are the University of British Columbia Dinosaurs, University of Victoria Vikings, and the University of Calgary Dinosaurs) with the same losses-records in Canada West basketball. Vikings, having played two more games, are in first place and the University of Saskatchewan Huskies are in last place.

"For all intents, it's a six-game season," says Bears' Coach Barry Mitchelson.

As well as playing at the University of Saskatchewan this weekend, the Alberta Pandas will play tonight against the University of Lethbridge women. The scheduling change is necessary as Pandas will be representing Alberta in the Canada Winter games the next weekend when their games against Lethbridge were to be played. Pandas won last night, - over the Pronghorns.

"It's not an ideal situation," says Panda Coach Debbie Shogan, but she hopes her Pandas will still be able to come up with good performances against the University of Saskatchewan Huskies.



Men's Intramurals

by Stew Duncan

Last week, our 3-on-3 basketball activity concluded under the able leadership of Greg Walsh, Scott Ellis and Bill Butler. Big winners, who also claim this week's Intramural participants, are Ira Mitchell, Vern Jubber, Malloy Hansen, John Ritchie and Gary Samyca. These expert hoopsters of the Medicine unit claimed the champion laurels in A event. Winning the B event were Norm Tymo, Frank Prime and Mike Cholinsky of Arts and Science.

Racquet sports enthusiasts are still encouraged to sign up in all such activities except squash. A reminder to contest an individual in the challenge ladders by February 14th, or you will be eliminated from further play in the tournaments.

Unit standings have Medicine leading the pack in A Conference with Law closely following. In B conference the Theta Chi fraternity is battling with Kappa Sigma for the top honours.

This weekend the Men's Intramural Curling bonspiel will begin for all entered participants. Be sure to check the Men's Intramural Office for your scheduled times.

The fourth successive inner tube water polo tournament will occur on Wednesday, February 4th.

The next deadline for all unit managers to regard is for downhill skiing, which happens Saturday, February 15th at Rabbit Hill. The deadline date is Tuesday, February 11th at 1:00 p.m.

Our last major activity of the year, volleyball, commences Monday, February 10th and concludes March 6th. The playoff system will include two teams from each league, and playoff action will begin March 10th, ending on Thursday, March 13th.

All games will be contested in the Main Gym of the Physical Education Building. Schedules for volleyball are now prepared, and participants are encouraged to check times of their respective games.

Many activities are into full swing and participants are encouraged to check for

scheduled games in hockey, badminton and field hockey. Remember that your failure to appear for scheduled matches will leave some very angry opponents! Get out, and enjoy your Intramural activities!

At this time, the Intramural Department would like to salute John Bowron of the Recreation unit as this week's "Unit Manager of the Week". Big John has been a great credit to our program for his service to all recreation students. Keep up the good work!

Win some lose some

The U of A Wrestling team was in Thunder Bay last weekend for matches against some of the toughest competition they have faced this year.

Bears competed against two teams from Lakehead U, Northland College from Wisconsin, and a combination team from Thunder Bay and the U of Manitoba.

They came out with a record of 2 wins and 2 losses, losing both meetings with Lakehead teams, which are rated as the best in Canada. Bears won matches with Northland College and the combination team from Manitoba and Thunder Bay.

The "stars" of the team came through with big performances once again. Russ Pawlyk, the 134-lb. sophomore was undefeated in the tournament, pinning all his opponents, including Canadian champ Nick Cippriana from Lakehead.

Tom Towns made his first appearance for the Bears in Thunder Bay, and the All-Canadian linebacker responded with an undefeated record, with a particularly impressive win over the 300-lb. heavyweight from Northland.

Pawlyk, Dave Judge, and coach John Barry will be in Cardston for the Canada Winter Games this weekend, while the rest of the team is in Saskatoon.

Gym Pandas win

The Panda gymnastics team swept to their third straight victory last weekend in Calgary as they defeated 5 other teams in an invitational tournament.

Pandas topped U of C, UBC, Oregon State College, and Eastern Montana College to achieve their victory.

Yvonne van Soest led the Pandas placing first all round with a score of 28.80. This score included first place finishes in the floor exercise and balance beam events.

Teammate Barb Rutherford came a close second with a 28.60 that included first place finishes in vault and uneven bars.

Wah-King NG, another Panda, put in a consistent performance to come in fifth out of the 35 competitors at the meet.

This weekend Pandas fly to Vancouver to meet UBC in another meet.

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