SPORTS

Hockey Bears demolish

The Golden Bear hockey team was scheduled to play the UBC T-Birds in a two-game series over the weekend.

The Bears showed. However, the question is, were the T-Birds really there or were they stuck in flight somwhere between Vancouver and Edmonton?

Maybe lost in space, though there were blue uniforms on the

ice. With the T-Birds presence (?); the Bears shot them into oblivion (8-3,12-4) and locked up first place in the Canada West University Athletic Association. Their top finish gives them home ice advantage in the Western playoffs. The fight for second and the

right to meet the Bears in the Western final is between the T-Birds and the Saskatchewan Huskies. The Huskies are heavily favored. With the T-Birds two losses this weekend, prayers are in order.

Neither of the games presented the Bears with much of a struggle. Coach Clare Drake's squad exhibited proficiency in their bashing of the T-Birds.



In Friday's 8-3 sweep, right winger Stacey Wakabayashi led the way with three goals. As the Bears breezed past the T-Birds 12-4 on Saturday, Wakabayashi added a single goal and two assists. His superlative performance earned him the distinction of being named the first star of the game both nights. In addition the nineteenyear-old freshman was named the CWUAA's player of the week.

With equally valiant efforts: defenceman Parie Proft opened the scoring for the Bears late in the first period in Friday's game and later added an assist; right winger Jack Patrick scored two goals and had an assist; left wingers Perry

Zapernik and Dennis Leclair scored a goal apiece. Centers Dave Otto and Dennis Cranston led the assist department with three each, followed by team captain Tim Krug with two.

Goalie Ken Hodge warded off 18 shots but UBC's Daryl Coldwell, Dave Brownlie and Bobby Hull Jr. managed to sneak a total of three past him.

After trailing 3-2 at the end of the opening period in Saturday's game, the Bears executed a turnaround trounce, scoring eight successive goals. Coldwell was able to break the Bears streak with the T-Birds fourth and final goal of the night.

Rounding out the scoring for the Bears were Jeff Helland (his second of the night) and Gerald Koebel(his third of the night). Proft, Krug, Zapernick, Breen Neeser, Colin Chislom and Joey Engert also scored. Proft and Otto had four assists, followed by Cranston with three

Kelly Brooks played in the net for the Bears on Saturday. The efficient but not much used goalie faced 24 shots.

UBC's attempt to stop the Bears with a goalie switch proved to be

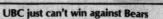
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futile as Randy Beres let seven past , him. Starting goalie Brian Bowen gave up five. The T-Birds were outshot both nights, 41-24 in Friday's game and 42-21 during Saturday's

Off the ice

Arena

Bears' Proft, Otto and Jack Patrick, and the T-Birds Coldwell were also named stars of the game Zapernick was Friday's winner of the Work Wearhouse Worker of the Game honors and Helland was Saturday's ... Center Rick Swan who missed the Bears' last eight games due to a knee injury and a bout of viral pneumonia played in Friday's game ... Friday's game was played before 1148 fans ,while Saturday 815 fans attended ... The Bears have this weekend off ... Their last regular home game series is on Feb. 15-16 against the Calgary Dinosaurs at 7:30 p.m. at Varsity



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Pandas clobber U of S

by Ashley Prest

The U of A panda Basketball Team travelled to Saksatoon this past weekend where they met the University of Saskatchewan Huskiettes. The Pandas managed an explosive 61-36 victory over the Huskiettes, despite a somewhat slow first half.

"We didn't get a great start, but we finished it off the way we wanted," Coach Deb Shogun ex-plained. "At half time the score was tied 25-25."

The Pandas have a record of doing well against the University of Saskatchewan team; this game proved once more the Pandas strong team ability. Top scorers for with 20 points and Toni Kordic with 11 points, bringing the Pandas to the half-way mark of their season.

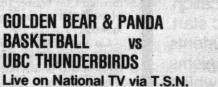
The weekend of Feb. 8 and 9 will bring the Pandas home to Varsity

the weekend were Susan Tokariuk gym for games Friday and Saturday night. Friday night at 8:30 p.m. the Pandas will take on the University of British Columbia Thunderbirds in a game that will be televised by The Sports Network (TSN). It will be a special evening as the Pandas will host a "Big and Little Sister Night" in conjunction with the Big Sister Society. Coach Shogun hopes that there will be a good turn-out of Big and Little Sisters to the game. "Hopefully we'll pack them in"

she said.

Then Saturday night at 7 p.m., the Pandas will meet the University of Victoria Vikings who are ranked number one overall in the league. Shogun has great expectations. "We're really looking forward to the game (UBC). The girls feel they can do well out there on the court. All games will be played in Varsity

gym.





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GOLDEN BEAR & PANDA BASKETBALL VS VICTORIA VIKINGS Saturday, February 9

Pandas at 7:00 pm, Bears at 8:45 U of A Students free with current ID card.

GOLDEN BEAR & PANDA SWIMMING host **GOLDEN BEAR SPRING INVITATIONAL** Saturday, February 9, 10:00 am West Pool

GOLDEN BEAR & PANDA TRACK & FIELD host **1895 ALL COMERS MEET** Session I • Friday, Feb. 8 • 6-8 pm Session II • Saturday, Feb. 9 • 1-3 pm. Universiade Pavilion.

