

SPORTS

Sirio simply superior in Butterdome basketball

by Tom Hayward

It shall be noted that the U of A sponsored the 1983 Klondike Classic Basketball tournament this past weekend. With the exception of approximately 350 fans who appeared on both Friday and Saturday evening, everyone else missed an opportunity to watch four entertaining games of round-ball.

In the first game of Friday evening, Sirio Sports Club, from Sao Paulo, Brazil, was matched against the Calgary 88's, a senior mens' team from Calgary. The heavily favoured Brazilians, led by Raymond Townshend, Marcos Leite and Maury de Souza, struggled through the first quarter and found themselves on the short side of a 49-43 score at the half. Defensive adjustments coupled with an improved offensive effort by the Brazilians, gave the visitors a ten point lead by the midpoint in the second half. The Calgarians,

not to be outdone, and aided by some questionable calls by the local officials, came back to tie the game with five seconds remaining in regulation time.

In overtime, the Sirio Club simply outplayed the tired Canadians, and the game finished with the Brazilians ahead, 110-103.

In the second game of the evening, the U of C Dinosaurs were matched against the U of A Golden Bears. And, with All-Canadian guard Karl Tilleman forced to leave the game with a knee injury in the first half, the game was much closer than Calgary coach Gary Howard might have hoped.

The Bears started off well, charging to a quick ten point lead early in the first half. But Tilleman, who managed to score 18 points before leaving the game, and point guard John Rhodin brought the Dinosaurs back with good outside shooting, and assisted by

some sloppy transition play by the Bears. The Bears finished the half with 40 points, while Calgary accumulated 47 points in the same time.

In the second half, the Bears continued to have trouble with turnovers and fouls, coming to life only in the last five minutes of the game. Alas, it was too late, and the Dinosaurs beat the Bears by a field goal, 90-88.

The Bears beat Calgary on both the offensive and defensive boards. Unfortunately, sloppy shooting and (Mike Kornak was 11 for 22 attempted field goals) and hurried passing and ball handling (guard Blain Haines managed 7 turnovers, while Kornak with 4 and Jim Pratt with 5 aided the Dinosaur cause).

In the consolation game Saturday evening, the 88's beat the Bears 83-71; Sirio Sports Club beat the Dinos in the final game, 106-77.

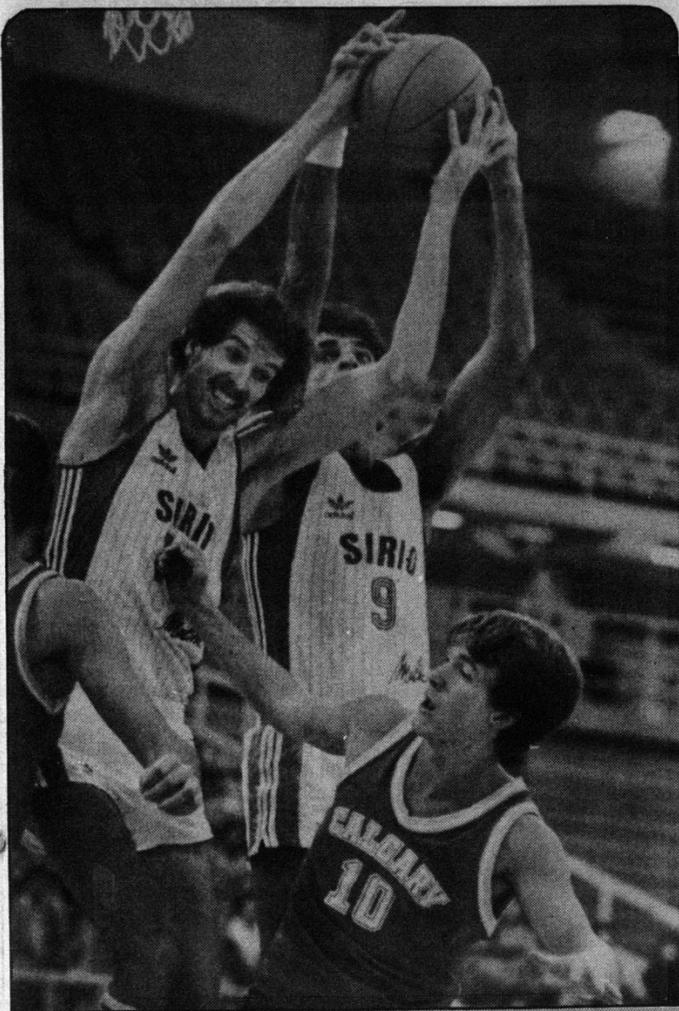


photo Bill Inglee

And that's the way it was. Brazilians towering above their opponents. Here, John Rhodin of the Dinosaurs finds Maury de Souza and Marcos Leite (9) somewhat intimidating.

Gymnasts warm up with intrasquad meet

The Panda Gymnastics team held their annual Green vs. Gold intersquad pre-season competition on Sunday, November 27 in the West Gymnasium. Led by Margie Drysdale, the Gold team defeated the Green team 89.85 to 86.40. Top performer on the Green team and finishing second overall was Shelley Spaner. She was followed closely by Gold team member Carrie Nawata. All three were members of the Pandas's team which took second place at last year's CIAU nationals. The top rookie for the Pandas was Barbara

Bull who finished fourth in the all-around.

On her way to the all-around title, Drysdale captured the vault (8.60), uneven bars (8.40) and balance beam (8.0) titles. Spoiling her bid for a clean sweep was Shelley Spaner who took the floor exercise title (8.15).

According to head coach Sandra O'Brien, it was "a very satisfying meet. We know we have a lot of hard work ahead of us, but the performances in this meet were quite encouraging."

THE SPORTS QUIZ

1. THE BULLPEN IS:

- the stable of relief pitchers on a baseball team
- a bunch of guys comparing fishing stories
- a good place to stay out of at a rodeo

2. A COMMENTATOR IS:

- the person providing detailed analysis on a sports broadcast
- the jerk behind you at a movie who won't shut up
- an ordinary potato

3. THE BOBSLED IS:

- a winter Olympic event
- Robert Sled, to his friends
- Fred Sled's brother





CAMPUS SPORTS WEEKEND



GOLDEN BEAR HOCKEY
vs.
UBC THUNDERBIRDS
Friday & Saturday December 2-3, 1983
7:30 pm. Varsity Arena
All U of A Students FREE with current I.D. card

GOLDEN BEAR BASKETBALL
vs.
REGINA COUGARS
Friday & Saturday December 2-3, 1983
7:30 pm. Unversiad Pavilion

PANDA & GOLDEN BEAR VOLLEYBALL
host the
1983 North-Am Tournament
Friday - Sunday December 2-4, 1983
Varsity Gym