

Pandas bow to BC gals on weekend

by Cliff Lacey

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The U of A Pandas had a good chance to score two upset victories over the UBC Thunderettes in women's basketball action this past weekend, but couldn't snag either game, and they slipped every further down in the standings.

Things looked promising Friday as the Pandas kept pace with top place UBC. They faltered a bit in the early going, but showed a new maturity through the rest of the first half.

Alberta's game is ball control, and for the most part they played their game. At half time UBC led 28-22, but Alberta had shown composure and looked able to control UBC's big threat, Carol Turney.

In the second half, they tried hard to close the gap, and with four minutes left, the Pandas burned up the court. They pulled to within 2 points of the Thunderettes, but failed to score the tying basket. BC went into a stall and scored two points with three seconds remaining to give them the four point margin.

Panda's continued to make wins hard to come by. They missed several easy lay-ups, and those were the difference between a win and a loss.

Carol Turney, the game's top scorer with 18 points and 4 rebounds was the dominant force in the game. Turney is also a Canadian National team member, and will be on BC's Winter Games team.

Nora Way had 16 points for the Pandas, while Charlotte Shmyr added 14 points and pulled in 8 rebounds.

The Pandas out-rebounded UBC 24 to 18.

In Saturday's game Alberta went to work fast. They pulled away to an early lead and handled UBC's offence well.

Carol Turney was not as tough as she had been the night before, and allowed Panda's some shooting room inside.

Thunderettes stormed back in the latter part of the half to catch Pandas and lead it 28 to 24.



Carol Turney (leaning back-white) grapples with Nora Way of the Pandas. Nora had 30 points in the two weekend games.

The second half opened with Pandas in a press. With 17:30 left the Pandas were pulling away. Pandas started pulling fouls, as the tempo of the game quickened.

Foul problems caught up with the Pandas about the same time UBC did. Charlotte Shmyr left the game and it was all BC after that point.

When it looked as though Pandas could still catch up there was a very unusual call made.

Val Kallis committed the team's eleventh foul of the half, away from the play as Carol Turney scored. The eleventh team foul calls for a bonus foul shot situation in international rules. The referees missed the

bonus call and play went on.

UBC's coach had the timekeepers call a referees time out, while Pandas had possession. BC was awarded the bonus and scored both foul shots.

The ball was then given to Thunderettes on the side lines, where the error occurred. Since U of A had possession when the play was stopped, it should have been their ball. The whole situation took away the Pandas' momentum at the point in the game when it was crucial for them to have it. They might have lost anyway, but we'll never know.

Amanda Holloway put in 21 points and stole 8 rebounds for top honours. She had help from Nora Way, with 14 points and 5 rebounds and Deena Mitchell, shooting 71% for 10 points.

Carol Turney led BC with 16 points and 6 rebounds while team mate Kathy Burdette added 15 points.

The Pandas are in action this Wednesday and Thursday against the University of Lethbridge here at Varsity Gym. The teams must play early to clear the weekend for the Canada Winter Games series.

Wednesday's game is at 7:30, Thursday's at 7:00. Come out, be an athletic supporter!?

Volleyballers second in CWUAA

The Golden Bear Volleyball Team suffered a temporary setback this past weekend in its plans to represent Canada West at the '75 C.I.A.U. Championships.

At the first of two tournaments to decide the best in the west, the Bears lost in the finals to the U.B.C. Thunderbirds in straight games (15-4; 15-11; 15-7).

In the early going, things went as planned. Leading off against Lethbridge on Friday afternoon, the Bears whipped the Pronghorns 3 games to zero. However, the team's top blocker, Al McKee, suffered a broken finger in that contest and was sidelined for the rest of the tournament.

Friday evening the Vikings were disposed of in identical fashion. Ken Flowers was playing the best volleyball of his career, recently injured Doug Budd was rounding back into form, and the team's offense was clicking.

Saturday morning Bears again maule the Dinosaurs from Calgary. Steady play coupled with some smart calling by setters Bob Hall and Gane Olsen forced the Dinos into many mistakes. After some initial anxious moments, they

subdued the Calgary club 3 games to 1.

In Saturday's final against UBC, the Alberta team came up flat. Nothing went right for the Bears. In earlier matches spikes that were close to the out-of-bounds line were "in" - not so in the final.

The UBC squad did play well, though - their blocking was good and their middle attack was working. In this match they were definitely the superior team and deserved the 3-0 final verdict.

Tournament No. 2 is in Calgary on the 14th and 15th of this month and Coach Hugh Hoyles is confident his boys can pull it out.

The 5-4-3-2-1 point system for 1st to 5th places consecutively is the same for both tournaments. As a result of this tourney UBC has 5 points; U. of A. has 4; U. of Calgary - 3; U. Vic. - 2; and Lethbridge U. - 1.

All the Bears have to do is come up 1st at Calgary in 2 weeks to force a sudden death play off Sunday, February 16th.

With a healthy Al McKee and having now had a good look at UBC's offense, the Bears have a good shot at all the marbles.



editorial

Women clamour for 'broad' coverage

Recent criticism of the rather narrow focus of the sports department, (see letters page) and sports editor in particular, makes it necessary to explain how a student newspaper works.

The job of sports reporting on a paper such as *the Gateway* is not a paying one. Reporters cover certain sporting events on a strictly voluntary basis, and understandably, the most popular spectator sports are also most popular where coverage is concerned.

As a consequence, most of the reports you read, about other than the "Big Three" (hockey, basketball, football), are contributed by the competitors themselves, friends of competitors, or coaching or other staff members.

Gateway staff drives, held at least twice per year, perennially fail to turn up people who are willing to cover a "minor" sport on a regular basis, because such a commitment often requires a sacrifice of time that most are unwilling to give, without payment.

For those who wrote the editor, bemoaning the lack of a broad view of the campus sporting scene - you have written intelligible letters, so put your concern to good use - come in and volunteer your services.

For those participants who feel that their sport isn't getting enough (or any) ink, give us the details when events happen that are of concern to the student populace, and we will most assuredly print them.

We are open to all offers.

Cam Cole

B'ball Bears split series

by Cliff Lacey

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While the crowds thronged to Monte Carlo night to gamble away their play money, across the street the U of A Golden Bears played for higher stakes at the Varsity gym.

Bears met head on with the UBC Thunderbirds and came away with a split decision - an exciting win Friday and a lack luster loss Saturday.

Both teams played tough defence Friday and it was only good shooting that allowed the score to creep as high as it did.

The game saw the lead see-saw back and forth as, first the Bears, and then the T-Birds got hot.

UBC got good shooting outside and were able to catch Alberta in the second half, and built their lead until coach Barry Mitchelson called time out.

Bears were given a technical four for failing to break fast enough after the time out. They called two times out in a row with 2:15 left, as Mitchelson tried to give his players a rest.

Alberta showed tough ball control in these last minutes to protect the two point lead, and stalled until Len Davidiuk dropped in a layup on the final buzzer to give Bears their four point win.

Outstanding player of the game was Doug Baker with 32 points. Steve Pettifre was tough on the Bears, as he controlled UBC's offence for 22 points and 10 rebounds. BC's Blake Iver-

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Soccer Bears drop One

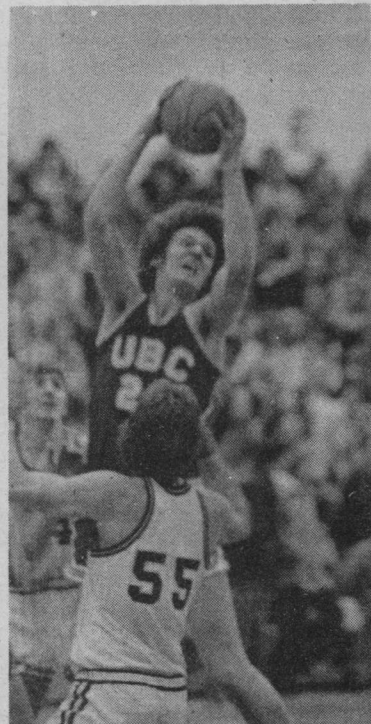
by Rhys Davies

It seems certain now that, barring accidents, Edmonton Scottish will win the Edmonton Indoor Soccer Championship yet again. Last Sunday the Bears relinquished their unbeaten record in a rather disappointing game at the Kinsmen Fieldhouse, to a goal by Scottish star Harold Hansen eighty seconds into the second half. A slip-up by the Bears' defence gave Hansen the ball on the edge of the penalty area, and he beat two tackles before slipping the post. The Bears lost to an altogether better team. Scottish had more

penetration, and they marked the Bears tightly, denying them space to fashion any real threats.

The Bears played quite well defensively, but apart from one shot from Brian Dowling near the end, Scottish goalkeeper Bob Halpern had no real anxious moments.

Now the Bears are going to be involved in a tight race for second place, with Victoria, their perennial rivals, and with Edmonton Croatia, the most improved team in Edmonton in recent years. They play Victoria on March 2, at 6:00 p.m., and Croatia on April 6, at 5:00 p.m.



Doug Baker (55) is overshadowed by giant T-Bird Mike McKay (24).