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## Hoop Pandas beaten in Calgary tournament

By BEVERLY YACEY

PANDAS 41, COUGARETTES 43  
PANDAS 34, DINNIES 40

CALGARY—The Calgary Invitational Tournament last weekend turned out to be a big disappointment for the Panda cagers.

Alberta's Pandas went down to defeat in both of their games.

Teams participating in the tourney were the U of C Dinnies, the U of S (Regina) Cougarettas, the U of S (Saskatoon) Huskiettes and the U of A Pandas.

The Huskiettes, defending champions of the Calgary Invitational, managed to win the tourney and maintain their title.

Friday Regina edged the Pandas 43-41 in a hard fought contest that went right to the wire. At the end of the half the Cougarettas were on top 14-10.

The Alberta hoopsters came on strong in the final three minutes of the game to tie the score 32-32. Five minutes of overtime resulted in a scoring spree in which Regina eventually triumphed 43-41.

Co-captains Bev Richard and Cathy Galusha were the top scorers for the U of A hoopsters with 15 and eight points respectively. Lyn Ring led the Cougarettas with 16 and Eve Biawn contributed 14.

Saturday, the Dinnies squeaked by the Pandas 40-34 in another close game.

At the end of the first half the Pandas led 18-14 but lost this lead in the second stanza when they attempted to use a man-to-man defence. Towards the end of the game the Pandas reverted to the zone but even though it was successful they were too far behind to recapture the lead.

Rookie Lynda Phillips with seven tallies and veterans Galusha and Nancy Tolley with five apiece were high-scorers for the home club.

Despite the fact that the Pandas lost both their games, Coach Jean Harvie feels that they played exceptionally well. "Our biggest problem was hitting the basket," she later said.

The next couple of practices will be devoted to improving this fault in preparation for the team's coming encounters with UBC Nov. 29-30 and Victoria Dec. 2-3.

### Sport shorts

The Junior Bearcats hockey team is presently in search of a team manager. No previous experience is necessary. If interested, please contact Bob Anderson at 469-4508.

# Bears meet Chiefs on weekend

## Key to success in playmakers

By JOE CZAJKOWSKI

Ho-hum. Do we have to play the Edmonton Chieftains again?

A month or so ago the Bears met the Chieftains in an exhibition game that was billed to be a real grudge match. Well, the supposed battle turned out to be a complete rout.

The highly rated Chiefs were humiliated 125-56 in a completely one-sided contest.

Yet will the Chiefs come back for more? The club that met the Bears earlier had only two practices under their belts.

Since then they've had time to get into shape and have played a number of games in the Edmonton Senior "B" League. The team has definitely improved.

So what will happen this Friday and Saturday when the teams have a re-match? A good question. Both the Bears and the Chiefs will have to wait till game time, 8 p.m. both nights, to find out.

Next league action of the Bears is Nov. 29-30 when the Saskatchewan Huskies invade Varsity Gym.

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This season's Bears are a much improved club over last season's rookie-laden squad.

Sophomore coach Barry Mitchellson seems to have molded his club into a well-knit unit. As well, he has produced a number of individual stars. The names Warren Champion, Don Melnychuk, Bob Morris are heard in cafeterias, classrooms, and hallways on campus everyday. These are acknowledged performers.

But they aren't the team.

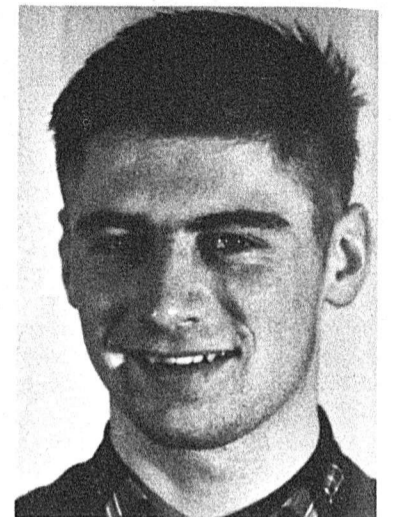
What about the other cagers? They all make a great contribution to the squad. Consider two relatively unknown but yet vital members of the Bear hoopers.

The first of these is centre Brian Rakoz. Big No. 42's presence on the court is always left by the opposition. A consistent performer, he nearly always sinks at least ten points a game.



ANDY SKUJINS

... great dribbler



BRYAN RAKOZ

... good playmaker

His most important contribution, however, is an uncanny knack for setting up his teammates to score. If assists were given in basketball he'd be among the top point getters in the league.

Rakoz frustrates the opponents with his ability to break into the clear on the fast break. He's also proven to be a tough inside man and a good rebounder.

One has to be amazed at his basketball prowess after considering his background. The Daysland product played only "C" league basketball (schools with less than 100 students in high school). Only last year he joined the Junior Bearcats and by the time the season was half over had been promoted to the Bears. This year he holds down the first-string centre position on the club.

Andy Skujins is another of these Johnny-come-latelies to basketball.

Skujins had no basketball experience in high school but joined the Bearcats on coming to university. He played with them for two years before leaving the campus and then had a three year stint with the Chieftains.

On returning to university this

fall, he joined the Bears and appears to be on the way to a great season.

A guard, Skujins has perfected the art of dribbling and sometimes leaves his man standing flatfooted as he drives in for a lay-up. As one amazed Victoria Viking put it, "He just seems to go in ten different directions all at the same time."

He is an outstanding playmaker and often brings down thunderous applause from the fans for his play.

A team needs its Rakozes and Skujins as much as its Champions and a great deal of the credit for the Bears good record this season must go to the playmakers.

### Very short shorts

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