

## Speaking on Sports

By LAWRIE HIGNELL

Unbelievable! Simply unbelievable!

How could refereeing be so bad?

Saturday night I experienced why the Bears have had little chance winning games in the Cowtown in the last few years.

To say that the Calgary referees were biased would compliment their officiating.

To say that they were blind would be much closer to the truth.

In the second half the Bears were penalized seven times within five minutes while the Dinosaurs suffered only one foul against them.

Not until the Dinosaurs had built up an insurmountable 20 point lead did the men in black and white begin to notice the Dinosaurs' rough play.

Next time the Bears play in Calgary they had better borrow some protective equipment from the football team.

The Dinosaurs held, blocked, elbowed and even swung fists at the Bear players. The only factor that kept the officials from counting off 15 yards against the Dinosaurs was that the ball was round instead of oval.

### Football rules would apply

But because they couldn't penalize the Dinosaurs with loss of yardage on the play, they neglected to call anything.

The Bears went into the second half of the game a mere three points down and ready to close the gap.

By the time the parade to the foul line had finished, the Bears were 26 points off the pace and the final outcome of the game had been decided.

At one point in the game, forward Ed Blott was maliciously elbowed in the stomach and left gasping for his breath for two minutes afterward.

The foul was obviously flagrant. (Unsportsmanlike and intentional). But the referees didn't throw the Calgary player out of the game. Instead, they awarded two foul shots to Blott (for the intentional foul) and left the player in the game.

Throughout the second half, this same player continually elbowed and pushed forward Warren Champion and was not once called for it.

After the game, I asked Champion why he didn't speak to the referee and ask him to watch the player.

Much to my surprise, he told me he had asked the referee to watch the fouling, but as to be expected, the referees overlooked the Calgary forward.

Champion could expect to be closely guarded by Calgary. He scored 16 points in the first half and is the Bears' top scorer in the WCIAA.

### Calgary player throws punch

But how could intentional continual fouling go unnoticed by the referees, after a player had specifically asked the referees to watch the fouls?

Another time, forward Blott was fouled by a Calgary player on a rebound. In the act of fouling Blott (across the shoulder), the Calgary player accidentally struck his own teammate.

Immediately the player turned around and swung a fist at Blott, fortunately missing him.

The referees finally did their duty and threw the player out of the game. The night before, another Calgary guard was evicted from the game for swinging at and hitting centre Nestor Korchinsky. I was amazed that Korchinsky, captain of the Bears, only showed his anger and disgust by heaving the ball at the wall and walking away. (I personally would have at least directed the ball at the player.)

On numerous other occasions on Saturday in the second half, the Bears were pushed and offensively fouled by Calgary but not once did they lose their temper.

In Friday's game the refereeing was outstandingly good. Coach Glassford commented to me after the game series, "I was in heaven Friday night, the officiating was so good and fair for both teams."

The coach of the Calgary team was obviously not as pleased Friday. One Calgary team representative said after the Friday game that the two referees would never referee in Calgary again.

I personally hope that the Bears never have to play in Calgary again—against the men in black and white.

## Golden Bear volleyballers win provincial men's championship

"Hustle boys, hustle!" thundered the baritone voice of Costa Chrysothou, Golden Bear volleyball coach.

The boys did hustle, well enough

in fact, to win the Men's Provincial "A" volleyball championship held at the U of A gym last Saturday.

By winning the championship the team moves on to the Canadian

finals to be held at Montreal in March.

The team coasted over all opposition in the tournament. In the morning the Bears outclassed four other teams, including University of Calgary, to win the round robin and thus qualify for the afternoon playoffs.

The first match of the playoffs saw U of C fall to the Bears by scores of 15-7 and 15-8.

The Calgary Grads meanwhile defeated Edmonton Safeway to the final against the Bears.

During the first game of the final match the Bears appeared shaky but managed to win 15-12.

The second game was entirely different. Fired up by their vociferous coach, the Bears wiped out the Grads 15-4 in the final game to prove that they are still Alberta's best.

In order to win, a team must have a good offense, and the Bears are well qualified.

Doug Krenz, team captain, Dennis Johnson, and Tracy Layton all spiked the ball with exceptional accuracy.

They were well set up by Lorne Sawula and Pete Greene, two of the shorter members of the team.

Rounding out the well-balanced squad are Gary Humphreys, Don Holmes, Barry Giffen and Reg Hendrickson.

The Pandas placed well in the Ladies Provincial "A" finals, held last weekend.

They qualified for the finals against Calgary Senior Cals by defeating the Junior Cals in the semi-finals.

U of C lost the other semi-final by bowing down to the powerful Senior Cal team.

The experience of the Calgary squad was dominant in the final games as they defeated the Pandas by scores of 15-9 and 15-12.

Lynn Cooke was the Panda's outstanding player in the finals.

The next big tournament for the Pandas is the WCIAA tournament at Regina on February 9.

Chances are very good that the Pandas will win this meet and bring back the silverware.

## Two remain undefeated after weekend games

OTTAWA (CUP)—The undefeated now total two in college hockey and basketball.

The latest giant to fall is Canada's top-rated basketball team, the Windsor Lancers, who were upset 117-115 in overtime Saturday by eighth-ranked Toronto.

The loss narrowed Windsor's lead in the Ontario-Quebec League's western division to two points.

Windsor's demise leaves basketball's unranked Dalhousie Tigers and hockey's Sir George Williams Georgians as the only undefeated college teams.

Sir George ran their unbeaten string to 13 games Friday by trouncing Bishop's 9-3 in Montreal. Dalhousie on the other hand, were idle at the weekend and saw their Maritime Conference lead cut to two points as once beaten St. Mary's trounced winless Mount Allison 74-55 Saturday in Sackville.

### POSITIONS STRENGTHENED

The rest of the nation's top teams used the weekend to strengthen their positions in league standings.

Basketball's second-ranked Calgary Dinosaurs took a commanding lead in the west by sweeping a two-game series from sixth-ranked Alberta. Calgary were forced to an 81-77 overtime win by their visitors Friday, but won Saturday's game with ease, 94-71.

Alberta's losses dropped them into second-place with British Columbia, who defeated Saskatchewan twice 92-63 and 104-60.

British Columbia trails Calgary by six points with two games in hand, and is the only club with more than a mathematical chance of catching the defending western champions.

The weekend also saw Bishop's

Gaitors assume a big lead in Ottawa-St. Lawrence basketball. The unranked Gaitors jumped six points ahead of second place Carleton by winning a mid-week game against Sherbrooke, and then saw the margin hold up at the weekend as Carleton lost 72-71 to Loyola, and 88-75 to Macdonald College.

### STREAK STOPPED

The losses snapped the tenth-ranked Raven's winning streak at six games and dropped them into a second place tie with Ottawa, who defeated Royal Military College 76-69.

Acadia's surprisingly fourth-ranked Axemen won their second game of the season Friday, 51-45 over Mount Allison.

In hockey, top-rated Toronto remained four points ahead of Waterloo in the OQAA at the weekend by defeating Montreal 11-2, and Queen's 4-3. Toronto, who are averaging better than ten goals per game, have lost one of 11 contests.

Waterloo kept pace with the Blues during the week by defeating Guelph 6-3 Wednesday and third place, fourth-ranked Western Ontario 7-6 Thursday.

The defending Western champions, Alberta Golden Bears maintained their slim league lead by beating winless Calgary 5-2 and 4-1 in Edmonton. The games assured the Golden Bears of a berth in the Quebec Winter Games.

Seventh-ranked Saskatchewan stayed within two points of the second-ranked Bears by taking two games from British Columbia, 2-1 and 4-3.

Fifth-ranked St. Francis Xavier doubled the score on Acadia in each period Saturday to defeat the Axemen 6-3 in Wolfville.

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