

Critical series for basketball squads

Panda basketball coach Debra Shogan says, "This is the weekend for us."

With the Pandas locked into a second place tie in the Canada West standings with the Calgary Dinnies, the series in Varsity Gym this weekend between the two clubs will have a direct bearing on who makes the playoffs — and who watches.

After eight games of the schedule, the wheat and the chaff in women's basketball has been separated. Defending national champion Victoria, who lost just once last year, are undefeated while Alberta and Calgary have 6-2 records. Lethbridge, after losing twice at home to the Pandas last weekend, is a distant 3-5 and Saskatchewan and UBC bring up the rear.

The Pandas therefore will have to win the critical series between themselves and Calgary to guarantee a playoff berth.

According to Shogan, "The key to stopping Calgary is stopping Janis Paskevich. She's the scoring leader (in Canada West) and we have to keep the ball away from her. With her strength under the basket she powers the ball past other players."

Counteracting Paskevich will be Panda center Trix Kannekens. Averaging nearly thirty points a game in her last five outings, Kannekens has been the leader in

the Pandas' attack.

At the only meeting of the year between the teams this season, in the Pandas' Early Season Tournament, Alberta successfully contained Paskevich and won 67-60.

With that victory over Calgary, and an earlier 91-49 thrashing of the Brandon Lady Bobcats, it's tough to figure out why the Pandas are still only ranked tenth in the country, behind both those teams. Calgary is in third place behind Victoria and number one ranked Bishops' while Brandon is sixth.

The rankings may not seem that important until it's realized that rankings have a direct effect on who gets the wildcard berth in the Nationals. And with some of the politics involved, once a team makes the rankings they are usually there to stay.

Shogan says, "With only conference games left how can they expect to rate us against eastern teams. We lost to the number one team, Bishops', by one point and they're trying to tell us there are still eight teams better than us. Personally I'm quite disappointed."

While the Pandas are in the thick of the playoff race with Calgary, their male counterparts aren't having quite as much luck. The Bears are currently in last place with one win in six starts

and the Dinosaurs are sitting at 2-4.

Though off to a bad start, the Bears are by no means out of contention. Fourteen games remain and if they turn it around with a few wins they will be back in the hunt. Currently Victoria is on top with ten points, followed by UBC with eight, and then Saskatchewan and Lethbridge with six points.

THROW-INS

Kannekens scored 44 points in the Pandas' 56-52 and 47-43 wins over Lethbridge.

The Bears should have Greg Dell and Jeff Gourley back for the games against Calgary.

Game time on Friday and Saturday is 7:00 p.m. for the Pandas and 8:30 for the Bears.

CANADA WEST WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

	W	L	F	A	Pct.	GBL
Victoria	8	0	579	391	1.000	-
Alberta	6	2	495	445	0.750	2
Calgary	6	2	530	462	0.750	2
Lethbridge	3	5	467	445	0.370	5
Saskatchewan	1	7	431	521	0.125	7
British Columbia	0	8	343	531	0.000	8

CANADA WEST MEN'S BASKETBALL

	W	L	F	A	Pct.	GBL
Victoria	5	1	493	388	0.833	-
British Columbia	4	2	447	463	0.666	1
Saskatchewan	3	3	443	417	0.500	2
Lethbridge	3	3	433	471	0.500	2
Calgary	2	4	455	457	0.333	3
Alberta	1	5	396	471	0.167	4

Hot shooters in Intramurals

by Garnet DuGray

Awesome! Just one of a thousand words I could use to describe the performance of the L.D.S. men's intramural basketball team last Tuesday evening. The Div. I Monte Court led club had little trouble disposing of the Shooters in their semi-final contest despite some outstanding individual work by Kevin Hamm and Randy McCreary of the Shooters. L.D.S. played a strong team game, in five minute shifts, changing the entire lineup each time.

In other Tuesday night playoff action, Law 'A' downed Med 'A' by a score of 31-23 in Div. I to qualify for the Div. I final Thursday against L.D.S. Div. II final on Thursday against Law 'B' who disposed of an independent club 38-37 in regulation time. The Crew reached the final on a bye after winning their first playoff on Monday. In Div. III action the Wrecking Crew will go after another title when they tangle with 9th Mac. The Crew defeated C.S.A. while 9th Mac downed the Chieftains to make the final.

The men's 3-on-3 basketball starts this coming Monday and runs Tuesday and Thursday in the Main Gym, be sure to check the schedules. As well, the men's hockey continues on both fronts Sunday to Thursday evenings in

the ice arena. Another winter sport of note is the men's cross-country ski race to be held this Saturday, January 17 at Kinsmen Park starting at 1:00 p.m. while a clinic also begins there (at 10:00 a.m.).

Coming up on the next Super Bowl weekend (Saturday and Sunday, January 24 and 25) is the men's bowling tourney which can be just as super to participate in. The tourney takes place in the SUB bowling lanes from 10:00 - 5:00 both days and an entry deadline is set for Tuesday, January 20 by one p.m. in the men's office.

The Co-Rec waterpolo continues in both pools on Mondays and Wednesdays from 7 - 10:30 p.m. each night. Come out and support your team. A reminder from the three offices that the squash and badminton clinics are still to be run with the squash going in the east courts Saturday, January 17 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. while the badminton runs Thursday, January 15 and Tuesday, January 20 from 7:30 - 10:30 p.m.

each night. The badminton will be held both nights in the Education Gym.

Women's 3-on-3 basketball got under way this past Monday in the Main Gym and runs each Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 7 - 9 p.m. until January 29. Be sure to check for your playing times and dates. Still with women's intramurals, their annual curling bonspiel is upcoming on Saturday, January 24 from 1-6 p.m. in SUB. Also the women's squash tourney will be held on Wednesday, January 21 and 28 from 7 - 10 p.m. in the east courts. Deadline for entries is in the women's office by 2 p.m. Monday, January 19.

Finally in the sports news we see that the Shooters ended up on top of the women's first half standings with a total of 264 points. This almost doubled the output of their nearest rivals, Law, who have 135 points to date. In third and fourth spots are Recreation with 121 points and the OV's with 113 points.

SPORTS QUIZ

By Dick Hancock

1. Who is the scoring leader on the Boston Bruins this year?
2. If the NHL playoffs were held right now, which five teams would miss the playoffs?
3. What year was Steve Shutt drafted by the Montreal Canadiens?
4. What team did Gary Unger start his NHL career with?
5. Who was the New York Islanders leading scorer in their first season in the NHL?
6. What two players have appeared in the most World Series?
7. How many times did Sandy Koufax win at least twenty games?
8. When the Dodgers played in Brooklyn who had the club record of 43 home runs in one season?
9. This Atlanta Brave was the last player to lead the league in triples in back to back seasons. Who was he?
10. Who holds the major league record for most innings pitched in a single World Series game? *Answers on page 2*



An Involvement Opportunity

Students' Finance Board

Required: 2 students willing to be U of A S.U. nominations to the Students' Finance Board.

The Students' Finance Board is responsible for the administration of the entire student assistance program, the setting of budget guidelines for loans and the implementation of program changes in the student aid program. The SFB meets approx. 8 times a year in full day meetings.

If YOU are interested...

Please submit a resume to Nolan Astley, President, Students' Union, Rm. 259, SUB by 4:30 P.M. Wednesday, January 21, 1981.
All replies will be held in absolute confidence.
For more info contact N. Astley, President, Rm. 259, SUB (432-4236)

Road trips

On the road again. Six varsity teams are on the road this weekend for exhibition competition against other universities.

The swimming and diving teams will be in Vancouver for a pair of meets. Friday Simon Fraser University will be the host and on Saturday they will compete against UBC and Victoria in a meet at the University of British Columbia.

Also on Saturday the Bears' gymnastics team will be participating in a meet at UBC. The Panda gymnasts will be on the west coast for the second weekend in a row as they travel to Eugene, Oregon, for the University of Oregon Invitational. Last Friday, the Pandas finished third in a meet at UBC involving UBC, Alberta and the Oregon College of Education (OCE). On Saturday they were third, again, in a Seattle meet involving Seattle University, OCE, Alberta and the University of the South Pacific.

The volleyball Bears will take in a weekend tournament in Calgary while the wrestling team is in Regina on Saturday.

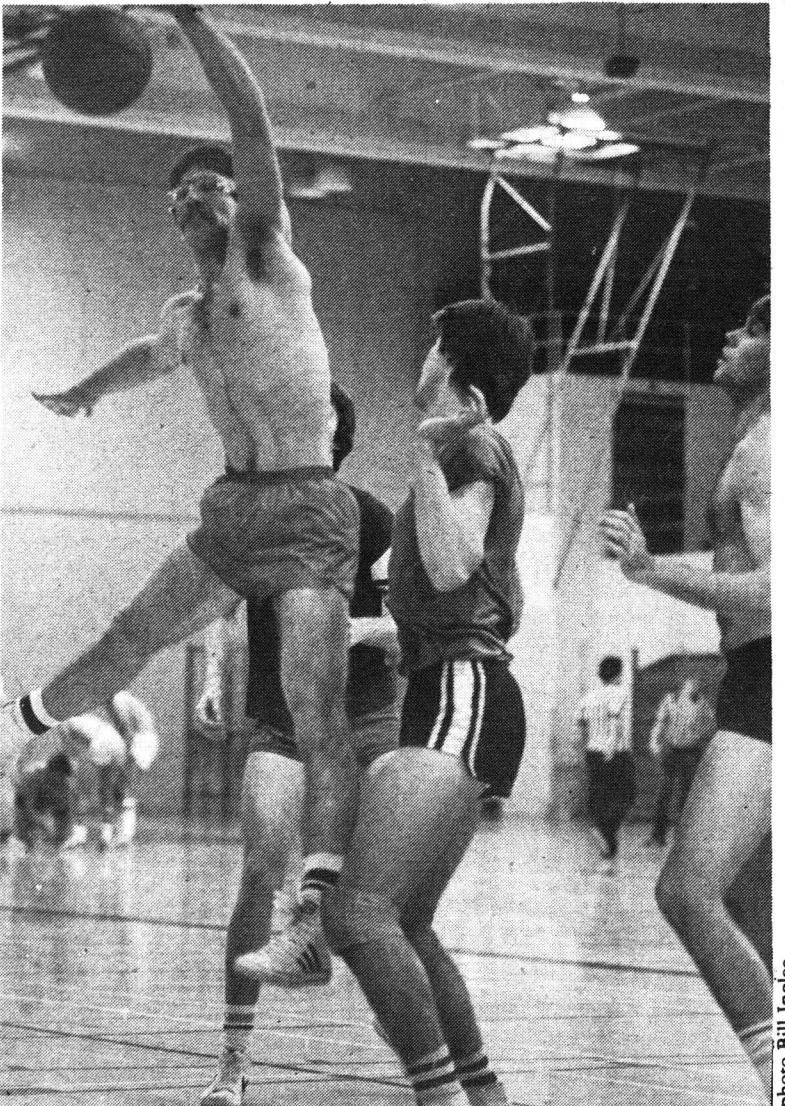


photo Bill Ingles

A future Dr. J? Law 'A' nipped the Med 'A' squad in intramural basketball playoff action Tuesday.