

Scott McIntyre and the Bears host the Lethbridge Pronghorns this weekend. The Pandas start the action off Friday at 6:30 pm.

Pandas host 'Horns

by Alan Small

Last weekend, the Panda basketball team learned a lot from the number one ranked Calgary Dinos. They will learn even more lessons this weekend when they host the Lethbridge Pronghorns for a pair of games.

The Pronghorns are one step below Calgary: their inside game isn't quite as good as Calgary's,

their perimeter shooting isn't as good as Calgary's, but one aspect of the game that they are the best in the conference at is creating turnovers.

The Pandas are another step below the Pronghorns. The Pronghorns sport a fast, experienced lineup that can burn their opponents with turnovers.

"We're about two or three

years behind where Calgary is, depending on recruiting," said Panda head coach Diane Hilko, "we need our players to go out and get that provincial team level

Shot rocks

by Carol Kassian

The U of A Curling Club works for the competitive curler to the beginner.

Although the club organizes and participates in many bonspiels throughout the year, it does not emphasize the competitive aspect of the sport, but rather curling for the fun of it.

The club meets each Sunday evening at the Shamrock Curling Club. Members curl approximately two hours each week, and thus it is not a time consuming activity to participate in. Because the club is mixed in nature, at least one woman per team is required.

Lance Gyte has been an active participant in the club for three years and is currently the club's draw master, who prepares the schedule. Members curl for half of the year and then divide into divisions depending upon their calibre of play. Champions of the various divisions are presented with trophies at the end of the year. In total, members curl between 17-19 times per year.

According to Gyte, the club provides an opportunity to meet other people and build school spirit. Club socials are organized every two months, and are considered an integral part of the club's activities.

In addition to curling each week, some members of the Mixed Curling Club participate in inter-collegiate bonspiels. U of A curlers recently returned from a bonspiel held Sunday, Jan. 15 in Banff. As well, the U of A Mixed Curling Club will be hosting a bonspiel March 10-12. Approximately ten teams from Lethbridge and Calgary are expected to attend.

Small Notes

Four Panda track and field athletes have qualified for the CIAU nationals, which will be held in March. Heather Fuhr qualified for the 3000m, with a time of 9:46.38, and won the 3000m race at last weekend's Golden Bear Open. In the long jump, Jane Cox, with a jump of 5.82m, and Sherry Heschuk, with a jump of 5.42m, both qualified for the CIAU's. Finally, Carmelle Hunka will race the 60m hurdles at the nationals, as her best time this year so far is 8.90 seconds.

This weekend at the university, Golden Bears and Panda swim teams host the Golden Bear Invitational at the West Pool at the Van Vliet Centre. Both teams are ranked third in the CIAU. Also at the university this weekend is a women's gymnastics meet. The Pandas host the University of Calgary and Harry, Ainlay High School in the weekend event.

Rob Galbraith

experience. The players really learn from it and when they come back, the rest of the team moves up a level too."

They also learn the valuable lessons that can move a team up from the basement. Last weekend, when the Pandas hesitated, whether it was shooting, passing, or dribbling, Calgary usually ended up with the ball. Lethbridge can do the same.

Canada West's leading scorer,

Shawna Molcak, victimized the Pandas over and over with turnovers and breakaway layups when the U of A bussed down to Lethbridge earlier in the season. In those games, the Pandas were beaten 89-51, and 95-43, and as the scores indicate, the Pandas were never a factor.

Game time is 6:30 pm, on both Friday and Saturday, at Varsity Gym.

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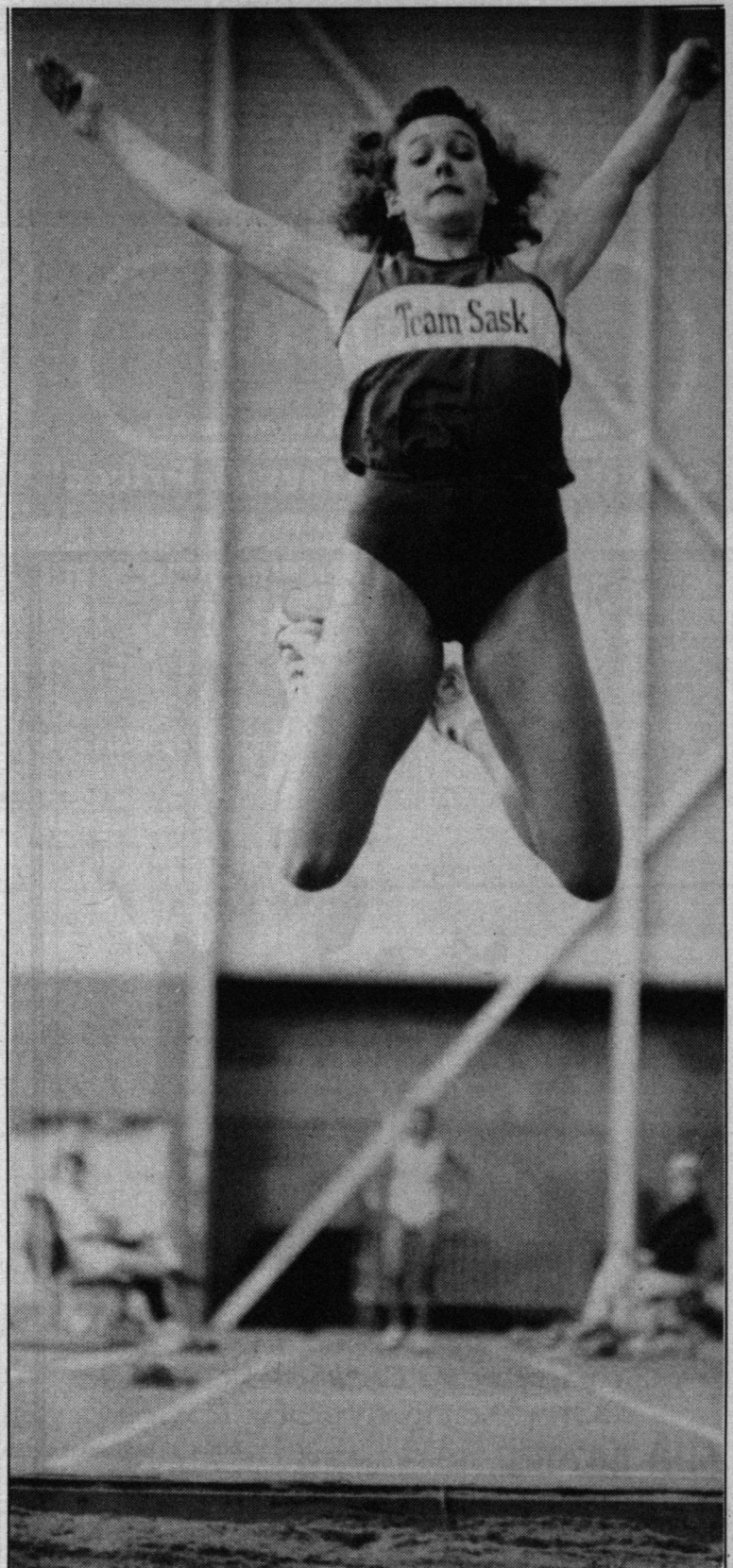
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