

Bears - Dinnies to open cage season tonight

Mitchelson's squad pushed hard in practice

By JOE CZAJKOWSKI

Coach Barry Mitchelson of the Bear cagers said he wasn't too impressed by what he saw of the Calgary Dinosaurs last Saturday.

Yet he put his squad through a four hour practice earlier this week to prepare for this weekend's action against these same Dinnies.

Normally practice lasts only an hour and a half.

This can only mean one of two things. Either Mitchelson is a bit

more worried about Calgary than he lets on, or else he's got a bit of a sadistic nature in him. The players think the latter.

The headman may have a few good reasons behind his actions, however. The team that will face the Green and Gold tonight will not be the same team that Alberta fans saw demolished by the Victoria Vikings last Friday.

Calgary coach Skip Morgan will have a few new faces in his lineup.

Now that the football season has ended, several players will join the Dinnie b'ballers from the pigskin club.

Prominent among them is big center Al Kettles. Kettles was a consistent performer with the "Gronkers" last season.

Of course there are a number of highly capable performers on the Bruins side as well. Outstanding in the Tri-University Classic were Bobby "the Runt" Morris, Dick DeKlerk and Warren Champion. Morris was named most valuable player of the tournament while DeKlerk and Champion were members of the all-star team.

EVERYBODY PLAYS

The entire Alberta lineup will probably see action. Mitchelson hasn't committed himself as to who will definitely start but did say that last weekend's starters, Brian Rakoz, Don Melnychuk, Andy Skujins, DeKlerk and Champion may get the call again.

In any even the "Runt" is sure to see action. Morris was an outstanding Canadian junior player last season. He led the Baby Bears in scoring and has proven himself a threat with the big guys this year.

Another sure performer is Champion. One of the strongest rebounders in the league, he placed at forward on the WCIAA's all-star in 1967-68. Through the season he averaged more than 19 points per game.

Ian Walker, Dave Swann, Larry Nowak, Al Melnychuk and Marcel DeLeeuw round out Mitchelson's squad. With the exception of DeLeeuw, they should all take part in what promises to be an entertaining contest. DeLeeuw is out of action with a knee injury which is mending very slowly.

Game time both tonight and tomorrow is 8 p.m.

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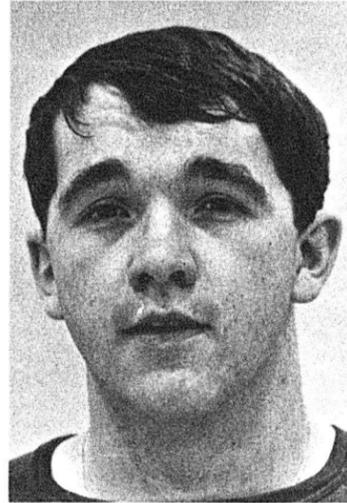
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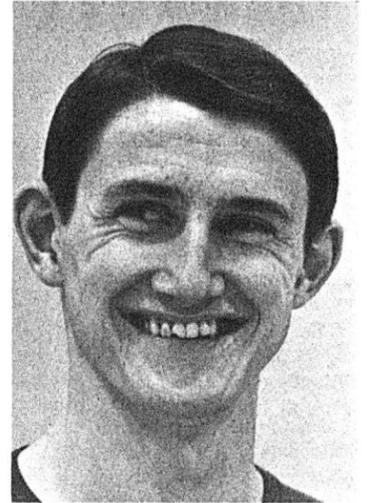
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Pandas open in Calgary

By BEVERLY YACEY

The Panda basketballers have skipped, run, and bruised their way through two two-hour practices every week since Oct. 11 in preparation for the coming season.

They'll be leaving for Calgary on Friday too play in an invitational tourney. Competing in the tourney will be teams from the Universities of Calgary and Saskatchewan (both Saskatoon and Regina campuses) plus the Panda's.

The Pandas first game is against the Regina Cougarettes Friday at 3 p.m. Their next taste of action will come Saturday morning against either Calgary or Saskatoon.

An unusual aspect of the tourney is that Olympic rules will be played. This will speed up play considerably since only flagrant fouls are called.

Panda Coach Jean Harvie is working her players hard in hopes that they can finish in first place

in the WCIAA. League play begins Nov. 29 with the Pandas travelling to Vancouver and Victoria where they will meet the UBC Thunderettes and the U of Vic. Vikettes.

The Pandas also see action in the Edmonton City League. Their intercollegiate squad is divided into two teams each of which participate in the City League schedule.

Veteran co-captains Cathy Galusha and Bev Richards are back to lead the squad again this season. Both girls have proven themselves to be outstanding athletes over the past several seasons.

Strengthening the team is senior Lynda McDonald plus sophomores Connie Sanders, Marge Mavkey, Nancy Tolley and June Casbalt. Promising rookies are Sharon Horden, Candace Clendenning and Terry Speers.

The Pandas won't be seeing any home game action until early in January.

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