

GATEWAY

Thursday night

staff

meeting



7:30 room 282 SUB

Pandas

drop

two

by Pierre le Meilleur
 Victoria 52 Pandas 35
 Pandas 46 Victoria 42
 Last weekend was one of contrasts for U of A's Panda basketball team. On Friday night they allowed the University of Victoria Vikettes to control their game and take a 52-35 decision. Saturday Pandas played a more determined game, stayed close to Victoria, and came on strong at the end to win 46-42.

In Friday's game Vikettes used a height advantage to establish their control. They played a deliberate style keyed to strong rebounding and patience on offense.

The shorter Pandas couldn't cope with Victoria's slow game. They tried to shake things up with a full court press but the Vikettes remained calm, broke the press and scored on some three-on-two breaks.

To add to U of A's troubles, their shooting was off. As a team Pandas made only 22% of their attempts from the floor.

As a result, by halftime the Vikettes led 25-15.

In the second half U of A wanted to pick up the tempo of the game but Victoria wouldn't be budged out of their deliberate style. They stuck to their methodical game and eventually wore Pandas down.

In the last ten minutes the game got pretty rough as the referees called a loose game. I know the women play international rules, but I think the officials carried the international spirit of kindness to all a bit too far.

Pandas coach Kathy Broderick might've been exaggerating when she described the game as "...a bloodbath," but it was definitely punishing, especially under the boards.

Alberta's Wendy Martin led all scorers with 16 points.

For Victoria Edna Ritchie and Lorna McHattie each scored 14 points, and Diane Robbie added 10.

Saturday's game was a different story: perhaps Pandas had discovered some lucky uniforms - they'd switched from the gold of Friday's game to dark green. Whatever it was, they were a much better basketball team.

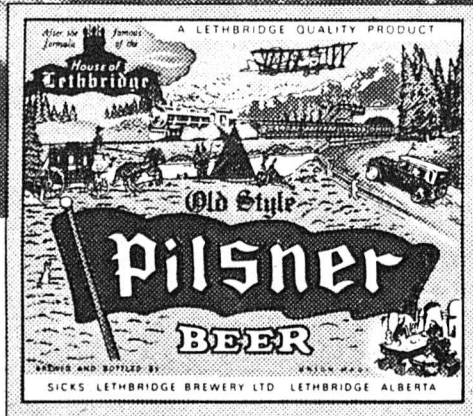
Although Victoria held a slim lead for most of the game, Pandas wouldn't quit. They played better defense, allowing the visitors to make just 24% of their shots compared to 36% on Friday, and improved their own attack by hitting 32% from the floor.

In addition Pandas used their advantage in quickness by running more fast breaks and wearing down the less mobile Vikettes.

With 2:20 left to play Brenda Mckie tied the game at 42 on a layup, and U of A went on from there to win.

The victory was a good team effort for Broderick's club as no less than five of her players fouled out of the game. But the reserves were strong enough to win, led by Mackie and Kathy Moore who were playing their first games after being out with injuries. Martin again was U of A's top point-getter with 17, followed by Amanda Holloway and Kathy Moore with 8 each.

Victoria's scoring was balanced as McHattie had 9 points, and Laurie Atchinson, Donna Blackstock and Rita Clarkson each had 7.



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