

Pandas attacked by Chicks

by Pam Spencer

The Pandas hockey club was back in action last weekend with hopes they would gain a berth in the provincial playoffs. The way did not clear for the Pandas and they were shut down by the Wainwright Chicks.

Six teams were slated to play in the tournament in Bon

Accord last Sunday. The Pandas were drawn to play in a pool containing the Gee Bees and Wainwright. The tournament's winner was then scheduled to play in the Provincials being held in Ardrossan. March 28 - 30.

Defenceman, Holly Meyer opened up the scoring against the Gee Bees when she pitched the puck in from the blue line. From

there on the Pandas skated for control of the puck and maintained excellent positional hockey.

Emily Decorby potted two goals that were assisted by Joanne Ripley's accurate passing. Even though the Pandas were short handed, defenceman Gail DePaoli was able to blast the puck from the blue line into the defendant's net.

To round up the final score, Joanne Hutsul began carrying the puck from the Panda's end and proceeded to waltz around opposing players and then deke the Gee Bee goalie to score. The 5

- 2 victory for the Pandas made them realize they have what it takes to win a hockey game.

Sometimes though a team just encounters all the bad breaks. For example, a loose puck, sliding over the Panda's blue line was being chased by a Gee Bee player. In her efforts to stop the possible breakaway, Panda goalie Leanne Ekholm skated out to deflect the puck; instead the disk flipped over Ekholm and towards the net. Joanne Hutsul dove across the goal and juggled the puck in her arms only to see it drop into the net.

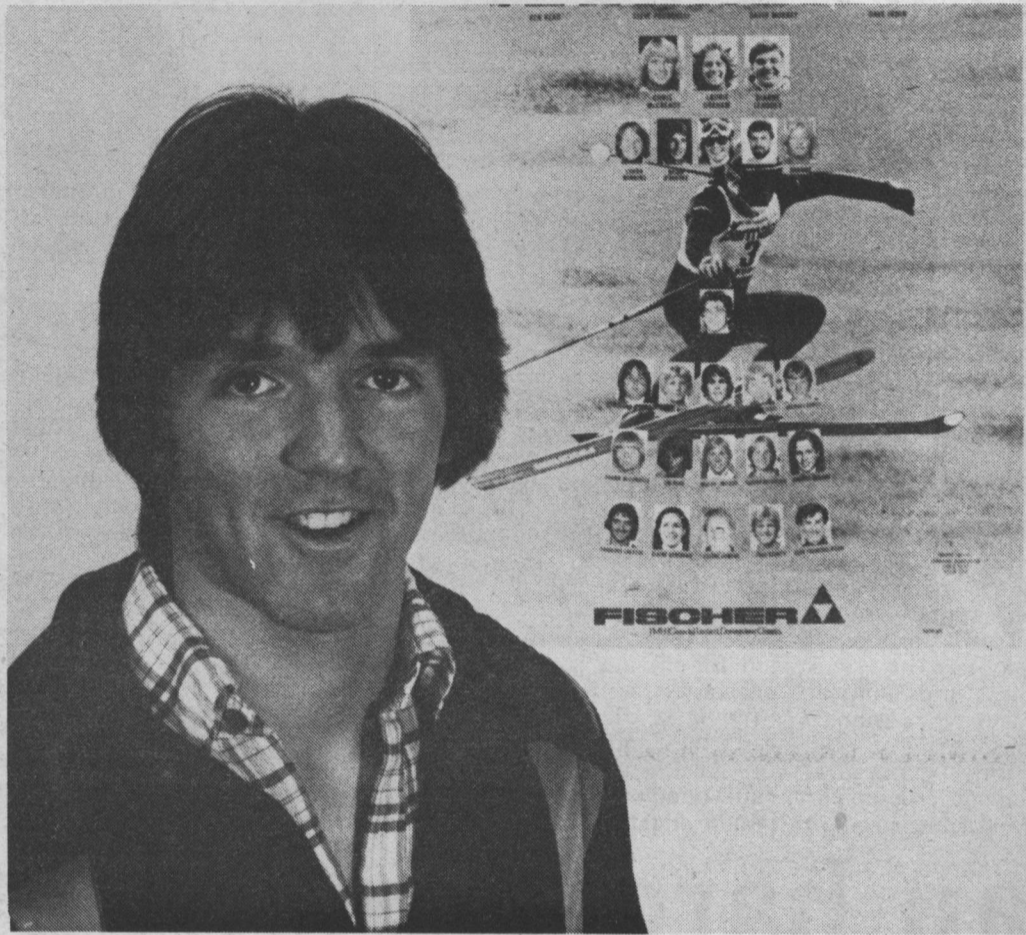
Goals like these, occurring in succession, hinder a team. Such is the story when the Pandas met the Chicks and lost 1 - 5. Lone Panda scorer was Joanne Hutsul.

Last chance to see the Pandas play this year! The Pandas are winding up their season with a grudge match against the Capilano Cruisers. The game is scheduled for April 1 at 8:00 pm in Varsity arena. Take an hour break from your normal routine and see what the Pandas are all about.



Pandas were busy, but missed out on provincial playoffs.

Deane wins always



Brian Deane overcoming shock of his double victory.

by Birt Townshend

The Bears ski team has yet another winner. First year man Brian Deane swept the Marmot Basin Giant Slalom last weekend by winning three out of four runs.

For Saturday's event Deane cleanly beat 74 other racers with a two-second lead over two runs. Sunday, Deane narrowly edged out, by .12 seconds, Darryl Mekechuk, brother of Bears ace Bryan Mekechuk.

Deane commented, "The last run Sunday was pretty tense because I realised, a couple of gates into the course, that my boots were undone." He continues, "I hoped I had a large enough lead to squeeze out Darryl."

In total, Deane was "shocked by my performance," but hopes it is a "sign of things to come."

Deane's victory represents a recovery from a painfully swollen ankle ganglion that was

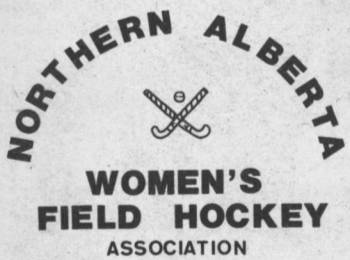
operated on over Christmas. Deane states he "really feels bad about missing the downhill" earlier this year when his ankle was injured. Deane believes serious training this summer will help him get off to a better start next winter.

In addition, next year Deane plans to attend the U of A for the first term and later travel to the U.S. to train. In any case Deane is one of the first, but not last, of up and coming racers joining the Bears from local teams.

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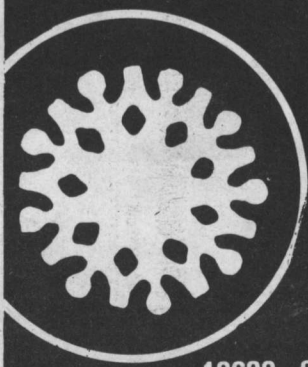
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Throw the last rock for me

The U of A curling club concluded its season last weekend with playoffs. Congratulations go to the Gary Stinn rink for winning the A event of the mixed curling. Honors also go to the Larry Berg rink for winning the B-event.

In the men's playoffs, Ken Glowinsky's foursome captures the A event while Sigmund Undenheim won the B event.

The club thanks the executive for a very successful year and will have a 1980-81 executive election meeting on Monday, March 31 at 5:00 p.m. in room 142C of SUB. The meeting is open to all curlers.