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Entertaining Men's ball game

Bears 81 U of Vic 59
Bears 63 U of Vic 58

Last weekend Barry Mitchelson's basketball Bears successfully opened their 74-75 regular season by taking two games from U of Victoria Vikings, 81-59 and 63-58. 1000 fans turned out Friday night not knowing what to expect - the preseason play had been spotty, last year's big guns were gone and it looked like a rebuilding year for the Bears with an inexperienced team. Well..... Friday, the fans were treated to one of the most entertaining ball games I've seen in Varsity Gym. Good? ... Exciting ... YES!!!

The Bears started strong with Booker Hamilton leading the shooting by going 0-8 from the floor in the first six minutes while at the other end of the court the Bears stood around and with some very tenacious defensive play managed to give up several uncontested 6' shots. The Vikings led 20-4 after 7 minutes of the first half. It was pathetic.

But that was the end of the crop. It was all Bears from then on as they came back to trail 37-32 at the half and won in a run 81-59. Several factors contributed to the success. Doug Baker, the Mount Royal JC transfer, came off the bench at the ten minute mark and pumped in 13 of 19 in a display of classy shooting which 13 becoming typical of his play. (All this despite a bum leg that kept him out of practice all week.) The Bears defence improved considerably after they caught on to the Vikings patterned offence and indeed did start to check tenaciously. They held Victoria to 22 points in the second half and at times the Vikings appeared quite lost and intimidated as the Bears capitalized on several steals and some good rebounding and ran them off the court.

Baker led all scorers with 26 while Rick Johnson, with 10, was the only other Bear in double figures as all players managed to score at least once. For the Vikings it was Lorne Dakin with 12, Lee Edmundson, 11, and Rob Parrish and Jim Dudderidge with 10 each. Bears outrebounded Vikings 39-33 with Hamilton pulling down 9.

Saturday night produced another exciting game with the Bears winning a close one 63-58. Victoria, having recovered from their fog induced travel hassles, played tough ball all night, outrebounding the Bears and slowing the play to cut off the Bears fast break. Physically and statistically the Vikings big men dominated the Bears outrebounding them 38-30. Starting slowly, the Bears gradually built up a 13 point lead early in the second-half but foul trouble to key personnel like Rick Johnson and Dave Holland allowed the Vikings to come back and go ahead and it took some fine play in the dying minutes to pull it out. Dan Court pumped in two quick baskets after some aggressive hustling to give the momentum to the Bears and in the last minute Len Daviduk stuffed a shot and Bill Hamilton went down and scored the basket that put it on ice.



Leading scorer for the Bears again was Baker with 18, while Hamilton added 13, Court 12 and the 18 year old rookie Colin Fennell threw in 11 points. Jim Dudderidge led the Vikings with 14 while Rob Parrish, 12 and Lee Edmundson (10) also scored in double figures. Six foot Dan Court led the Bears in rebounding with 7 which probably says something about his own hustle and the degree to which the Bears big men were outplayed.

Elsewhere around the league, Calgary took two from Saskatoon and Lethbridge, in a big upset, beat UBC by 20 on Friday before losing Saturday.

All in all it was a good weekend, the Bears are tied for first with Calgary, they showed an inexperienced club with lots of hustle and lots of spirit. The centers were weak (11 points and 12 rebounds in two games, 13 not enough), but the guards and forwards are OK. Whatever happens you can be assured that Mitch's Bears will be competitive at worst and very entertaining.

so get off your butts and come out and see some fine action at Varsity Gym.

Next week the Golden Bears travel to Vancouver to mix 2 games with UBC in with some heavy Grey Cup festivities. Good luck, team!

Good play but no wins for PANDAS

Pandas 28 Victoria 59
Pandas 44 Victoria 46

The Panda basketball team opened their season this weekend with home games against the University of Victoria Vikings. Pandas came up with no wins but managed to play good basketball at times.

Friday night was generally a poor effort by both teams. Pandas let the bigger, slower Victoria girls control the pace of the game and did not use their own speed to advantage as they trailed for most of the game. The 21 point spread between the teams is not a true indication of the play in the game, as Victoria scored a lot of their points in the last five minutes when Pandas were gambling on defence as they tried to get possession of the ball. Deena Mitchell scored 12 points for Pandas.

Saturday Pandas played a hustling, fast breaking game. They led 22-10 at half time but then slipped in the second half and allowed Victoria to catch up through a combination of poor Panda shooting and a double teaming Victoria defence. Victoria tied the game with 2 seconds remaining and went on to outscore Pandas 6-4 in the overtime to win the game. Amanda Holloway and Nora Way led Pandas with ten points each.

Steward was late but we won anyway

by Cam Cole

Alberta 6 UBC 3
Alberta 7 UBC 3

Considering how Oliver Steward's Friday had gone, Coach Clare Drake was probably wildly ecstatic when he showed up for the game in one piece.

Steward was caught ... uh ... with his pants down, so to speak, when the team plane left for Vancouver, and had to catch the next flight. Then, upon arrival, he found that his was among six pieces of players' luggage left behind at Edmonton International Airport.

After a day like that, it's hard to believe the evening could be worse. In fact, it wasn't.

Oliver popped in a rebound with just 59 seconds remaining in regulation time to give Bears a 3-3 tie and send Friday's match into overtime. Alberta then responded with 3 goals in the 10-minute period, including the winner by Steve McKnight, to gain an important 6-3 win over UBC Thunderbirds.

Rick Wyrozub and Clark Jantzi had each scored apparent goals earlier in the game, which

were disallowed for no visible reason! As usual, shots on goal meant little to Alberta. They outshot UBC 42-24 in three periods, yet had to really scramble to tie it up.

Jim Ofrim converted a rebound for Bears first goal. BC's Brian Penrose scored the only goal of the second frame and, early in the third, Bruce Brill put the T-Birds ahead 2-1. The teams exchanged quick goals, Ross Barros tallying for Alberta, and Gerry Bond replying for BC. Bears then got the break they needed when BC's Bill Ennos took a tripping penalty late in the game. When Steward scored (the Bears third consecutive power-play goal) there was an audible groan inside UBC Winter Sports Complex - the T-Birds were rapidly running out of gas.

At 6:28 of the overtime period, Steve McKnight swooped in from the right side, put a good move on goalie Vic Lemire, and slipped in a very pretty winning goal.

Kevin Primeau and John Horcoff added some insurance before time expired.

Athletic scholarship

What is the bitch against scholarships around here anyway? Athletic scholarships anyway. It seems fashionable to condemn people who are on such things as being mercenary pampered oafs who are good for nothing more than seeing how many bones they can break over the course of a football season.

Athletic Scholarships are only given in one place in Canada and that is at Simon Fraser University.

I wrote to Bob De Julius, co-head coach of the Clansmen for some information regarding their scholarship program: the scholarships that are available to student athletes amount to \$227 per semester. The scholarships are dependent upon the student carrying a minimum of 12 hours with a grade point average of 2.2 (C+).

Not all of the team receive those scholarships: several players receive half-scholarships, many receive none at all and a few receive larger sums from various other Federal and Provincial scholarship funds.

If a student receives a scholarship from another source, he is ineligible to receive the SFU scholarship.

Many of these rulings are in line with NAIA regulations.

The recruiting program is not all that much more active than what we have here at U of A. Cards are sent to coaches and athletes and the follow-up includes a visit to the school and home of the athlete.

They are then brought to Simon Fraser and shown the campus and a film of highlights from SFU games. Occasionally a prospective player will be taken out to dinner but that is about the end of it.

This is in stark contrast to other recruiting programs in the US such as the monster at schools like Ohio State.

The chore of all Canadian colleges including Simon Fraser in the matter of recruiting is compounded by the fact that they have to recruit against Canadian professional teams. If a player plays his college ball in Canada, anyone in the CFL can draft him whereas if the CFL team sends him to the states, he is pretty well their property.

Consequently, Canadian colleges lose a lot of good players in order to maintain the CFL's rights.

The scholarship program seems to be working at Simon Fraser and the benefits to players are manifold. Aside from the football experience, Simon Fraser graduates have gone on to law school at U of A, medicine and other professions as well so it would appear that they are receiving a good academic background. Of five graduating from last year's team, four are presently toiling in the CFL while one is in Law here.

There are standards that must be upheld to maintain the scholarships and eligibility to play football.

In CIAU competition, the only standard that players must conform to is that they be registered as students.

Athletic scholarships are frowned upon by many people who sit calmly by while money is handed out for people to carry on art studies, language studies and so on.

In Canadian college competition, the emphasis is supposedly on pride in playing for a particular team but that argument is somewhat unreasonable. I doubt very much whether Lui Passaglia of the Clansmen is hanging his head because he is at Simon Fraser instead of somewhere else.

The idea is to have some kind of standard besides athletic skill in university sport and in possessing this characteristic, give the players a few options aside from football and enhance the reputation of University sport in general.

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about what they deserved.

The Bears have now compiled 4 wins and 2 losses compared to BC's 3 and 4 record.

Calgary leads the league with 4 wins against only 1 loss against Alberta.

PANDAS play in CWUAA

The Panda volleyball team played in the first C.W.U.A.A. tournament this weekend in Victoria. Pandas finished second in the round robin competition, as they won four out of five matches in the two days.

For a time on Thursday night Pandas were wondering if they would even get to Victoria, let alone play any games. The flight to Vancouver left Edmonton on schedule but then encountered heavy fog in Vancouver and was forced to return to Edmonton. The team spent the night in the Mayfair Hotel in Edmonton, courtesy of Air Canada, and then flew to Victoria early Friday morning.

Pandas had to rush to the gym to play their first games and

despite being tired after their travelling adventures they held on to beat U of Lethbridge two games to one, with scores of 11-15, 15-5, 15-11. Pandas met the powerful U.B.C. team in the afternoon and dropped the first game 12-15. The girls stood up under the pressure, coming back with convincing 15-6, 15-0 victories to take the match.

Saturday morning Pandas marched by U of C in two straight games by scores of 15-6, 15-12. In the following games against U of S the girls served well but did not play up to par for the entire match as they lost 6-15, 13-15. Pandas rallied back against an improved U. Vic. team and won their last match 15-8, 15-11.