

SPORTS

Bears tumble —

Pandas roll on

Bears

The weekend meet proved to be a disappointing one for the Bears. In competition with the University of Manitoba and the University of Calgary, Bears placed 2nd with a total of 112.80 points while Manitoba finished on top with 128.65. Calgary was third with 108.15.

Individually Keith Carter of Manitoba topped the list with a score of 49.90 for the 6 events. Bob Blanchette of Calgary was second with 47.85. Alberta's top gymnast was Brian Smith who finished with 45.75 points.

Colin Lorback, after a strong performance in Montana, finished a dismal sixth.

However, the addition of Gord Osborne, who was winning another individual competition elsewhere, will strengthen the team for its competition in Calgary next weekend.

Pandas

The Panda gymnastics squad won their second meet of the season on Saturday as they defeated teams from U of C and the U of Manitoba in a tri-meet held at the University of Alberta.

Barb Rutherford was named the outstanding all-round gymnast of the meet. Her score of 30.05 included first place finishes on the uneven bars and in the vault.

Wah-King Ng of the U of A had her best performance of the year as she placed third all-round. Wah-King was first on the balance beam with a 7.8 and tied for first in floor exercise.

Another Panda, Irene Warner, placed eighth all-round with a consistent performance.

Next weekend Pandas travel to Calgary for a meet, where they hope to keep up their impressive record.

Bears 65 - Vikings 77
Bears 66 - Vikings 51

by Cliff Lacey

This weekend the Bears split a series with the CWUAA league leading Victoria Vikings.

Friday the Bears had trouble getting in the groove, and had still not scored after 3½ minutes of play. In thirty seconds they put in three baskets and took the lead.

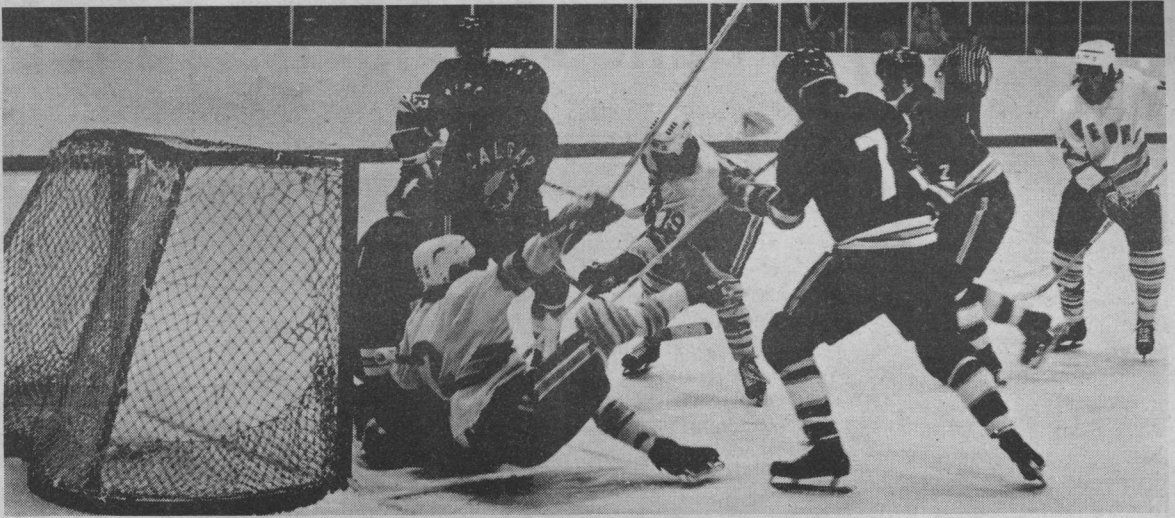
The teams played tough defensively and forced the game to move slowly at times. The Bears put out the press to try and force turnovers. This style of play worked well for them as they were able to maintain their over the bigger Vikings. The

Bears held the lead at the half by a score of 39-34.

The Bears were obviously out for a win. They burned up the floor and dumped in big points to take a 12-point lead, 5 minutes into the second half.

The pace of the game began to change. Bears got worked up over their lead, and play broke down. The Vikings' experience began to cash in on Bears' sloppy play.

With 9:56 left to play, Vikings called a time out. They had tied it up and had a shot from the foul line to take the lead.



Bruins' pennant in the bag

by Cam Cole

Clare Drake wasn't surprised when his Bears clinched first place in the CWUAA, with six of twenty-four games yet to play in the regular season schedule. Pleased, yes. But not surprised.

Everything went according to the script. Bears knocked off the Dinosaurs, just like they were supposed to, and UBC Thunderbirds dropped one of their two weekend games to Saskatchewan.

The result - Bears will finish first, and Heaven-only-knows-who, second. Calgary and UBC are tied for second spot, 13 points behind Alberta. Calgary has 2 games left against Saskatchewan, BC has 2 with Bears, and they meet head-on 4 times. No predictions.

The Bears played only two periods of really productive hockey in the two contests, but it was enough. Calgary couldn't built up any sort of lead, despite having an edge in play in the first half of both games.

Consequently, Alberta was able to battle back from narrow deficits and wind up on top.

Bears 7 Calgary 4

Bryan Sosnowski, who celebrated his return to the lineup with 2 goals, opened scoring midway through the first period, but two quick goals by Ricki Alexander and Shane Tarves gave Calgary the lead going into the second. Abby Hebert tied it up on a low screened shot from the point, but Brian Eloschuk put Dinnies

ahead again 3-2 before the period ended.

The clock had scarcely begun to roll when Sosnowski hit with his second of the night, but Calgary got the lead back quickly on a breakaway by Bob Laycock.

Then Howard Crosley spotted a gaping hole in the Dinnies' defence, picked up a loose puck, dashed in and beat Calgary goalie Bob Galloway on the backhand.

Bears seemed to pick it up from there, and notched three more goals, two by Oliver Steward and the other by Steve McKnight. Craig Styles got a rare shot at a regular shift and responded with 3 assists (including both of Steward's tallies) in his best-ever performance as a Golden Bear.

Bears edged Dinnies 34-33 in shots, one of the few times the opposition has even come close this season.

Bears 5 Calgary 4

Alberta certainly seems to enjoy pulling it out of the fire in the third period.

Three breakaways could have done the Bears in early, but Craig Gunther was very sharp in the net and Bears were still in it at the end of the second period with goals by Oliver Steward and Bryan Sosnowski. Brian Eloschuk and John MacPhee replied for Dinnies.

In the third period, Bears fell behind on a goal by Shane Tarves, but Howie Crosley's chest-high shot from the point tied the score at 10:29.

Rick Hindmarch tallied on a beautiful individual effort seconds later, beating Crosley (and everyone else) with a terrific burst of speed.

Calgary's lead lasted less than a minute before Clark Jantzie knotted the match once more, and Bruce Crawford's 30-foot screened shot at 16:55 capped the come-from-behind victory.

Referee Dick Currie had his hands full, as play was rough and chippy throughout much of the contest. Currie assessed 33 minutes in penalties to Dinnies, and 27 minutes to the Bears.

Near the end of the first period, Ron Gerlitz suffered a head injury when he collided with Alberta's Jim Ofrim. It is believed that he has a concussion, his fourth such injury in the last two years, and may miss the rest of the season. Bears outshot Dinos 42-25.

B'Ball Bears gain split with Vikes

The Bears were never back in the game. Vikings expanded their lead and got a convincing win from goof team effort.

Saturday, the Bears used the same game plan. They played 40 minutes of good ball, and handed Victoria only their third loss of the season. All three losses have been courtesy of Alberta.

The second game started off slowly for the Bears. They had nobody on the boards and their shots were off. Doug Baker started to break up Victoria's plays and the Bears suddenly got hot. Just before half time, the Bears started to draw fouls and slowed the pace of the game considerably. Again they led at the half, 32-25.

Once again, the Bears came out like gangbusters. They ran it up to a 42-29 score with 10:46 to play. They kept up their fast attack and tight defence to crush the Vikings and leave them struggling against good ball control in the dying moments.

After Saturday's game, Coach Barry Mitchelson explained, "We didn't do anything different, we got in and played defence for 40 minutes. I feel, because of the size of the team, we have to beat them on turnovers and on rebounds."

Bears got good play from a new quarter. Rick Johnson put in a good two way performance on Saturday to quench some of the Vikings' fire. Len Davidiuk came back from a hand injury of three weeks ago, to help spell off Dave Holland.

Top scorer in Friday's effort

was Doug Baker with 18 points. Wallace Tollestrup proved he is back in form, hitting for 13 points.

For Victoria, Dave Mulcaby had 16 points, little guard Rob Parris hit well from outside and scored 14 points while Jim Dudderidge had 12 points and 11 rebounds for the winners.

Saturday, Dan Court came back from a bad game Friday to score 16 points for the Bears, while Fennel added 12, Tollestrup 10 points and 7 rebounds, and Len Davidiuk had 7 points and 7 rebounds as well.

Victoria's weakened attack resulted in 13 points for Dudderidge and 11 points and 11 rebounds for Mulcaby.

Victoria may soon be unseated from their top birth. They have finished their season against Lethbridge and Saskatchewan for eight easy wins. They now must face both Calgary and UBC on the road. That combination could spell four losses for Vikings, as they finish their season.

Len Davidiuk will likely be the starting player in Dave Holland's spot, at least for next weekend's action against UBC Thunderbirds at Varsity Gym. Holland sprained an ankle in Victoria.

In women's basketball Saturday, the Pandas stole a win from the number one team in their league. They lost a close one to the Vikettes Friday, after having the lead off and on for half the game.

A full account of both games in Thursday's issue.

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