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HOPPING PAST OBSTACLES The Bears hope to jump into the Canada West final by beating UBC this weekend.

Past favours Bears in playoff battle versus Thunderbirds

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Heading into the Mountain Division Final this weekend, the Bears have history and experience on their side.

When the puck drops Friday night between the Bears and the UBC Thunderbirds, it will mark the ninth-straight year in which Alberta has hosted the second round of the playoffs. In that span, Alberta has won every single series and gone on to win Canada West six of those times. On top of that, the Bears haven't lost a post-season game since 2004 and have not lost a home game to UBC since 21 November, 1998. According to assistant captain Ben Kilgour, playing at home in the playoffs is especially important this year with the high turnover on the roster.

"We don't have a lot of guys from the past, but there are a few guys that have been here before," he explained. "But we do have home-ice advantage, and it bodes well for us because we have been good at home, and we just need to come out and control the tempo."

With the success of the Bears program over the last decade comes a ton of experience. Alberta has six players on the roster shooting for their third

consecutive National Title and 15 players with playoff experience. On the other side of the rink, the T-Birds won their first playoff series in 36 years with their victory over Lethbridge last weekend. Bears head coach Eric Thurston understands how beneficial it is to have an edge in experience, but refuses to take UBC lightly for the same reason.

"This series is important for us because we need to be in the playoff mindset to win," he said. "UBC is coming out of a tight series, and we need that playoff savvy where we're scratching and clawing for every inch. We can't come out and go through the motions because if we do, it will be a sorry wake-up call."

The Bears seemed to be more concerned with coming out flat after a week of rest than with the hunger of their opponents. Though getting some extra rest is a bit old hat for this Bears squad, they know just how much momentum winning a series can be for a club, especially one like UBC that has been playing must-win games for the last few weeks.

"We had a really good week of practice, and we've been in this situation before," Kilgour said. "The thing about other teams is whether it's two games or three games, the winning team

always gains a little bit of momentum from winning."

Thurston believes that being mentally prepared is the key to success in a playoff setting and is confident his group is ready to compete.

"We've experienced this before. Usually coming off a bye there is a period to a period-and-a-half let down, but most of the time you are so excited to be in the playoffs that your emotion carries you through," he said.

Playing in control will be a huge factor in this weekend's contest. With the crackdown on obstruction calls all season long, a penalty in an important post-season game could have a big impact on the final result. Alberta has the second-worst penalty kill in the conference, so Thurston's bunch will be hard-pressed to stay out of the penalty box to maintain their impressive post-season win streak.

"UBC is a good team and to be successful we have to come ready to play. Discipline has to be the main focus," Thurston said. "We have to make sure we get back to stick-on-puck hockey and stay focused on the new rules."

The best-of-three series gets underway at Clare Drake Arena at 7:30pm on both Friday and Saturday night, and game three will be at 7pm on Sunday if necessary.

SPORTS SHORTS

by Paul Owen and Ryan Heise: poet

Pandas Basketball

"We've got to get one more," head coach Scott Edwards told me on Tuesday. "We'd better get one more."

One more win is all it will take to send the basketball Pandas to this year's National Championships in St John's, Newfoundland. They will be hard pressed to get one this weekend, however, as they compete in the Canada West Final Four along with Winnipeg, UBC and SFU. UBC and SFU are two of the five teams who have beaten Alberta this season, while the Pandas downed Winnipeg 84-77 in the Main Gym on 12 January.

Alberta's first matchup will be against the SFU Clan, who feature a pair of first-year posts from the Edmonton area—Kate Hole and Lauren Weigl. Edwards

hopes to make them regret leaving for Burnaby.

"They've got a couple local girls that it would have been great to get—hopefully we can show them what they're missing," he said.

The Pandas get underway at 8pm Pacific on Friday at UBC. Should they win, they'll face the winner of UBC/Winnipeg on Saturday; if they lose, they get the loser. The top three teams will advance to Nationals.

Edwards was also recognized this week as the Canada West Coach of the Year for his part in guiding the team to a 16-6 finish and the Central Division crown.

Wrestling

Anthony Kulak, Jarrett Wall, Samantha McKay and Jenna Yamashita will head to Saskatoon for the CIS Championships this weekend. Kulak, Wall and Yamashita booked their tickets with medals at the Canada West Championships two weeks ago, while McKay's fourth-place finish allowed her to go when the bronze

medallist pulled out due to injury. Kulak and Wall will be medal hopefuls for the Alberta squad, while the women may have a tough time finding the podium.

Pandas Hockey

Fifth-year forward Lindsay MacAlpine was named Canada West MVP. The assistant captain racked up 57 points to lead the country this year. Joining her as first-team conference all-stars were forward Tarin Podloski and defenceman Rayanne Reeve. Forward Jenna Barber, the conference's third leading scorer with 40 points, was named to the second team, and Taryn Barry was nominated as the Canada West candidate for the Marion Hilliard award for exemplifying leadership, team spirit and academic achievement.

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