



IN FOR THE SHOT—Bison defenceman Barry Solnes charges after the puck past the Bears' Wilf Martin. The Bears won both of the games on the weekend but there were forty penalties handed out in the two contests.

—Neil Driscoll photo

Hockey Bears score double win over Bisons

By RICHARD VIVONE

The hockey Golden Bears took a major step towards recapturing the Hardy Cup with two weekend victories over defending national champion Manitoba Bisons.

The Bears won a 3-1 decision Friday and followed up with a 5-2 victory Saturday.

More than 2,200 fans went wild as the Bears turned a one goal deficit into a 3-1 victory with three unanswered goals, Darrel Leblanc scored twice and Austin Smith notched another. Temperamental Tom Trosky scored the visitors' marker.

The highly touted Bisons made an unsuccessful attempt to chase the Bears out of the rink with some rough-house tactics but the Bears were more than equal to the occasion. The Kozicki-Martin-Leblanc unit was outstanding both ways for Alberta.

Midway through the first session, Trosky took a perfect pass from Gord Lineall and beat Wolfe with a low slider. Twelve penalties later, Austin Smith tipped in Brian Harper's drive to knot the score. The Bears had a man advantage at the time. Three minutes elapsed before Leblanc blasted Alberta into the lead with a rising backhand, Leblanc fired the insurance goal late in the final period.

Fans were treated to great hockey with end to end rushes and minor temper eruptions. Brian Harper and Jim Irving were thwarted after spectacular solo jaunts. The goal tending was superb on both sides. A few tempers were superh too.

Saturday U of A jumped into an early 3-0 lead, but Clarence Gabriel, Bison netminder, was fantastic as he robbed Bear forwards throughout the game.

Smith opened the scoring at the one minute mark and Kozicki was foiled on a breakaway seconds later. Gabriel beat Smith on a similar effort only to have Wilf Martin bat in the loose puck. Martin added two more to his total before the final whistle, Gerry Braunberger scored the other goal.

Jim Irving's 40 foot screen shot and Plewes' drive beat Wolfe cleanly for Manitoba's points.

Once again Manitoba tried to wear down Bear forwards with heavy bodychecking but the final score indicates their failure. Hugh Twa belted several Bisons in robust manner and was victim to some gang tackling later. Many of the 2200 fans thought the incident wasn't accidental.

Coach Clare Drake was pleased with the play of his club but noted the Bears still had to play in Manitoba. He feels the Bisons are "still in the race".

Bits 'n Pieces

Mike Ballash received a charley-horse in the first game and didn't dress on Saturday. The sports writer for the Manitoban told radio fans "the first thing that the Bisons had to do in the Edmonton rink was forget about hockey because they were in for a battle." They obviously forgot about hockey—Drake hopes to have Twa ready for next weekend.

Bison players were impressed with Austin Smith. Left winger Mike Plewes said, "he gives you the puck and takes it away and then he's gone." Stan Kozicki gave a tremendous effort on the ice but his luck is non-existent. He hit two goalposts when Gabriel was nowhere in sight.

Manitoba pulled their goalie in the first period Friday when the Bears were shorthanded. They did the same on Saturday and Martin missed the open net from the blueline. There were 40 penalties called in the series—21 of them going to Manitoba. Referee Bill Bucyk has a thankless task.



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Co-Ed Corner

by Marion Conybeare

Lower res A cleaned phys ed 6-0 in the intramural curling final last week.

Wendae Graver skipped teammates Cecile McLaren, Peggy Ranzer, and Irene MacKay to victories over nursing B and lower res B in the final rounds. In the final the phys ed girls just weren't competition.

Members of the phys ed team were: Cathy MacLeod, Vicki Grisdale, Ann Krauntha, and Donna Alexander.

Pi Phi was the only defaulting in intramural broomball last Thurs-

day. The previous week saw all seven games defaulted.

Players were evenly matched and final scores were: ag vs mls, 1-0; ag vs Theta, 1-0; phys ed B vs Delta Gamma, 1-1; Theta vs ed 0-0.

Mixed badminton wound-up last Saturday with Lionel Lee, eng and Nancy Ting, grad studies in first place.

Rhonda Calquhoun and Doug McMillan took second spot for rehab med and science. Rehab med student Rita Kilert and grad student Jurgen Popking teamed up for the third place team.

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