

Gateway Sports



Bob Anderson ... one man's opinion

CALGARY—Yes, dear, our Golden Bears were beaten THAT badly here Saturday night by those upstart Calgary Dinosaurs.

Beaten badly on the scoreboard (where it really matters) and physically (where it really hurts).

The Bears were just simply no match for George Kingston's Dinnies who were higher than the Empire State Building for this one.

The Calgarians had been preparing for Saturday's showdown for a long time. Like since way back in November when they were edged 4-3 by the Bruins in Edmonton.

The Dinosaurs are a collection of rather huge chaps and don't mind the rough going unlike a few of the Albertans. And they made sure that the visitors found this out early in the contest. Rearguards Darryl Maggs and John Kinsman, two of the biggest, intimidated the Bears early and without Mike Ballash around to even things up, got away with much more than they should have.

It's easy to blame the goaltender when a club gets whopped 9-1 as did the Bears, but in all fairness to Dale Halterman, it just wasn't all his fault.

Calgary's first three goals came off rebounds after Halterman had made the initial save. There was just no one around the cage to clear away the loose pucks.

The other six tallies came fairly easy for the Dinnies as the Bears stopped skating after they found themselves down 5-0 after only 15 minutes.

However, all is not as hopeless as it may seem at first.

Sure, the club lost a big game and lost it but good. But Brian McDonald's crew has been in the hole like this on at least two previous occasions this season. And they haven't pressed the panic button unlike certain sportswriters.

The net result was the biggest crowd ever to watch a Dinosaur home game (2,540 crowded into Foothills Arena which has a seating capacity of 1,800) and the most enthusiastic one what with noisemakers, assorted signs and banners and even the odd crock here and there.

Alberta fans even got swept up in the enthusiasm surrounding the game, as about 100 staunch supporters, led by a strong contingent from the law faculty, made the trip by assorted methods of transportation.

As several players put it, it's a brand new season once play-off time rolls around. If you don't believe that, just ask anyone who was associated with Toronto's Maple Leafs back in the days when that club was winning Stanley Cups after finishing third or fourth in the league schedule.

Varsity Arena

Getting back to Saturday's contest, it was obvious the Calgary fans had done some preparation themselves for the big game. The whole campus had been subjected to a very effective campaign by the athletic department called "Beat the Bears Week."

It's a shame that Golden Bear home crowds can't generate as much vocal support for their club as was shown by Calgary supporters. Sure, the attendance is usually over the 2,000 mark for each game, but most times you could drop a pin in Varsity Arena and hear it fall.

Albertan fans go to hockey games and sit on their hands for 60 minutes, and if they do rise at all it's usually to boo either the opposition or the Bears.

Believe me, the players appreciate an enthusiastic audience, as a partisan crowd can sometimes mean as much as a goal or two for the home club.

A redeeming chance for you the fan comes this weekend when Manitoba Bisons are in town. Bring along all those noisemakers and signs and REALLY get behind your hockey club.

Repka sparks Bearcats to win

CALGARY (Staff)—The Junior Bearcats fared a little bit better than their senior counterparts here Saturday.

Coach Dick Wintermute's Tabbies clawed their way to a 7-3 triumph over the Junior Dinosaurs to salvage something out of the hockey weekend for Alberta clubs.

Len Zalapski blinked the red light

twice for the Bearcats, with single markers going to Tim Jantzie, Al Joly, George Repka, Gerry Fowlie and Ian Harvey. Blair Hanna, Terry Ellwood and Randy Bartley replied for the Calgarians who suffered their fourth loss in five games with the Bearcats this season.

The Baby Bears led 4-1 and 5-2 by periods and picked up nine of 15 minor penalties.

Trounce puck Bears 9-1

Dinnies capture top spot

By Bob Anderson

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Bears 1, Calgary 9

CALGARY—The huge banner at the south end of Foothills Arena said it all: "Bears For Breakfast—Calgary!"

Not only did the Calgary Dinosaurs eat the Bears for breakfast but they devoured enough for lunch and supper too.

And when it was all over a few burps later, the Dinnies emerged with a 9-1 triumph Saturday evening that gave them top spot in the Western Canada Intercollegiate Hockey League for the first time in their seven year existence.

The traditional rivals each finished with 11-3 records in league play, but Calgary gets the nod because of a better for and against record in the two meetings between the clubs this season. Bears won earlier by a 4-3 count.

The contest was billed as part of "Beat the Bears" weekend here in the foothills city. And what a success it turned out to be for the Calgarians, as the basketball Dinnies also came up with a win over their northern counterparts on Friday.

It wasn't so much the ineptness of the Bruins, as the play of George Kingston's club that led to the one-sided score. Brian McDonald's men simply were not ready for the task that lay ahead of them and as a result find themselves in the position of having to come back to this band box of an arena for the WCJHL final series should they get by Manitoba and if Calgary beats UBC in semi-final rounds this weekend.

Things went bad for the Albertans right from the start and the contest was as good as over after only 15 minutes had been played. The Dinnies owned a 5-0 lead at that point, and already some of the 2,450 fans (the largest crowd ever to see a Dinosaur home game) were beginning to chant "We're No. 1!"

Dale Halterman in the Bears' cage was the victim of the onslaught, just as he was when the club was bombed by UBC Thunderbirds 10-4 earlier in the season.

South inhospitable as hoopsters end schedule

Bears 86, Calgary 100

Bears 102, Lethbridge 95

LETHBRIDGE — Sometimes it does not pay to look ahead.

With a playoff spot already clinched, coach Barry Mitchelson and his hoop Bears obviously did not have their minds on the task at hand this weekend. Calgary waxed the Golden Ones 100-86, and only a solid final five minutes of play saved a 102-95 win against Lethbridge Chinooks.

The win for the Bears gave them third place while the Dinnies' victory elevated them into a fifth place tie with Saskatoon and Winnipeg. The Bruins will play the Manitoba Bisons in semi-final action in Winnipeg next weekend.

Friday, an inspired flock of Dinosaurs came out shooting. Aided by a phenomenal 59 per cent shooting percentage, they made the first instalment of the "Bash the Bears" weekend a very happy one for Calgary fans. The Bruins were ahead by two points at the half but succumbed to the Dinnies' onslaught in the remaining 20 minutes.

Wayne Thomas led the Dinnies with 25 points. Bobby Morris and Dick DeKlerk each had 23 for the Bears.

Early deficit

Still depressed after their loss the previous night, the Bears took a long time to untrack against the up-

start Chinooks, and were down by 16 points early in the game. They managed to come back, however, and settled down in the late going to salt away third place.

Again DeKlerk led the Bruins in the point parade, this time with 35. Dave Turner hit for 17 and Morris 13 points.

DeKlerk's 58 point weekend coupled with a 67 point effort in Saskatchewan last week served to push him up considerably in the scoring race.

In other Western Canada Intercollegiate Basketball League play, the UBC Thunderbirds defeated the Victoria Vikings to preserve their unbeaten string and finish league play with a big zero in the loss column. Manitoba bombed Winnipeg 95-61 to close out with a 14-2 record.

Saskatoon and Regina split a home-and-home series as Regina won 69-65 Friday and Saskatoon prevailed 93-78 in overtime on Saturday.

Ballash missed
Bears undoubtedly missed thumper Mike Ballash who made the trip but was forced to the sidelines because of a temperature in the 103 degree range. Gerry Braunberger, out for two weeks with a bruised right knee, played but was just unable to go full tilt.

To make matters worse, winger Sam Belcourt, who was one of the few Bears doing anything, left midway through the middle frame after referee Joe Cassidy handed him a game misconduct. Cassidy showed great anticipation reflexes in making the call, as Belcourt had not uttered anything up to that point.

Bill Clarke also left the game early, after taking a hard check along the boards. The injury was diagnosed as a shoulder sprain and it is not known how long the veteran centre will be out of action.

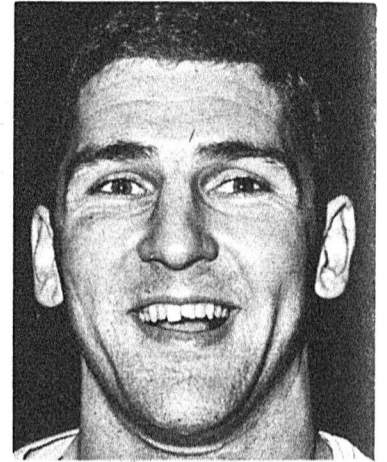
But all excuses aside, the Dinnies were by far the better club. Not one Calgary player had a bad game and had it not been for the fine work of Halterman the score could have been in the high double figures.

Calgary opened up a quick 2-0 bulge, the first one coming when the Bears had a man advantage, and immediately thereafter the Bears sagged. Two goals later and it was all over, with the Bears hanging on and trying to keep the score down for the remainder of the encounter.

The Dinosaurs showed great balance as they got goals from nine different sources—Terry Brown, Dave Smith, Darryl Maggs, John Kinsman, Bob Beaulieu, Ted Butrey, Rob (Weasel) Wright, John Fraser and Pete Chivilo. Jack Gibson got the only Bear marker on a power play five minutes into the final session.

Dave Margach blocked 28 Alberta drives, most of them harmless, while Halterman looked at 49. Each club drew 13 minor penalties.

In other WCJHL action, UBC pounded Victoria 18-4, Saskatch-



MIKE BALLASH

... sorely missed

ewan whipped Winnipeg 5-2 and fell 5-2 to Manitoba.

Tickets for the semi-final series against Manitoba this weekend go on sale today at the physical education general office. Students will be charged \$1 per game and adults \$1.50.

Final Standings

	W	L	F	A	Pts.
Calgary	11	3	92	43	22
Alberta	11	3	73	44	22
Manitoba	9	5	95	46	18
UBC	8	6	91	56	16
Brandon	7	7	70	66	14
Sask.	6	8	55	56	12
Winnipeg	4	10	38	80	8
Victoria	0	14	25	155	0

WCIAA crown to wrestlers

SASKATOON — Bert Taylor and his Golden Grapplers have done it again.

This time the prize was the WCIAA wrestling title at the championships held here at the weekend.

The Golden Bears met and defeated squads from UBC, Calgary, Manitoba, Saskatoon and Regina. They came up with a total of 77 points, 26 better than Calgary. Saskatoon finished third, UBC fourth, Manitoba fifth and Regina sixth.

In winning top spot the Albertans captured six out of the ten weight classes. They got out in front early in the two-day tournament and were never seriously challenged.

The battle for second place went down to the final round as Calgary edged Saskatoon by one-half point.

In the 118 lb. class Gord Bertie of the U of A was first. At 126 lbs. first place went to Bayliss of the U of M. U of A's Serge Gauthier won first in the 137 lb. class while Horne of the U of S was second and Burnett of the U of S (Regina) was third. Bob Thayer of the U of A captured the 142 lb. event.

In the 150 lb. class Golden Bear Chris Gould lost to Canadian champion and Olympic team member Gord Garvie. Dave Duniec from the U of A defeated U of C's Kirk Bamford to win gold in the 158 lb. class. Golden Bear Brian Heffel won the 167 lb. class with an untarnished record.

In the 177 lb. class Hryd of UBC was the victor. Barry Mudry of the U of S was second while Golden Bear Ernie Lavoie came in third.

At 190 lbs. Ron Lappage of the Bears beat Max Abraham of the Huskies to win the gold medal. In the heavyweight class Bob Schmidt of the Bears came in third behind Bob Ormand from UBC and Lutz Keller from the U of C.

Bertie, Gauthier, Thayer, Duniec, Heffel and Lappage, by virtue of their wins on the weekend will be wrestling in the CIAU championships to be held at the U of A February 27 and 28.

WCIBL Final Standings

	GP	W	L	GBL
UBC	16	16	0	—
Manitoba	16	14	2	2
Alberta	16	9	7	7
Victoria	16	9	7	7
Winnipeg	16	6	10	10
Calgary	16	6	10	10
Saskatoon	16	6	10	10
Lethbridge	16	3	13	13
Regina	16	3	13	13