

SPORTS

Hockey Bears impressive in tourney victory

Clare Drake's quest for his 500th victory of his hockey coaching career appears to be well within reach this season. Drake's win total is now at 478 following this weekend's action.

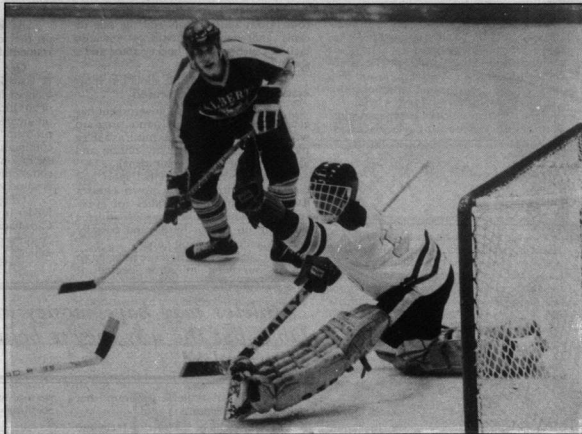
by Martin Coutts

The U of A Golden Bears Junior squad won their own First Annual Tier II Junior Invitational Hockey Tournament with a 7-5 decision over the Hobbema Hawks on Saturday afternoon.

The tournament was a two day affair at Varsity Arena, featuring four teams from the Alberta Junior Hockey League: Hobbema, the St. Albert Saints (1981-82 and 1980-81 AJHL champions) and the Sherwood Park Crusaders. The tournament was a competitive success with two of the four games going into overtime and the other two being 7-5 affairs.

The games also were an excellent opportunity for Bears head coach Clare Drake and his assistant, Bill Moores, to evaluate the young newcomers who are looking for a place on the Bears' final roster. The Alberta team that was entered in the tournament was restricted to junior age players (ages 17-20) as per AJHL regulations. This restriction meant that only one (Dan Henes) of the twelve returning Golden Bears from last year's squad suited up for the tournament, giving the rookies ample opportunity to show their ability in competitive game situations before today's set of player cuts.

In the championship game, the Junior Bears overcame a 3-2 deficit early in the second period with five unanswered goals, including three in the final stanza. Leading the way for Alberta was first star Jim Clarke who scored the tying and winning goals and



St. Albert Saints' goaltender reaches for puck as Golden Bear forward awaits a rebound.

Photo by Martin Coutts

also picked up two assists for a four point outing. Other marksmen for the Bears were second star Gerald Koebel, Rob Wheelans, Dan Skrobot, Kim Beloglowka and Robert Redshaw. The two teams were tied at two after the opening period, but the Hawks exploded for three goals in the first three and a half minutes of the middle stanza. Bears' goalie Garth Astles definitely deserved some of the blame on two of the three goals as he was caught well out of position on almost identical plays. However Astles settled down and provided shutout goaltending over the final thirty-six minutes of

the game, while his teammates chipped away at the Hobbema lead. Penalties played a key role in the Junior Bear comeback. By the end of the second period, Alberta had narrowed the gap to one, as both Koebel and Beloglowka scored with the Bears enjoying the man advantage. And when Clarke scored what proved to be the game winner at 11:14 of the third period, the Bears also had the extra man. Alberta had four powerplay goals in all, while at the other end of the rink, the Bear defenders killed off five Hobbema powerplays during their rally and restricted the Hawks to just one

powerplay goal overall. The Junior Bears reached the championship final with another come-from-behind effort in the Tournament opener on Friday night against St. Albert. In that game, Alberta posted a 5-4 overtime decision when first star Ray Plamondon beat Saints' goalie Steve Bell to the stick side at 4:15 of the extra session. Plamondon also tallied during regulation time for a two goal evening. Also scoring twice for the Bears was Robert Redshaw, while Jamie Alexander contributed a single. The Junior Bears were sluggish at the outset of Friday's contest and found themselves 2-0

down midway through the first period. But Alberta began to find their skating legs and battled back to tie the score at 2-2 and then at 3-3 in the third period. However, St. Albert took a 4-3 lead on a strange play. Bears' goalie Kelly Brooks battled a high shot towards the corner only to have it hit one of his teammates and fly back into the net. But Alberta persevered, and Alexander connected for the tying goal with six and a half minutes to play. The Bears dominated the game thereafter, but had to wait until the overtime period before they took the lead for the only time. The shots on goal in overtime (5-1 for the Bears) reflected Alberta's edge in the play by that point, although St. Albert outshot the Bears overall, 38-36.

In the other Friday night game, Hobbema gained their berth in Saturday's championship game with a 7-5 win over Sherwood Park. Marvin Wells led the winners with a pair of goals. In Saturday's consolation final, Sherwood Park rebounded to edge St. Albert 5-4, with Grant Rezewski firing the winner (his second of the game) at 3:24 of overtime.

Following the conclusion of the championship game, the Junior Bears were presented with tournament trophy, and a tournament all-star team was announced. The team included St. Albert goalie Steve Bell, his teammate Neil Davey and Junior Bears' Scott McKenzie on defence, and forwards John Reid of Sherwood Park, Rick Wilkins of Hobbema, and Ray Plamondon of the Junior Bears.

The next game for the Bears in this Sunday at NAIT Arena versus the NAIT Ooksiks. The next action at Varsity Arena is on Wednesday, October 20 against the Camrose College Vikings.

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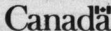
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The Golden Bears football team dropped their fourth game in a row on Saturday. The U of Manitoba Bisons bulldozed their way to a 45-1 triumph over the last

place Bears. Jim Lazaruk's Bears will need a complete turn about face when they head into Saskatoon this weekend against the U of S Huskies. Anything can happen in college football, and the Bears are hoping that "anything" translates into a "victory."



The University of Alberta's women's field hockey team played this past weekend in the first Canada West tournament in Calgary. Although the team did not win any of their four games (against U of Calgary, Victoria, Manitoba and UBC), coach Dru Marshall believes the team steadily improved.

The team is off again to Calgary in the upcoming weekend for an exhibition tourney and then to Victoria for the 2nd Canada West tournament. Hopefully the next two weeks will give Dru Marshall and her team time together to capitalize on individual and team strengths.

Team Gateway never says die. Despite our shift into the infamous Freudian defensive zone, the SU executive persevered with a 28-7 victory in a weekend football game. Team Gateway scored a moral victory, though, as the SU execs had to "borrow" a couple free agents who really were on the paper's roster.

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