

Bears mush Huskies home

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The weather over the weekend was miserable, but the Golden Bear hockey team made sure their fans had to only make two trips to Varsity Arena. They defeated the Saskatchewan Huskies 2-1 and 7-4 to take the best-of-three Canada West University Athletic Association (CWUAA) championship.

While the Golden Bears celebrated, were congratulated, and signed autographs, the discontented Huskies boarded their bus for an early trip home, whining as they marched out into the cold night air, "they're not the better team and they'll find that out next weekend."

The Bears travel to Winnipeg this Thursday to face the Great Plains Athletic Conference winners the Manitoba Bisons — in a three-game series. The Bisons beat the Regina Cougars 3-2 and 8-2 to advance to the CIAU regional. The winner will represent Western Canada in the national championship the following weekend.

The Huskies were legitimate contenders but the Bears were "the-better-team."

Due to a close checking game nothing exceptional occurred offensively in Friday's game. The Bears led at the end of the first period 1-0 with a goal from John Reid but Huskies' Larry Korchinski later evened the score to force overtime.

Huskies' weary goalie Ross McKay gave up the winning goal 3:09 into overtime as Bears' defenceman Ron Vertz fired the shot past him. The Bears managed to keep the Huskies at bay and hung on for the victory. Bears' goalie Ken Hodge stopped 23 shots while McKay was besieged with 36.

After trailing 4-1 in Saturday's match-up, the Bears decided to come to life. Once that decision was made, the team banded to-

gether and the Huskies were history.

Vertz began the onslaught of scoring at 10:35 of the second period. His teammates, Parie Proft and Rick Swan, picked up on his cue and added one apiece. By the end of the period the Bears were tied with the Huskies 4-4.

Reid continued the retaliation in the third period, scoring two successive goals. As the Huskies pulled McKay out in a desperate bid, Bears' Jack Patrick found the empty net, making the final score 7-4. Tim Krug gave the Bears their first goal of the night.

Kelly Brooks played in net for the Bears on Saturday. The first shot that found its way into the Bears' goal was of a rather interesting nature, rebounding from somewhere off the boards. Derick Karolat was credited with the goal. Also scoring for the Huskies were Tony Vogel, Dan Leier and Bruce Keller. Despite coming on strong in the beginning the Huskies were out-shot 35-25.

It seems unfortunate, however, that the Bears' 34th CWUAA hockey title seems overshadowed by the basketball Bears' miracle upset over the Victoria Vikings. Although credit should be given where credit is due.

Against the Bisons this Friday through Saturday the better-team is going to have to prove themselves all over again. The national title would certainly be a nice jewel to add to their crown.

Off the ice: Bears' Hodge, and Vertz and Huskies' McKay were named Friday's stars...Bears' Perry Zapernick, Reid and Krug were Saturday's...Krug was Friday's Work Warehouse Worker of the game, while Stacey Wakabayashi was Saturday's...Clare Drake was named Canada West's Coach-of-the-year...making the CWUAA all-star team were Hodge, Krug and Breen Neeser (to the first team); and Proft, Gerald Koebel and Dennis Cranston (to the second team) ...Friday night 1,846 fans showed up and Saturday there were 1,872 ...CJSR will be broadcasting this weekend's CIAU regional final at the following times; Friday, 6:25 p.m.; Saturday, 1:25 p.m.; and Sunday 1:25 p.m..



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The Golden Bear hockey team skated away with their 34th CWUAA hockey championship at Varsity Arena over the weekend.

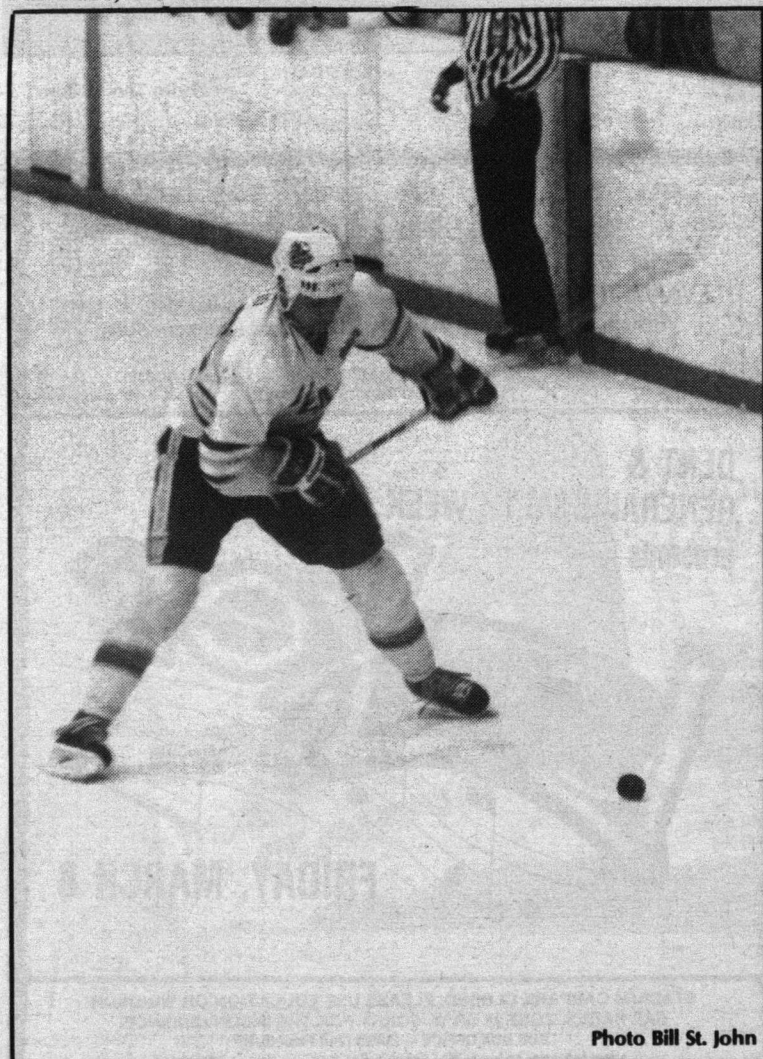


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Wine dipped.

Crack a pack of Colts along with the books.