Bears unbeaten

by Mark Spector

The Golden Bears were held in check by the Saskatchewan Huskies for almost 47 minutes Sunday, but then exploded for five unanswered goals to successfully defend the third annual Golson Molden Bear Invitational.

Sid Cranston had two goals and six Bears had singles to power Alberta to victory in a rubber match of sorts: The two clubs had split the tournament's two previous trophy games, the Huskies in '83, Alberta

Other goal getters for Alberta besides Cranston were lack Patrick (also one assist), Dave Otto (one assist), Al Tarasuk, Stacey Wakabayashi (one assist), Curt Brandolini, and Gerald Koebel. Koebel, along with Sid's brother Dennis Cranston, had a pair of helpers.

In an excellently played hockey game for this time of year, the two teams shared period deadlocks of 1-1 and 3-3.

But six minutes and 33 seconds into the third period when the Huskies' Larry Korchinski scored to put Saskatchewan into 4-3 lead, the approximately 150 families and friends at Varsity Arena were treated to a display of power that is a welcome sight in these rebuilding

Twenty seconds later Sid tied the score with his second. A minute 40 later and Wakabayashi's tally marked the fourth and final lead change of this contest.

In the next four minutes the Bears scored twice more in route to victory in a closely matched game disguised as a romp

It was a penalty filled afternoon, as six sets of incidental penalties plus all the trimmings added up to 88 minutes in total. Alberta defenceman D.J. Havrelock was found guilty most often, collecting three minors and a misconduct for 16 minutes

The so far so Golden Bears began the tournament on Friday night with an 8-7 overtime win over the Calgary Dinosaurs. Curt Brandolini had two goals in that game, while six Bears had singles.

On Saturday night Alberta took on the struggling Lethbridge Pronghorns. The Bears were not only the better team, but showed far superior conditioning in defeating a sorry looking U of L team 6-2.

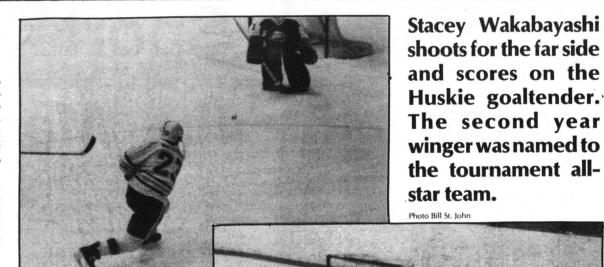
If not for the stellar performance which was turned in by Pronghorn goalie Brian Deley the score would have been much more lopsided. Deley faced 45 shots in the contest and most of them were of the tough variety.

Meanwhile Clare Drake's goaltending hunt continues.

The Bears are now down to three goaltenders: John Krill, Nadr Jomha, and Mitch Peacock. Quentin Anderson was released following a sub-par performance against the

The only thing going against Iomha is his size — he is only 5'9". Krill is a bigger guy but did not look as sharp as Jomha on Sunday.

The tournament MVP was Sid Cranston. He says that there is a big difference coming over from last vear's NAIT squad but you would not know it by the way he has performed so far this year



The all-star team consists of Deley in goal, Bears' Ron Vertz and Huskies' Rob McKechney on defence, and Wakabayashi, Terry Jones (Dinos), and Larry Korchinski (Sask.) as the forwards.

Alberta travels next weekend to Saskatoon for the Huskie Invitational. This tournament sports the Bears, the Huskies (second in CWUAA in 85), Manitoba (lost to Bears in CIAU Regionals last year), and NAIT (Canadian college champs). Probably the best preseason tourney in the country. Last year the Bears needed to beat the Huskies by five goals to clinch the tournament on the final day. They went out and whipped them 10-0.

Behind the lines - Promising rookie Sean Clouston will be lost to the Bears for a while due to injury ... Calgary came in third in the weekend with a 1-2 record. They lost in overtime to both Alberta and Saskatchewan . . . Lethbridge was fourth at 0-3, looks like another long year for the Pronghorns. The Bears are now 5-0 on the season.



Soccer Bears kick

Photo Bill St. John

by Rod Campbell

The Alberta Golden Bears Soccer team began a three game home stand Sunday, with a 1-0 victory over the Saskatchewan Huskies to up their record to 3-0-0.

For the Bears part, it will be an afternoon best remembered for the warm weather and the beautiful fall setting at Ellerslie rather than the game itself.

In what was supposed to be a for mality, Bears struggled to overcome a Huskie team that played with more heart then skill.

One could forgive the Bear: forwards if they were hoping to feast on a Huskies defense that gave up eight goals in their first two

The Bears began in the manner that the script was supposed to unfold, opening like a thoroughbred out of a starting gate and completely dominating for the first ten minutes.

Louis Picco twice came close winning the battle in the air from two corner kicks.

Sal Cammarata was robbed by Huskie goalkeeper Dean Sawatzky, who pulled off a brilliant one handed save from a thirty yard free kick that had goal written all over it.

At the other end Huskies forward Pat Genuist exploited the Bears off-side trap and only smart goaltending by Peter Snyder, kept the score sheet blank

Minutes later Snyder again had to look sharp from a Huskie free

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kick that was just turned away for a

At the 35 minute mark Bears replaced midfielder Kevin Muntagh with Vince Reda. Coach Len Vickery then shuffled his lines, moving Frank Saparito into midfield and putting Danny McIntyre into the right full-back position.

It was a move that paid dividends, for Saparito scored the only goal of the game, fifteen minutes into the second half.

Wendell Zerb picked up the ball thirty yards out, beat one defender, laid it back to Saperito, who picked his spot and blasted it past an outstretched Sawatzky.

It was a fitting goal to clinch

However, the Huskies did not throw in the towel and should have been on level terms had goalkeeper Snyder not made a point blank reflex save, and Bears sweeper Alan Mason not been in position to head a shot off the goal line.

On a day in which the Bears had precious few heroes, only goalkeeper snyder and fullback Danny McIntyre and Mark Hergett accomplished anything close to consistency for the full ninety minutes.

Len Vickery and his squad will have to do some real soul searching in preparation for next weekend's crucial games against UVic and U B.C. Anything less than 100% effort will result in all their accomplishments so far this season evaporating before their eyes.



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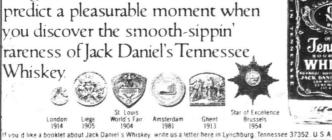


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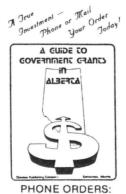
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