

Bears claw Nuggets in battle for city title

By RICHARD VIVONE

Clare Drake was right again.

After a disastrous start in the city championship tournament, the wily Bear Pilot predicted that "playing three periods will be a different story."

It took until the third period Monday night at Varsity Arena for the difference to tell.

The Bears fired four third period goals to dump the Nugget 6-2 and put themselves back into the thick of the battle for the city title.

After an unimpressive first period performance by his club, Drake was worried as he remarked "I'm beginning to wonder if we can beat these guys. The period wasn't too promising."

The Varsity squad played their worst period of hockey all season in the opening 20 minutes. They weren't skating, the passing was atrocious and the checking non-existent.

The Nuggets were a little better but failed to capitalize on several good chances to score.

The second period saw the graveyard style of play continue. The teams went through the paces in robot-like fashion and caused one fan to mutter, "this is really sick."

The third period opened with the Bears leading 2-1. Then the crew went to town.

Either the Nuggets ran out of steam or the Bears started to work; but the home team pumped four goals to a single Nugget tally.

The students fired 19 shots at Nuggets' Roy Turner, almost double their entire offensive effort in the first two periods.

They started to skate and carry the play to the Nuggets' doorstep. In short, the Bears looked like the club they have the potential to be.

Brian Harper paced the victors with a pair. This first was a power play marker which tied the score in the initial stanza.

Wilf Martin, Gordon Jones, Doug Fox and Darrell LeBlanc rounded out Bear scoring.

Dale Conrad and Frank Joyal replied for the Nuggets.

Close to 1,000 fans witnessed the spectacle.

Should the Nuggets lose to the Oil Kings, the Bears will tangle with the Kings in a two of three final. A Nugget victory (improbable) will guarantee a playoff spot.

The Bears take to the ice again this weekend against the Calgary Dinosaurs.

THIS 'N THAT

Nugget rearguard Jim Conrad caught Kozocki with a thumping check in the first period . . . Harper showed some great moves in scoring his second goal . . . Goaler Bob Wolfe beat Ron Tookey and Ed Johnson when they broke in all alone . . . Martin's goal finished off a neat three-way passing play with Gerry Braunberger and Leblanc . . . Bears took two of eight penalties—exactly the same figures as in the first round at the Gardens.



—Neil Driscoll photo

AND THE NUGGETS STOOD STILL
... Bear Steve Kozicki outhustles Nugget George McAvoy

Alberta swimmers disappointing at weekend meet in Saskatoon

By MIKE HORROCKS

It was -30 with a 30 mile an hour wind in Saskatoon last weekend and the reception by Husky and Huskiette swim teams was not much warmer as the Huskies defeated the Bears and the Huskiettes trimmed their losing margin to 11 points behind the Pandas.

The meet featured a return match between the Huskiette star Colleen Walsh and the Panda's Rae Edgar in the 200-yard individual medley. In Edmonton the two swimmers had tied in the race in the fast time of 2:32.2. This time Miss Edgar allowed Miss Walsh a half stroke lead and held this position throughout the eight lengths.

The Saskatchewan champion held on to a win by four-tenths of a second in the remarkable time of 2:29.4.

Rae Edgar's 2:29.8 broke the Alberta provincial record by 3.2 seconds and qualified her for a Silver Standard Time Award of the Canadian Swimming Association, the first ever won by a Panda swimmer.

Stan Brown of the Bears staged a come from behind victory over the perennial Husky star Ken Halliday in the gruelling 200-yard butterfly event.

Halliday led from the start gradually pulling out to a lead of four yards going into the last turn.

Brown stroking strongly came flying down the final 25 yards

catching and passing a tiring Halliday to gain a one-yard victory in the good time of 2:20.9.

Trouble in attempted turns led directly to one disqualification and several poor times recorded by the Alberta swimmers.

The Saskatchewan swimmers, accustomed to conditions and predictably more comfortable in home waters registered noticeable improvements in some of their times.

The Bears travel to the coast this weekend for meets with the reigning WCIAA champion UBC Thunderbirds as well as Simon Fraser University. The Pandas will meet the South Side Swim Club at the university pool this evening at 6 p.m.

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