

Bears' unbeaten streak ends...

Dinosaurs far from extinct



There was no beating Dale Henwood on this play, but Calgary's Ron Gerlitz (11) had two of Dinosaur's goals Saturday.

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by Cam Cole
Bears 6 - Calgary 1
Calgary 5 - Bears 1

If it was just a touch of overconfidence that caused the Golden Bears' 5-1 loss to the Calgary Dinosaurs on Saturday afternoon, they can be forgiven.

Undefeated in their first seven games, and having blasted the Dinos 6-1 the night before, who would blame the Bears for feeling that nothing short of green kryptonite could slow 'em down?

They unloaded both barrels on Calgary, netminder Bob Galloway Friday, scoring more even though they shot less than the Dinosaurs.

There were Green and Gold sweaters parked in the area of the Calgary goal crease all evening and no one seemed to care. The Bears potted four goals with twelve shots in the first period, and none were scored from more than ten feet out.

Jim Carr set the Bears' attack on fire at 8:04, squeezing a short wrist shot between Galloway's legs.

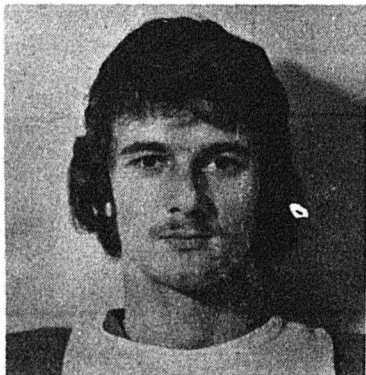
Two minutes later, with Calgary's Jim Setters in the penalty box, Bruce Crawford swept a perfect pass-out from Kevin Primeau past the goaltender and Alberta led 2-0.

Then Dale Hutchinson, playing extremely well since getting a regular shift, took a pass from Rick Peterson and beat Galloway cleanly with a waist-high shot. On an almost identical play four minutes later,

Oliver Steward made it 4-0, tucking Clark Jantzie's pass just under the cross-bar.

After that, it was simply a case of taking the breaks when they came, and trying to protect Dale Henwood's shutout.

Steward's seventh goal, helping Jantzie's partially-blocked shot into the net, and a stopped shot by Peterson which Galloway himself knocked into the goal, were Alberta's other tallies.



Dale Hutchinson - one of the reasons Bears' "other lines" are producing.

Bob Laycock spoiled Henwood's chance for back-to-back shutouts, tipping in a fine pass from center Shane Tarves at 11:22 of the third period. Calgary outshot the Bears 33-25, and 14-3 in the third period.

Whatever the Dinosaurs were doing wrong Friday, they wasted no time in setting matters right for the sequel.

Bears' defence pair of Bill Andreassen and Kevin Bolton,

who had a three-game no-goals-allowed streak going, were napping eight seconds into Saturday's contest (or rather, no-contest). From the



opening faceoff, centre Ron Gerlitz burst in all alone on the Alberta net and flipped his own rebound in after Henwood made the first save.

That done, the Dinos chalked up goals #2, 3 and 4 in much the same fashion the Bears had on Friday.

Without any support from his teammates, Henwood couldn't be faulted on any of the four first-period tallies, three of which came as a result of Calgary players standing untouched, in good position to bang home rebounds.

Tarves got Dinos' second and fourth goals, both from close in, while Gerlitz' second goal (Calgary's third) was the other opening-frame marker.

Throughout the game, and particularly in the first period, Bears were slowed down by good hard hits, made poor passes, and were consistently beaten to the puck by the revenge-bound Dinos.

Calgary's Robin Laycock (brother of Bob) made it 5-0 early in the second period when Henwood tried to beat him to the puck and failed.

Steward, whom the puck seems to follow around, was in the right place to re-direct Brian

Larsen's shot (which arched over Steward's stick via defencemen's legs) for the only scoring play through the middle session.

"We just weren't ready," said coach Leon Abbott, "to take as much responsibility for that fact as anyone."

Abbott, who made lineup changes for the Saturday game, said he "had a bad feeling about the game" prior to the contest, "and when they came eight seconds into the game, I knew we were in trouble."

Did he think the Bears were out flat for the rematch? "I think it, I know it," he admitted, "but the night before Bears enjoyed the night before probably did little for their state of preparedness."

"Let's face it," said Abbott, alluding to his team's struggles vs. other CWUAA teams Saturday's disaster. "We were ripe, we were fat ... and played very poorly."

In other league play the weekend, UBC The Birds split with Saskatchewan Huskies in Saskatoon, the Huskies won their first game in 9 starts, 3-2 margin on Saturday day. Calgary returned home swamped the T-Birds 7-

Pandas win 15th, 16th straight

by Darrell Semenuk

Pandas 75 Dinnies 49
Pandas 60 Dinnies 43

The U of A Pandas came into Friday night's encounter with the Dinnies not knowing quite what to expect. They feasted their eyes on Calgary and came away with a 75-49 whitewash.

The 75 points the Pandas racked up was the highest total they've accumulated this year excluding the 85 they had against the Calgary junior varsity team.

It took Pandas three minutes to get their first points on the board. Amanda Holloway hit two foul shots and then followed with 6 more points in 2 minutes. The Pandas went to work on the porous Calgary defence and moved the ball quickly and had numerous 3-on-2 and 2-on-1 situations. Pandas slowly built up their lead to 10 by the half, leading 37-27. Pandas continued their exploitation of weak defense by Calgary while thwarting their rivals at the opposite end.

A good illustration came midway through the second half when Pandas kept Dinnies scoreless for over 5½ minutes while putting in 17 points themselves.

Coach Debbie Shogan said after the game that "we looked for our running game more than we have in the past." Calgary wasn't able to defend against it and as a result got blown off the court.

Dinnies managed to keep pace with the Pandas in one department, they both shot 29% from the floor. Calgary committed 42 turnovers to Alberta's 28. Pandas pulled down 53 rebounds and Calgary managed 44. Jacky Shaw led Calgary with 18 rebounds and 13 pts. Holloway led the Alberta squad

with 19 pts. and 11 rebounds. Karen Johnson and Chris Leiske each had 10 pts.

Saturday night the Pandas routinely went to work on the Calgary squad and painlessly walked away with their 6th straight league win.

The game followed the same script as Friday's encounter with Holloway initiating the Alberta scoring after hitting on 2- foul shots after 2½ minutes. The Calgary squad, explained coach Shogan, played a zone defense throughout most of the game hoping to limit Panda's shots (95 on Friday) and hope they shot as bad (29%). Neither team showed much of anything to get excited about in the first half with Pandas gliding to a 29-14 lead.

Veteran Deena Mitchell stood out in the second half with 6 points and numerous assists and steals.

Improved volley Bears still only third best

by Keith Steinbach

It was still only a third-place finish - but it was an improved third.

Two teams finished ahead of the Golden Bears in the 34-team U of A Invitational Volleyball Tournament here this weekend, but Bears, playing with a full team for the first time this year, were more confident and more enthusiastic than in past games.

Bruce Waslyck was the most notable returnee, and provided much-needed consistency and heads-up play along the net.

Bears emerged from the round-robin section with a 4-2 record, entitling them to enter

Pandas may have surprised by their Friday night triumph of Calgary as they played mediocre in the second period.

Pandas shot only 32% with 34%. Pandas out rebounded the Dinnies 40-35 and slight edge in turnovers, away 32 to Calgary's 40. da Thorpe had 12 points for Calgary while Holloway had 18 points and 18 rebounds.

Coach Shogan had high praise for her team to "end on a positive note" as they prepared for a long layoff until the game against undefeated Victoria.

Panda Patter: Pandas including exhibition play stands at 16-0... They won their undefeated string in Sask. for a tournament involving Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Brandon and Regina January 2 - 3.

the semi-finals, where they lost to the eventual tournament winners, the Calgary Volleyball Club I. The Calgary squad defeated Alberta two straight, 15-11 and 15-9.

Calgary then went on to defeat Edmonton Phoenix 15-5 in the finals.

Despite the return of Waslyck, it was again inconsistency and missed assignments that did the most harm. Even so, coach Shogan was pleased with his team's performance, though he noted poor officiating as a cause of some of Bears' troubles.

Bears' next league game is not until January 23rd when they take on UBC at Varsity

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