



## Fleet Huskies pass by Bears

by Martin Coutts

Sportwriting law of nature #1: A Bear is going to easily outdistance a plodding Dinosaur but don't expect him to keep pace with a fleet-footed Huskie.

Case in point: after breezing past the Calgary Dinosaurs three weekends ago to run their record to 4-0, the Bears' hockey team has managed only one win in four tries versus the Saskatchewan Huskies.

And to add insult to injury, two of the Bears' three losses to the defending Canada West champs came this past weekend in the supposedly friendly confines of Varsity Arena.

On Friday night the Huskies were full value for a 5-2 win. On Saturday evening they received some hot goaltending from Bob Dougall enroute to a 5-3 triumph.

The weekend sweep by Saskatchewan enabled them to catch the Bears atop the Canada West standings. Each team has a 5-3 record, with the Dinosaurs right behind at 4-4 after a split of their weekend series against UBC in Calgary. The Thunderbirds bring up the rear of the pack with just two wins in eight starts.

"They were good, tough, very physical games," said Alberta Coach Clare Drake of the weekend set, "But Saskatchewan had the edge in toughness and determination."

The Huskies certainly had the edge in Friday night's contest although they spotted the Bears an early lead when Jeff Marshall's high shot from the slot found the range at 2:28 of the opening period. Less than two minutes later, however, Saskatchewan had evened the score on Dennis Fenske's first of two goals - a

low shot that beat Alberta goalie Terry Clark to the stick side.

The Huskies then took the lead at 15:44 on a goal by defenceman Dave Adolph before Tim Hodgson scored a shorthanded goal that, for all intents and purposes, finished the Bears for the evening. With Alberta on the powerplay, Fenske broke away for Saskatchewan. Bears defenceman Tim Krug was in hot pursuit but Fenske was still able to get the shot away. Clark made the save for Alberta but Hodgson put in the rebound at 19:43.

The late goal gave the Huskies a big lift going into the second period. They limited the Bears to just five shots on goal in the middle frame and upped the count to 4-1 with another late period goal—Fenske's second of the game at 18:56. In the third period, Alberta got one back on the powerplay on a beautiful three way play from Krug to Dave Souch and to Craig Dill, that gave Dill his first goal of the season. But Saskatchewan restored the three goal margin just minutes later with a powerplay marker of their own by Randy Wiebe to close out the scoring. The Huskies outshot the Bears 32-24 on the game and the three stars were Fenske and Doug Archibald from Saskatchewan followed by Dill from Alberta.

On Saturday night, the Bears had a much better outing. However, they were hurt by giveaways and were outdueled in the nets, especially in the middle period. As Coach Drake put it, "Their goaltender was exceptionally good, particularly in the second period. Our goaltending was not poor but it wasn't great either."

The two teams traded early first period goals with Bruce Keller scoring for Saskatchewan at 1:22, followed by Craig Dill for the Bears, with his second in two nights, at 6:56. The Huskies then took the lead with another late period goal courtesy of Kevin McNaught at 18:14.

Alberta then stormed to the attack in the middle period, outshooting Saskatchewan 22-9, only to be outscored 2-0! Dougall was brilliant between the pipes for the Huskies and the Bears, for their part, just couldn't buy a goal. Meanwhile, at the other end of the rink, McNaught was completing a hat trick. He connected on the powerplay at 15:36, and then scored what proved to be the game winner at 19:26, to give the Huskies a 4-1 lead. His third goal was the fourth late period goal given up by the Bears in two games and resulted from a glaring giveaway by defenceman Scott McKenzie. "We talked about it (the late period let downs), but..." sighed Drake.

Early in the final stanza, Alberta finally broke Dougall's spell when Dave Souch and "Ace" Brimacombe, scored just 37 seconds apart. But Saskatchewan picked up the insurance goal at 9:30 after a face-off deep in Alberta territory. Tim Hodgson drew the puck back to Doug Archibald, and his quick shot beat Bears goalie Ken Hodge to round out the scoring.

"We just didn't come back soon

# Canada Cup



Japan's men's squad will be weak on the outside, but will compensate with strong defensive and serving skills.

Team Canada is coached by Ken Maeda and will be looking to the magic of Danyluk and the 'turbo-power' of Paul Gratton to solidify their offence.

Also playing tomorrow night is the National women's teams of Canada and Japan. That game is set for 6:30 and is the second game in a three-game series. Japan's women's squad is ranked among the top four in the world. Canada will need some top efforts from former Pandas' leader Tracy Mills and the Dalhousie pairing of Karen Fraser and Karin Maessen. Audrey Vandervelden should put a few spikes to the ground before their series with Japan is over.

As a preparation for the Canada Cup, the national women's team went undefeated with wins over Edmonton Nova, McMaster, CVC (Calgary Volleyball Club) No. 1, and the Pandas in the North-Am event held last weekend.

CVC won the men's final with 15-6, 15-4 wins over the Golden Bears. CVC No. 1 won the women's crown with 8-15, 15-13, 15-8, wins over Edmonton Nova. The consolation was won by the Red Wing Club of Edmonton over Grant MacEwan Community College.

If you thought that action was tense, wait till you see the Canada Cup this week. That's games every day this week at 6:30 and 8:30 at Varsity Gym.

### CANADA CUP 1982

*Wednesday, December 1*  
1830 Canada - Japan (Women)  
2030 U.S.A. - Alberta (Men)

*Thursday, December 2*  
1830 UofA Pandas - Edmonton Volleyball Club - (Women)  
2030 Canada - U.S.A. (Men)

The Canada Cup of Volleyball continues tonight at Varsity Gym with games at 6:30 and 8:30. Canada's national men's team, led by former Golden Bear great Terry Danyluk, takes on the Alberta team in the first game.

In the second game, Team USA takes on Japan's national men's squad. "We're going to be a darkhouse," says Brian Watson, coach of the Alberta entry and also the present Bears' mentor.

"We're going to make them (Team Canada) work for a victory," says Watson, pointing out that his team is bolstered by the likes of Al Taylor and Garth Pischke.

Watson says Team USA will have a couple "awesome" players. "That's the only way to describe them: Craig Buck is '6'8" and has a 40 inch vertical. The other big man, (Mike) Blanchard, is one great blocker," says Watson.

Team USA will be stronger than the team entered in the University Games. "This is their senior team. This is a better team," says Watson, whose Alberta squad takes on Team USA tomorrow at 8:30.

The key to beating Buck and Blanchard will be to play side-out ball. If any of the teams can consistently hit, set, and block well, they'll have to be reckoned with.

enough," said Drake. "And if they hadn't got that fifth goal off the face-off, we still might have caught them. But we did play well in the last two periods, and that was the positive aspect of the game."

Coach Drake no doubt hopes that the Bears' performance in those final forty minutes can carry over to this weekend's two game set in Calgary against the Dinosaurs.

**Bear Notes:** Saturday's three stars were McNaught and Dougall for the Huskies and Brimacombe for the Bears... Alberta outshot Saskatchewan 37-33 in Saturday's game... attendance was 640 on Friday, 582 on Saturday... Bears' goalie Ken Hodge made his first regular season start in Saturday's game; he had been ineligible to play until then... Clare Drake's win total is stalled at 493.

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