

Defeat-the new Bear tradition?



Brian Larsen discovered that quarterbacks make lousy fighters. Photo Brian Gavriloff.

by Keith Steinbach
Calgary is beginning to feel like a second home to the U of A Hockey Bears. As a result of the last 2 weekends of play, the Bears will return to Calgary for the third time in as many weeks this time for the CWUAA-GPAC tournament to determine the Western representative in the National finals.

The events leading up to this weekend's tournament started on the weekend of Feb. 20, 21. That was when Calgary handed the U of A a pair of 6-4 losses. The Bears play during these games was characterized by a lack of hungriness. They looked as if they didn't need to win.

After losing the series in Calgary, and consequently first place, the Golden Bears hustled back for their final home game of the season on Sunday the 22nd vs. UBC.

In this game the Bears used all three of their goalies in obtaining a 3-2 overtime triumph over the T-Birds. The winning goal came at 1:04 of the overtime from Darell Zapernik.

Throughout the weekend

the Alberta squad had problems in their own zone. This general disorganization hurt the Bears offensively as did the absence of big guns Oliver Steward and Clarke Jantzie.

"Without Clarke and Ollie we have trouble maintaining a sustained attack," stated Leon Abbott. To shake up his offense, coach Abbott rearranged his lines before going into Calgary last weekend. "It was more of a change for (GPAC-CWUAA tournament) next weekend than it was for this playoff," said Abbott after being queried on the move after Saturday's contest.

The playoff by the way was taken by Calgary with 6-2 and 3-0 wins. All the series really decided was who gets to host the GPAC-CWUAA playoffs which could have been done by a toss of a coin instead.

In Friday's 6-2 loss the Bears were out-shot, and out-played as well as out-scored. "We tried to do it individually instead of as a team," Abbott told his players after the game.

Calgary held a 3-1 lead after the first period on goals by Bob Laycock, Russ Hall, and

Ron Gerlitz. Rick Venance had opened the scoring at 1:33 for the Bears.

In the second period the Bears outshot the Dinos 9-5 but were beaten on the score board as Rick Alexander and Bob Laycock tallied for Calgary with Alberta's gun remaining silent.

The third stanza saw Dale Henwood busily turn aside 18 drives for a game total of 36 while Bob Galloway stopped 5 shots between the pipes for Calgary to make the sum 23 shots for the game. Dale Hutchinson scored for Alberta on what would almost be termed as an impossible shot into the top glove hand corner from a sharp angle. Bob Laycock made the score 6-2 for the Dinos with his third goal of the game to finish the scoring.

Coach Leon Abbott was not pleased with his team's performance on Friday but on Saturday he seemed a little more satisfied even though it was still a loss. "I think we played well enough to win," stated Coach Abbott following Saturday's contest. "The only difference was some excellent goaltending by (Calgary netminder)

Galloway and some, at times, inaccurate shooting by our side."

That indeed was the story as Bob Galloway continued to frustrate Alberta and picked up his 3rd shutout this year and 1st of the playoffs. Jack Cummings was in the net for Alberta and played solidly stopping 21 of 24 shots.

The three Dino markers were registered by Rick Hindmarch in the first stanza, Shane Tarves in the second, and Paul Ciemny in the third.

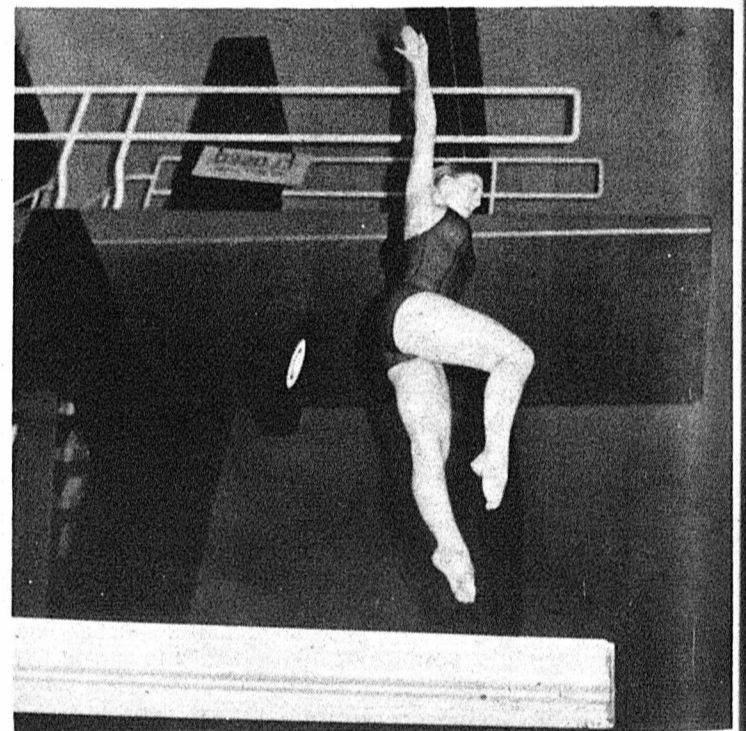
On the injury scene, there was defenseman Randy Gregg picking up a charliehorse in the

1st period of Saturday's game which limited his action for the rest of the game. He should see action in Calgary this weekend.

The tournament this weekend will have the top two teams of both the Great Plains and Canada West conferences. This will mean that Calgary, the top CWUAA team, will play Brandon, the 2nd place GPAC team. Manitoba the best GPAC Team will face off against the Bears who were 2nd in the West. The games will be played on Saturday night in Calgary with the winners of those games meeting the next day to decide who goes to Toronto for the CIAU championships.



Swimmin' wimmin take 2nd



Coach Sandra Smith was pleased with the women's performance in the Western's (CWUAA's). "Ninety-three percent of the swims were personal bests for the women, with everyone posting at least one personal record."

The Panda's placed a close second to the Calgary Dinnies, led by outstanding performances by Captain Mona-Lee Brophy (winning the 100 and 200 fly) and Co-captain Myrna Spilda (winner of the 200 and 400 IM). Brophy and Spilde will

be joined by Mary Hughes, Laurel McKellar and Wendy Kruger (this will be her 3rd CWIAU championship) teaming up to leave Wednesday for Waterloo and the Canadian Championships (CWIAU's).

Diver Shiela Zieper will also make the trip, she qualified by placing 3rd at the Westerns.

Shirley Miller deserves special mention; she qualified for the Championships, but due to the new decathlon point system, failed to make the team.

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