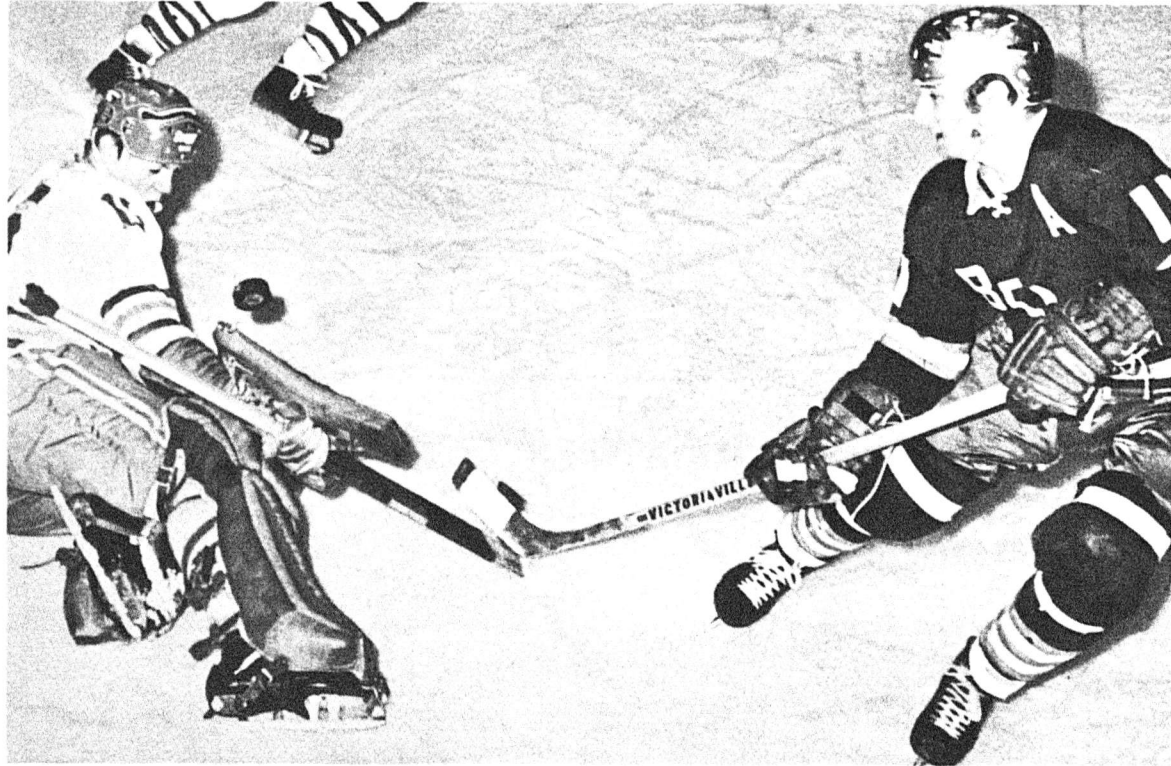


# With twin wins puck Bears close in on title



SPUNKY BEAR FORWARD WAYNE (BUFFALO) WISTE  
... grounds the high-flying "Bird" netminder

photo by Don Young

## Wiste, Falkenberg share limelight as Golden ones blast Thunderbirds

By BOB ANDERSON

T'Birds 3, Bears 10

T'Birds 1, Bears 7

Memo to Athletic Director Ed Zemrau:

You'd better start finalizing those plans for hosting the 1969 Canadian Intercollegiate Hockey Championships.

The puck Bears all but sewed up first place in the WCIHL and with it the right to be the hosts in next month's affair by hammering the UBC Thunderbirds 10-3 and 7-1 at Varsity Arena on the weekend.

The T'Birds were the only team with a reasonable chance of overhauling the Albertans, but that opportunity dissipated with the thrashings.

The Bears now need but one win in their final four games to assure themselves of at least a tie and two to clinch their second league pennant in a row. And with the winless Winnipeg Wesmen in town next weekend that should do the trick.

### STARTED FAST

The coast club served notice in the early moments of Friday's contest that they meant business. They swarmed all over the Bears in the first five minutes but couldn't beat goaltender Dale Halterman.

Then the Bears got their turn and they made the most of it. Three goals within 58 seconds opened things up and the Bears were on their way. They increased the lead to 5-1 before the period ended and were up 7-3 after 40 minutes.

Leading the way for the winners was Wayne (Buffalo) Wiste who notched three markers, his first hat trick in six years. Linemate Jack Gibson and rookie Gerry Hornby had a pair apiece, while Bill Clarke, Oliver Morris and Don Falkenberg counted singletons. Dwain Biagioni, Brian Jones and Wayne Schaab replied for the losers. Clarke's goal proved to be the winner.

### INJURIES PLENTIFUL

The hard-hitting, fast moving contest took its toll in injuries. Jack Moores, a league all-star on defence last season, left in the second period with a separated shoulder while Tom Korechuk suffered torn knee ligaments in

the same period. For the Bears, rookie Dan Bouwmeester injured a knee, although his injury wasn't of the serious type.

Of the 16 penalties meted out, the visitors picked up 10, including a game misconduct to captain Mickey McDowell. The Bears directed 50 shots at Rick Bardal in the T'Bird cage, while Halterman faced only 21.

Saturday's game was a sloppy affair, with both clubs appearing weary after the previous night's effort. Once again the T'Birds started quickly and went ahead when Jim Fowler slipped one past Bob Wolfe with only two minutes gone in the game. Don Falkenberg got that one back six minutes later, and the stanza ended 1-1.

But the Bears broke the game open in the second canto, firing four goals in the first eight minutes. Tom Devaney, Gerry Braunberger, Harv Poon and Falkenberg pulled the trigger, and the Bears were headed for their 13th win in 16 starts. Milt Hohol and Oliver Morris added icing to the cake with third period tallies. For Hohol, it was an eight point weekend, as he picked up five assists in Friday's encounter and two on Saturday.



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## Ducky's Devilish Demons Take Huge Lead in Hamber Cup Play

By BOB ANDERSON

Ho-hum. Twiddle dee dee. Another WCIAA pennant for Alberta's puck Bears.

That makes it seven in the last 11 years ... provided, of course, that the Golden Ones don't blow the duke in their remaining four games. But that's not likely to happen, what with the winless Winnipeg Wesmen being the next on the list.

For coach Clare Drake, it is just another milestone in his brilliant career. Drake has been the coach for these last 11 years which have also seen the Bruins cop two national titles.

The Bears were the unanimous pick to repeat as western winners, but a shaky start threatened to show the so-called experts up. A double loss to Calgary Dinosaurs to open the schedule didn't help matters any, but the Albertans rebounded in fine style to post 13

wins in the next 14 starts.

The past weekend's series against U.B.C. Thunderbirds had a double meaning for the two clubs. As well as being regularly scheduled WCIHL games, the contests doubled as the first two matches in the annual Hamber Cup series between the two clubs. It's a total point affair, with the two games in Vancouver later in the month making up the second half.

The Bears have won the Cup 12 times in the 16 years that it has been up for grabs and lead in this year's version 17-4.

### WCIHL STANDINGS

	GP	W	L	F	A	Pts.
Alberta	16	13	3	96	34	26
Calgary	18	10	8	69	66	20
U.B.C.	14	8	6	84	63	16
Sask.	14	8	6	69	56	16
Manitoba	16	7	9	62	77	14
Winnipeg	14	0	14	19	103	0

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