

## Dinos will tour Japan

The University of Calgary Men's Volleyball team will make a playing tour of Japan in May, 1975.

The trip will be financed by proceeds from recent China-Canada and Japan-Canada matches sponsored by Dinos.

## Hockey-the road to nowhere

It's a bad season for the young Golden Bear with visions of cross-Canada travel.

If Bears finish first in the CWUAA, they host the second-place team for the playoff games.

If they win those, Bears play the winners of Great Plains Athletic Conference, right here at Varsity Arena.

Following that, they would host the Ontario University Athletic Association champs.

And, if Bears go all the way - make it right to the CIAU final against the Quebec-Maritime winners, they get an all-expense paid trip to ... Edmonton.

Individual players will pay the remainder of the cost. There will be no support from their University Athletic Board.

The primary objective of the tour is, according to coach Bob Bratton, to provide U of C players with international-level experience.

Dinos have won 30 of 34 matches this season, and are currently in first place in the Alberta Major Men's League. They won the U of A Invitational tournament here in late November.

Dino Al Taylor is presently captain of the national volleyball team.



Clare Drake takes it all in stride.



## Pucksters rated 4th

The Cooper Ratings of CIAU hockey and basketball teams were released last week for play up to December 2nd. These are more-or-less accepted ratings of the top ten teams in each sport.

As usual Eastern teams dominate, particularly in basketball, where Manitoba - rated number two - is the closest

to being a western team in the standings.

In hockey, two CWUAA teams, Alberta Golden Bears (4th) and U of Calgary Dinos (8th) made the select group.

University of Waterloo headed the list in both sports, with Toronto Blues rated 2nd in hockey.

## Huskies save perfect record- Bears win seventh straight

by Cam Cole

Bears 4 Huskies 2  
Bears 7 Huskies 1

Another game, another win. If it was any other team, it might be monotonous.

The Golden Bears methodically picked apart the Saskatchewan Huskies at Varsity Arena this weekend, racking up their sixth and seventh consecutive victories in fairly convincing fashion.

Bears' first look at the Huskies came on Friday, and it was a surprisingly good game - not that Saskatchewan really deserved to be close, but goalie Doug Spitzig was sensational in that contest, and it wasn't until Kevin Primeau's golf shot beat him as 12:33 of the final period that Bears could afford to breathe easily and nurse their lead.

Alberta was unable to solve Spitzig for more than 30

minutes; until Rick Peterson and Bruce Crawford came through with their patented one-two punch, scoring 19 seconds apart. (Last week against Calgary, it was 11 seconds.)

Saskatchewan's Ron Loehndorff tallied with Ross Barros in the penalty box, but Brian Sosnowski restored Bears' .2 goal margin with Spitzig out of position after twice robbing Steve McKnight.

Midway through the third period, Dale Henwood juggled a hard shot and Richard Ross swept the puck out of his glove, into the net, but Primeau's goal seconds later doused any hope of a comeback, and Bears skated away with the 4-2 win.

The tight score must have brought Alberta back to reality, because they wasted no time

disposing of Huskies in Saturday's runaway 7-1 drubbing.

Bears scored twice in the first period, added three more in the second, and most fans were busy staying to see if Craig Gunther could successfully persevere his shutout in the third.

Alas, it was not to be. Alberta did notch two more early in the period, but with a couple of minutes remaining, Abby Hebert coughed up the puck at the Huskies' blueline, and Guy Spencer beat Gunther high to the glove side on the breakaway. Just to make it hurt a little more, Bears were on the powerplay at the time.

The game ended in a bench-clearing free-for-all, behind Saskatchewan's goal, with everyone but the coaches getting involved. The main event was won handily by rugged Ross Barros, while John Simkin could only manage a draw, winning the early rounds but fading in the late going. Kevin Primeau also drew a major for waltzing with Huskies' Pat Rooney.

Steve McKnight and Brian Sosnowski each scored twice for Alberta, and Brian Middleton, Jim Ofrim, and Barros picked up singles. John Horcoff had three assists, and was the outstanding player on the ice.

Referee Ernie Boruk assessed a total of 98 minutes in penalties, most of them resulting from the brawl. Alberta had the edge with 50 minutes.

With his goal Saturday, Barros has equalled his output for all of last season. Bears have not quite reached the half-way point in the schedule.

Both Alberta goalies were sharp, Henwood with 32 saves and Gunther with 20 - but down at the other end, Doug Spitzig must have felt like the target at a rifle range. Bears pumped an amazing 55 shots at him Friday and another 52 on Saturday.



Goalmouth action got a little out of hand on occasion.

## editorial

### Politics or progress?

Clare Drake's selections for the Student National Hockey Team have drawn some considerable criticism since their announcement last Tuesday. Cries of "politics" and "raw deal" have come from some schools not represented on the team. What's all the fuss about, you ask?

Four Golden Bears - Ross Barros, Bruce Crawford, Steve McKnight, and Brian Middleton - were named to the 20-man squad. Tom Watt's Toronto Blues and Bob Boucher's St. Mary's Huskies also placed four players each on the team. Watt and Boucher assisted Drake in choosing team members.

At first glance, it seems patently unfair that three schools should so dominate a national team. But the coaching staff was not chosen at random - Drake, Watt, and Boucher are, after all, coaches of three of the top hockey teams in intercollegiate ranks of recent years, and surely the concept of selecting more players from better clubs than from poorer ones is no news to anyone.

Presumably, there would have been no outcry of politics if Drake had picked one player each from 20 different colleges, yet that kind of choice would be far more political than the one he has made. He would be sacrificing what he considers the good of the team in order to appease individual schools.

In so doing, he would find himself with a sort of "All-Star" team (although this usually implies "the best players" and, by this standard, it is doubtful whether teams like Saskatchewan have even one player to fill the bill.)

If there is one thing Canadians should have learned from two Canada-Russia confrontations, it is that an all-star aggregation is not suited to a short series.

Cohesion and teamwork are as much a part of winning as talent, a case in point being the not overly talented but undeniably successful Philadelphia Flyers.

Drake may have gone a long way toward achieving those ends by choosing groups of players who have worked together previously, like the Alberta defence pair of Middleton and Barros, or the Toronto forward line of Gord Davies, Don Pagnutti, and Kent Rhunke.

It probably required some intestinal fortitude to make the selections in the way Drake did, knowing he would be called a "homer" and "politician".

No one can doubt that Drake's pride, as well as that of the players, will be on the line when the team takes to the ice in Switzerland and Czechoslovakia later this month. You can bet he has chosen the players with care.

Barry Meissner, a Bears' assistant coach says, "Clare Drake is not a selfish man," adding that "he doesn't have to justify his selections to anyone but himself and the other coaches."

Meissner points out that Drake was looking for "balanced players" in camp, not 40-goal scorers who might have twice that many scored against them.

Whatever his reasons for selecting whom he did, the responsibility, as Meissner says, is Drake's. His own selection as national team coach is some measure of the respect the man commands, and his competence is borne out by the record he has compiled. His Golden Bears have not missed the playoffs in the 17 years that he has coached them. In 10 of those, Bears have won the conference championship.

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### HOCKEY STANDINGS

|              | W | L  | T | PTS |
|--------------|---|----|---|-----|
| Alberta      | 9 | 2  | 0 | 18  |
| Calgary      | 6 | 3  | 1 | 13  |
| UBC          | 5 | 5  | 1 | 11  |
| Saskatchewan | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0   |