

Golden Bears kick Cougars out of rink

by Ajay Bhardwaj

Bears 13 Cougars 4

The hockey Bears had their way with the University of Regina Cougars Saturday afternoon, winning 13-4.

A sparse crowd of about 200 witnessed the Bears win the game before the first period was even over. Sid Cranston, who had two goals and two assists, scored the winner with one second left to play in the period.

"Our objective today was to try and start quickly and get them on their heels and keep coming at them," said winning coach Clare Drake. The Bears not only had the Cougars on their heels, but they also threw the knockout punch in the first period of the laugher. Curtis Brandolini had, perhaps, the prettiest goal of the game.

"I drove for the net and got cut off and had to circle from behind the net... all the players were covered in front, so I took a quick snapshot and beat the goalie on the short side," said Brandolini.

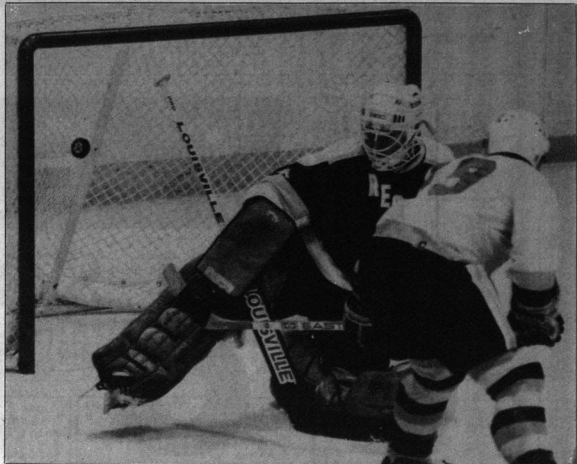
The Bears put the game on ice in the second period with three goals

and then literally had to fight for their lives. Referee Larry Antoniuk 'let both teams play' and it resulted in 105 minutes in penalties.

"I attribute that (the fighting) to them (Regina) being in last place and being frustrated all the time," said Sid Cranston. Both Brent Severyn and Jack Patrick drew game misconducts after fights, and both will sit out the next game against Calgary.

The Bears buried the Cougars in the final period, scoring five more times. "We just tried to work on our systems, and our defence, and tried to make sure there were no breakdowns," said Cranston, referring to what the Bears tried to do in the third period. Drake even used Brandolini on defence in the final twenty minutes.

"A few years ago we had a lot of defencemen hurt and coach Drake experimented by putting me back there, and ever since, when we've been down a couple of defencemen, he's put me back there," said Brandolini. According to Drake, the Bears did "have some breakdowns, but overall it was a solid effort."



Todd Stokowski lifts one over the helpless Cougar goalie Mike McLean.

Photo Rob Galbraith

BEAR FACTS: The Bears swept the weekend series from the Cougars, outscoring them 21-9 in the process... Drake thinks that the Paul Coffey deal is "good for both clubs."

V-Ball Bears look sharp during split

by Alan Small

The Bear volleyball club showed more encouraging signs this weekend when they split a pair of games against the University of Lethbridge Pronghorns. They got an easy 3-0 victory, 15-7, 15-2, 15-4. The game match lasted all of 45 minutes.

"We played lots of backup boys," head coach Pierre Baudin said.

After that lopsided win, they went up against the powerful, but young Calgary Dinosuars. They finished with an 11-4 record last season, making it into the nationals. It was to be a good test for the young Golden Bear club.

In the first two games, they lost squeakers 15-13 and 15-11. They then surprised the Dino club in the next two games 15-10 and 15-5.

"I don't think I've ever coached a team that has executed a plan as perfectly as they did in the third and fourth games," Baudin said.

The fourth game was the coup de grace for the Bears as they trounced the Dinos in 13 minutes.

"We just slammed them. We kicked them really bad," Baudin said.

That was the beginning of the end for the Bears, as the Dinos made some tactical changes and easily defeated the Bears in the deciding game, 15-3.

"Next time, we should be able to handle the last game," Baudin said.

The key players that had to play well that so for the Bears. Among them were Dean Kakoschke, who had 23 kills and two stuff blocks, Ben Spiller, who had 12 rejections and Steve Kentel, who had 17 attacks, and was awarded the MVP of the match.

The Dinos were coming off of their best matches the previous night. They defeated the Saskatchewan Huskies, who have won the Canada West title three years running, and have not lost a match in Canada West play since 1984.

"I think they will show us a lot more respect next time," Baudin said.

LAST SPIKES: The Bears will be without the services of middle blocker Ben Spiller for the rest of the year. Ben has decided to work on his studies, and may rejoin the Bears at a later date.



Stacey Wakabayashi is stickchecked by a sprawling Cougar defender.

Photo Garry Makar

Hockey Bears demolish lowly Cats

by Randal Smathers

Bears 8 Cougars 5

The hockey Bears are getting better — at trashing inferior teams anyway. Three weeks ago, they struggled in taking twin games from the Brandon Bobcats. Friday they had no such trouble beating Regina.

The 8-5 score favored the visiting Cougars in a big way. The shots were more indicative of the play. The Bears bombed Cougar target Mike McLean 52 times, while their goalies faced only 18 shots.

The Bears led 6-1 after the first period and coasted from there. Regina got the only two goals in the second period, as the Bears failed to count any of 21 shots.

"I thought we played well in the first and second," said Bear coach Clare Drake. "We were outscored in the second, but just because we were unable to finish." He said this has been a problem in the last "three or four games," where the Bears have had a lot of shots, but a poor shooting percentage.

Alberta then went up 8-3 early in the third, on goals by Brent Severyn on the powerplay, and a rare marker from Darwin Bozek. Regina

got a pair of meaningless scores to make the final respectable, which is more than can be said for their overall play.

Cougar Todd Cornish got two for the visitors and was stopped cold by Bear starter John Krill on a breakaway to prevent his hat trick. He was the only standout Regina skater, with overworked netminder McLean also garnering some praise.

The Bears top line of Curt Brandolini, Sid Cranston, and Wes Craig did most of the damage for the home team. Most of their goals came from pretty passing plays, with Brandolini getting two goals and an assist, Cranston getting five helpers, and Craig a goal and an assist. Dennis Cranston and Brent Severyn each had three points for the home team as well.

"We were ready to play," said Sid Cranston. "We were moving the puck well and going to the holes." However, he also said, "We lost a little intensity — we didn't play 60 minutes."

Krill had two good periods in goal despite allowing three goals on fourteen shots. "Those are tough games for goaltenders, where one team has the edge in play," said Drake. "They don't get any shots for a while, then two or three quick

ones."

Most of Regina's goals came on defensive breakdowns, often as the Cougars intercepted Bear headman passes. "We got caught going too much on offense in the second period," said Bozek of himself and his fellow blue liners. "They didn't really put that much pressure on us."

First star Brandolini agreed, saying "All we had to do was go back and pick up the puck and go again." Seldom does a team turn more two-on-tuos or three-on-threes into solo rushes as Regina did. Most of the time in such situations they would break off and change lines, not testing the Bear defence at all.

Red Lines — Bear defenceman **Howie Draper** went down with a slight strain to his knee in the third, but was ready for Saturday's game...

Forward **Ross Jeske** suffered a flare-up of a chronic back problem and sat the next night, although he should be ready if needed for the next game against Calgary... **Blair McGregor** played goal for the third period in order for him to get some ice time, allowing a soft goal and a powerplay marker. **Sid Cranston's** 3 assists gave him 50 points in 20 games this year, best on the team.

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