

Drake wins 600th as Bears unleash offense

Score more than football Bears with 10-8 and 10-5 wins.

by Mark Spector

"Sooner or later I'll want to start forgetting about these things," said Clare Drake as he pounded the game-puck from his 600th career victory on Saturday night. "No, I'm just kidding."

"It's always nice to win."

And win they did, but not in the tight checking style that characterizes a Drake-coached team. Lethbridge scored three unanswered goals in the third period to take Alberta to overtime Friday before the Golden Bears prevailed 10-8 on goals by Jack Patrick and Denis Leclair.

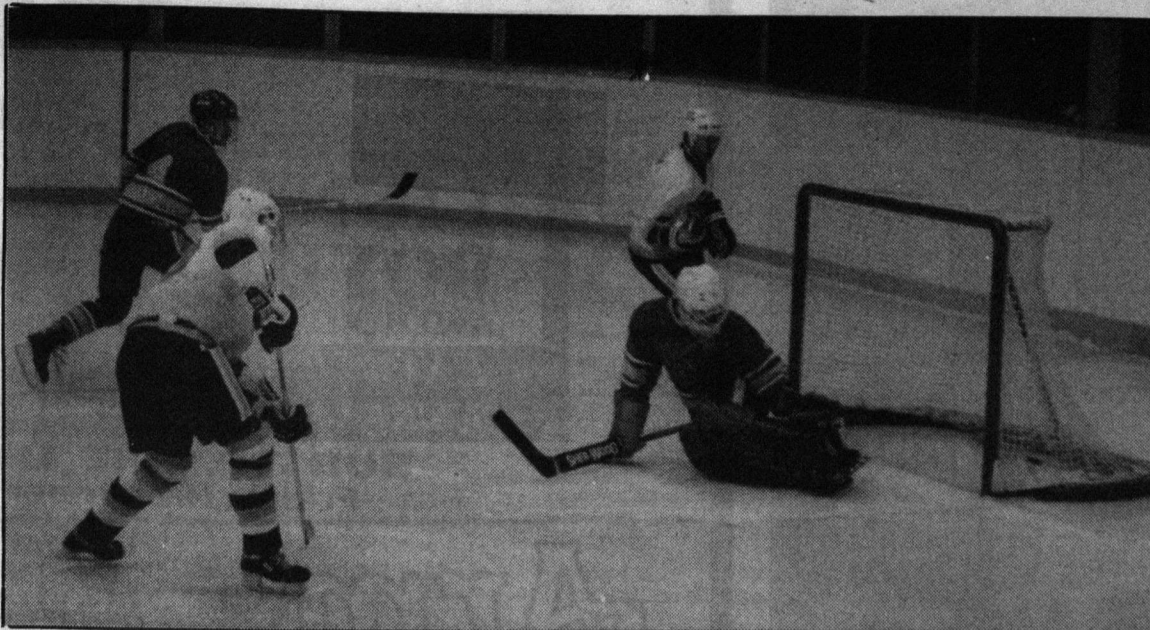
And the next night the Bears played the role of good samaritans when they gave up a natural hat-trick to Scott Orban in the final frame to allow the Pronghorns to within five.

But this early in the season it's pretty hard to argue with a pair of double digit performances, especially when you count the fact that the hockey Bears outscored their football classmates on both occasions last weekend. The gridiron Golden Bears managed only nine points in their game on Saturday.

The most explosive Bear on the weekend was without a doubt right-winger Stacey Wakabayashi, who's skates barely touched the ice in scoring three goals and five assists all told.

"I've tried to concentrate more on my offense lately," he said. "The first two weeks I was getting the chances but nothing was going into the net. But my linemates were making the plays this weekend, especially Todd (Stokowski). He's doing great for a first year player."

Indeed the entire line was flying, as Stokowski scored three goals



Todd Stokowski nets one, courtesy of a Stacey Wakabayashi feed. Wakabayashi (right) had an eight point weekend.

two helpers while Dennis Cranston was two and three over the two games.

Friday night the Bears scored four goals in each of the first two periods, rebounding from an early 3-1 deficit, but blew the third period before awakening for a pair of scores in the ten minute overtime session. Leclair, a standout on this night, netted two as did Wakabayashi, while singles came off the sticks of Dave Otto, Craig Dill, Rob Glasgow, Stokowski, Cranston and Patrick in OT.

The next night Alberta tightened up their defensive game somewhat, replaced struggling goaltender John Krill with rookie Brian Harley, and inserted Wes Craig into their lineup to overpower Lethbridge after a close opening 20 minutes.

Craig had two goals and two assists coming into the lineup after sitting out the night before. He had a contingent of workmates from his summer job at CP Rail in the stands, and he was a freight train himself that Lethbridge just could not stop as he earned first star honors. Stokowski had a pair of goals while Steve Cousins, Cranston, Wakabayashi, Dill, Curtis Brandolini, and Brent Severyn also scored.

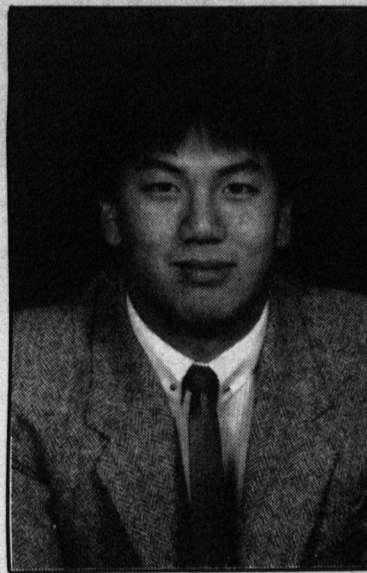
"I knew that the guys would be a little tired after last night," said Craig, "and that's what I was supposed to do. The three guys that sit out each night have to pick up any slack when they come in there."

A native of Calgary, Craig led the St. Albert Saints in scoring in his third season there last year. "Before in Junior my attitude was more of, if I missed a game I felt that maybe you were being screwed around or something along those lines."

"I don't have any problems about sitting out here. Drake knows what he's doing."

And the Bears knew what they were doing as well, or at least what they wanted to do. "I really wanted to do it for the coach. I hardly wanted to be the goat," said Harley of his first ever Canada West start. "Before the game we vowed that we'd do it for him. As a team, we won it for The Coach," said the 18 year old of the effort that was inspired by a pre-game speech from captain Dennis Cranston.

Although the defense was less than stable, and Krill continued his season long struggle, Alberta can take solice in the fact that their



offensive guns are blazing.

Leclair and Craig coming off the bench combined with two strong games from freshman Stokowski leaves the Bears in not that bad shape. Let's face it, you can't turn your back on twenty goal weekends.

Now if they could only teach their act to the football Bears . . . **Bear Facts - Sid Cranston** didn't play in either contest because of a sore ankle. Chances are he'll play next weekend in **Brandon** . . . the Bears outshot Lethbridge 53-35 and 41-23, while going 3/7 on the power-play against 4/12 for the Pronghorns . . . linesman **Roger Castle** took a clearing shot in the cheek Friday and went for x-rays after the game . . . the Bears were outscored 6-3 in the third period over the two games, an oddity for the Golden Bears.

Friday

FIRST PERIOD

- Leth, Orban(3) (Odland, Joli) 2:09.
- Leth, Spence(4) (unass.) 3:18.
- Alta., Dill(6) (Patrick, Otto) 3:28.
- Leth, Jacobson(1) (Odland) 4:43.
- Alta., Leclair(2) (Brandolini) 9:00.
- Alta., D. Cranston(3) (Clark, Wakabayashi) 10:21.
- Alta., Otto(2) (Brandolini, Cousins) 19:58.

PENALTIES - Rypien, Leth., 11:35; Spence, Leth., 14:08; Glasgow, Alta., 18:40; Dolevoet, Leth., 19:27.

SECOND PERIOD

- Leth., Joly(1) (Odland) 7:29.
- Alta., Wakabayashi(4) (D. Cranston, Bozek), sh 9:47.
- Alta., Glasgow(1) (Dill, Otto) 13:46.
- Alta., Wakabayashi(5) (D. Cranston, Stokowski) 14:40.
- Leth., Odland(4) (Orban) 18:25.
- Alta., Stokowski(3) (Wakabayashi, D. Cranston) 18:36.

PENALTIES - Stokowski, Alta., 7:50; Severyn, Alta., double minor, Gu. Gervais, Gi. Gervais, Leth., 9:32; Patrick, Alta., Major, Leth., 17:05.

THIRD PERIOD

- Leth., Skoye(4) (Joly, Odland), pp 1:21.
- Leth., Jacobson(2) (unass.) 4:23.
- Leth., Gu. Gervais(2) (Spence, Kabayama), pp 6:25.

PENALTIES - Dill, Alta., 0:39; D. Cranston, Alta., 5:03; Brandolini, Alta., 8:21; Cousins, Alta., 15:13.

OVERTIME

- Alta., Patrick(4) (Dill) 4:07.
- Alta., Leclair(3) (Bransolini, Helland) 8:18.

PENALTIES - None - Cousins, Alta., Mumford, Leth., 4:41.

SHOTS ON GOAL - Alta. 22 18 5 8 - 53; Leth. 8 11 13 3 - 35.

GOALTENDERS - Krill, Alta.; Osing, Leth.

Saturday

FIRST PERIOD

- Alta., Cousins(2) (Craig, Brandolini) 1:31.
- Leth., Mumford(2) (Spence, Odland) 3:17.
- Alta., Wakabayashi(6) (Draper, D. Cranston) 11:12.
- Leth., Dolevoet(1) (Odland, Gu. Gervais), pp 16:16.

5. Alta., D. Cranston(4) (Dill, Proft), pp 18:12.

PENALTIES - Leclair, Craig, Alta., Mumford, Leth., 15:05; Brandolini, Alta., Skoye, Leth., 17:06; Odland, Leth., 17:25.

SECOND PERIOD

- Alta., Brandolini(1) (Craig, Leclair) 2:07.
- Alta., Dill(7) (Patrick, Severyn), pp 2:57.
- Alta., Craig(3) (Clark, Severyn), pp 16:31.
- Alta., Severyn(1) (Wakabayashi, Stokowski), sh 19:05.

PENALTIES - Odland, Leth., 2:48; Craig, Alta., 5:10; Spence, Leth., 6:14; Severyn, Alta., 12:41; Gi. Gervais, Leth., 14:41; Walter, Alta., 18:30.

THIRD PERIOD

- Alta., Stokowski(4) (Wakabayashi), sh 0:15.
- Alta., Stokowski(5) (Wakabayashi, Severyn) 4:43.
- Alta., Craig(4) (Leclair, Brandolini) 5:04.
- Leth., Orban(4) (Dolevoet) 6:57.
- Leth., Orban(5) (Mumford, Skoye), pp 9:44.
- Leth., Orban(6) (Gillette, Skoye) 14:58.

PENALTIES - Patrick, Alta., 9:27; Bench, Leth., 16:34; Patrick, Alta., 17:37; Walter, Alta., Rypien, Leth., 18:19; Severyn, Alta., Mumford, Leth., 18:55.

SHOTS ON GOAL - Alta. 15 14 12 - 41; Leth. 10 2 11 - 23.

GOALTENDERS - Harley, Alta.; Pomahac, Leth.

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