

# "Butchers" Win First Game - Nice Guys Lose Second

"From butchers to nice guys—and we had to lose a game to do it" was Golden Bear Hockey coach Clare Drake's comment on the final two games of the 5-game exhibition set between his club and the Edmonton Oil Kings.

The clubs split the pair of games but the Bears came out on top in the series 3 games to 2.

The Bears and the Oil Kings battled through 60 minutes of hard knocking hockey action Thursday night before the Bears skated off with a 7-6 verdict; however, the struggle on the ice was a minor skirmish in comparison with the verbal war which has followed.

Amidst Oil Kings cries of "dirty hockey" and King manager Leo Le Clerc's threats to cancel Sunday's series finale, Bear coach Clare Drake while admitting that the refereeing left something to be desired, stoutly maintained that the game was no rougher than any other of the preceding 3 contests and denied the Bears were the assassins the Oil Kings accused them of being.

### EYE FOR EYE

Captain Don Chiz led the Oiler's injury brigade with an eye cut which required several stitches to close. Wayne Muloin re-injured a bad arm, Vince Downey allegedly suffered a concussion and Roger Bourbonnais was reported to have face cuts.

Drake denied the latter two injuries, pointing out that both players were on the ice in the dying minutes of the game, as



KNOCK, KNOCK . . . MAY I COME IN?

—By George

**Kings pulled goalie Dale Guame in a frantic effort to tie the score, and also that Bears, too suffered injuries in the persons of defencemen Dick Wintermute and George Kingston.**

To return to the evening's main attraction, the Bears took a 3-2 lead in the first period on the strength of Al Laplante's two quick goals in the last 35 seconds, matched a single tally with the Kinglets in the second and then picked up half of the 6 third-period markers.

### PENALTIES GALORE

LaPlante and Jack McManus

counted two goals apiece to lead the Green and Gold attack, while an ever-improving Don Weaver, Doug Messier and Jim Jones added singletons. Dennis Kassian with two sparked the Oilers in a closing cause with Owen Mailley, John Leslyshen, Vince Downey and Tom Burgess rounding out the King's scoring.

**Oilers took three of seven penalties including a bench minor for delaying the game in the second period. Bob Cox of the Kings also picked up a 10-minute misconduct for his part in that particular exchange between officials and several members of the King team. Bears' Vic Dzurko and Oiler's Larry**

**Lund drew majors for engaging in fisticuffs early in the opening period.**

Sunday, things were different, however, as Kings started hitting hard from the opening whistle, skated to a 2-0 first period lead, held the Bears to a single second period marker and then when Bears had tied the count at 4-all late in the third, counted again to carry off a 5-4 decision.

### OILERS RECOVER

Dennis Kassian had a big afternoon for the Oil Kings as he blinked the red light behind Spike Shultz no less than 4 times. Wayne Muloin on a screaming blast from the point scored the other. Bear scoring was

evenly divided among Al LaPlante, Jack McManus, Dick Dunnigan and Bob Marik.

**All of the King's walking wounded were dressed and look-remarkably healthy considering all the loud weeping and wailing that was emanating from their camp early Friday morning. Only one further injury was sustained in the contest, a badly bruised shoulder for Austin Smith.**

Paul Sexsmith in the Oiler's net pulled off several unbelievable saves, Shultz, not to be outdone, made a number of spectacular stops himself.

Oil Kings carried off six of 10 minor penalties handed out, and Oiler's Bobby Cox served his second misconduct in as many games for a display of temper in the second period.

Officials of both teams said afterwards that they felt the series was a success and expressed hopes that it could become an annual affair, possibly being extended to a best-of-seven affair.

## Wives Use Peb

Co-ordinator of Student Activities, Peter Hyndman, said, Tuesday night, that the possibility that students' wives will be able to enjoy the use of some of the facilities of the Physical Education Building next fall is excellent.

He went on to state that this might not be a permanent arrangement due to the fact that student enrollment is increasing whereas space is not; but he did feel that, in all probability, the arrangement would last a few years.

## League Leadership On Line

A perfect record and the league lead are being placed on the line this weekend as the U of A Golden Bear hockey team entertains the U of S Huskies in their final home league action of the year.

Bears, coasting along with a 4-0 record so far, are tied with Huskies for first place in the three-team loop after last weekend's action in which Saskatchewan swept a doubleheader from University of Manitoba Bisons. Huskies have a 4-2 record. Even a split would guarantee no

worse than a tie for first place for the Bears, but coach Clare Drake and the boys are hoping for an undefeated season as they seek their second league title and their eighth Hardy Cup in eleven years.

"Saskatchewan is a colorful team to watch", said Drake. "They skate well and although statistics showed that we were outshot both times we played them they lacked finesse around the net." Drake pointed out that this situation has probably been largely corrected by now and expects his team to have their hands full with the Huskies.

"It'll be a close series," Drake predicted. "If we let up at all,

**we could wind up losing both games."**

Meanwhile rumors are flying thick and fast about a national final but plans as yet are only in the talking stage. If such a series were arranged it would probably be held on March 10 and 11 with site to be determined between the two eventual winners.

The Bears wind up their WCIAU schedule with two games in Winnipeg, February 24 and 25 and finish the season at home March 3 and 4 as they meet UBC Thunderbirds for the Hamber Cup.

Games times are 8:30 p.m. Friday and 2:30 p.m. Saturday afternoon.

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