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Bears hockey team suffering through some goaltending woes, p. 14



**Alan Small**

## Neither the time nor the place

"When you're a winner you're always happy, but if you're happy as a loser you'll always be a loser."  
— Mark Fidrych

This statement sums up the philosophy of sport the way I play it. And when I watch it, I want to see the athletes exhibit this as well.

There is no feeling as exhilarating as the feeling of winning. Conversely, losing can be pretty sickening. This ideal came to the fore during the U of A volleyball matches on Friday night.

The Pandas lost three very easy games to the University of Calgary, a team they had beaten in Calgary at a tournament last month. The Pandas are a young, rebuilding team and they're going to have setbacks like this.



But after the game (during the first game of the Bears/Dinos match), some of the Pandas were seen dragging one of their teammates across the gym floor. She was taped to a chair.

This was obviously an initiation rite. A rite all rookies go through at one time or another, with the purpose of creating a close knit group of players.

But after you just got smoked out of your own gym on opening night with probably your biggest crowd of the season? Sure, everyone got a good laugh, but do you wonder about the desire of this team?

When approached, Panda head coach **Suzi Smith** said: "Every rookie goes through it once. As long as it's not done in an airport or a church or someplace like that, there should be little problem with it."

Is this sort of thing appropriate after a bad loss?

"We can't take the loss too hard. If no one gets hurt about it, it's all in good fun."

Sure, you can't take the loss too hard, but there is a point of taking the loss too casually. The Vancouver Canucks have always taken losses casually and that attitude has been taking them farther and farther down in the NHL standings.

Luckily for the Pandas, they had a pretty poor season last year.

Nowhere to go but up, I guess.

## Split small reprieve for Bears



Bears could manage only a split with Manitoba. Alberta is now 6-6. (File photo)

photo Pernell Tarnowski

by Mark Spector  
Bears 9 Bisons 6  
Bisons 6 Bears 2

Do Not Tease The Animals.

That's what the sign should have read outside the Manitoba Bisons' dressing room last weekend, as a 20 minute lapse led the Alberta Golden Bears to believe that they had finally broken loose from a prolonged slump. Six goals in the third period Friday staked Alberta to a 9-6 come-from-behind win over the league leading Bisons and put to a halt their four game losing streak.

But things didn't begin falling into place all by themselves as it seemed they would for Alberta after the dramatic win in front of many of their predecessors on Alumni weekend.

The next night things returned to sub-normal, as Manitoba scored four first period goals (on eight shots) while the Bears' skaters looked on drowsily, then went into their formidable defensive game to hold on for an easy 6-2 victory.

"I really thought that the comeback last night would fire the guys up," said a weary Clare Drake afterwards. "We didn't generate enough shots tonight. There were many times when we could have shot, but didn't."

"Sometimes when you are an offensive-minded team you can fall into the habit of trying to work the puck in too close." On the score-sheet the Bears ended up with 41 shots, but many were harmless and

somehow the official scorer saw 21 first period shots on Bison goalie Larry Dyck. He must have been counting the warm-up.

The only two that managed to find mesh behind the stellar goaltending of the diminutive Dyck came off the sticks of Jack Patrick (the lone second period marker after Dave Otto's close-in slapper left a rebound) and Stacey Wakabayashi (a breakaway goal).

The story of this game was the Manitoba line of Barry Blisner (1-1), Dan Bissonette (2-1), and Brian Coughlin (0-1) who accounted for the final three Bison goals. After first period goals by Chris Saint-Cyr (screened slapper), Rick Strachan (two-on-one), and Jason Taylor (deflection off of Curtis Brandolini's skates), Bissonette's line went to work. Before the first period ended, the fire hydrant-shaped center accepted a breakaway pass off of a blocked shot as he left the Manitoba bench, and beat Krill easily on the forehand deke to send Manitoba into the dressing room up by four.

Then in the third, Bissonette and Blisner looked like Gretzky and Kurri as they tic-tac-toed the Bisons into another four goal lead on a picture perfect two-on-one for Bissonette's sixth of the year and second of the game. Finally, after Alberta had drawn to within three again, the same pair were sent in alone as the Bears were pressing, and they again clicked on an abandoned Krill.

Coach Wayne Fleming described the line: "Barry has really come a long way for us this year. Danny is a tough, hard-nosed kid. He's nice to have around. I guess Coughlin is sort of the forgotten guy out there."

"I think that the key (to their win) tonight was their goalie. He played really well for them," admitted Stacey Wakabayashi. After enjoying success shooting high on Friday, the Bears seemed to abandon that plan as he stuffed them low on several occasions.

"With Dyck'er you gotta be sharp," said ex-teammate Brent Severyn. The Alberta defenseman played with Dyck last year in Seattle in the WHL.

"I had a little talk with Larry before the game," said Fleming, "and he said 'I think I can be better (than Friday).' I said 'So do I.'"

Dyck didn't shine on Friday, but it was mainly a case of Alberta just being overpowering. Down 5-3 heading into the third, former captain Ron Vertz (playing his first game coming out of retirement) had a few words to say in the dressing room that must have meant a lot to his teammates because they came out on fire and scored five goals in 6:55 to bury the Bisons.

Scoring for Alberta were Todd Stokowski (2), Patrick, Wakabayashi, Helland, Otto, Proft, Dill, and Ansell.

But Stokowski said it best: "If we don't win tomorrow night (Saturday), this win means (bleep)all."

Bleepall plus two points, that is.

### Bears 9 Bisons 6



#### FIRST PERIOD

- Alta., Patrick (7) (Otto, Dill) 11:25.
- Man., Bumstead (3) (Strachan, Lowes) 14:11.
- Alta., Wakabayashi (8) (Bozek) 15:08.
- Man., Mahood (7) (Kehrer, Strachan) 17:18.

Penalties: Taylor, Man., 17:42.

#### SECOND PERIOD

- Man., Blisner (3) (Bissonette, Saint-Cyr) 0:56.
- Alta., Stokowski (6) (S. Cranston, Helland) 2:03.
- Man., Mahood (8) (Saint-Cyr, Coughlin), sh, 4:36.
- Man., Kehrer (6) (Mahood, Strachan) 17:22.

Penalties: Bissonette, Man., 2:45.

#### THIRD PERIOD

- Alta., Stokowski (7) (Otto, Helland) 2:45 2:54.
- Alta., Helland (2) (Stokowski, Vertz) 5:07.
- Alta., Otto (8) (Dill, Proft), pp, 7:39.
- Alta., Proft (8) (Wakabayashi, D. Cranston) 9:02.
- Alta., Dill (13) (Otto, Clark) 9:49.
- Man., Strachan (4) (Mahood, Scott), pp, 14:25.
- Alta., Ansell (1) (Cousins), en, 18:16.

Penalties: Bissonette, Man., 5:58; Helland, Alta., Saint-Cyr, Man., 12:14; Clark, Alta., 13:41; Brandolini, Alta., Kehrer, Man., 17:46; Otto, Alta., Scott, Man., 18:36.

SHOTS ON GOAL: Alta. 8 8 20 - 36; Man. 7 15 11 - 33.

GOALTENDERS: Krill, Alta.; Dyck, Man.

### Bisons 6 Bears 2



#### FIRST PERIOD

- Man., Saint-Cyr (7) (Stewart) 2:09.
- Man., Strachan (5) (Scott, Kehrer) 8:11.
- Man., Taylor (4) (unass.) 13:59.
- Man., Bissonette (5) (unass.) 17:51.

Penalties: Stewart, Man., 15:43; Brandolini, Alta., Bissonette, Man., double minors, 20:00.

#### SECOND PERIOD

- Alta., Patrick (8) (Otto, Draper) 12:16.
- Man., Bench, Man., 7:02; Dill, Alta., 11:08; Kehrer, Man., 11:42; Bench, Alta., 14:06; Brandolini, Alta., double, Stewart, Man., 16:35.

#### THIRD PERIOD

- Man., Bissonette (6) (Blisner) 12:57.
- Alta., Wakabayashi (9) (D. Cranston, Clark) 15:29.
- Man., Blisner (4) (Bissonette, Coughlin) 16:09.

Penalties: Proft, Alta., Mahood, Man., 4:50; Kehrer, Man., 5:50; Brandolini, Alta., 6:40; Lowes, Man., 9:41; Strachan, Man., 13:27.

SHOTS ON GOAL: Alta. 21 6 14 - 41; Man. 8 8 10 - 26.

GOALTENDERS: Krill, Alta.; Dyck, Man.

## Hoop Bears gear up for Invitational

by Philip Preville

The U of A Golden Bears basketball team will play the Bishop's University Gaiters from Lennoxville, Quebec at 8:15 p.m. on Thursday, in their first game of the 1986 Golden Bear Invitational Tournament. The tournament will run this Thursday through Saturday at Varsity Gym.

Bishop's University, with a total enrolment of 1200 (5% of the student body plays football), won the Carleton Invitational last weekend, defeating Carleton and the University of Guelph. The Gaiters are 8-3 so far in pre-season play. The Bears are 7-5.

The winner of the Bears-Gaiters

game will move on to play the winner of a game between U of Regina and UBC, who will play Thursday at 2:00 p.m. Both teams are early surprises. The Regina team finished second to the Bears at their own tournament three weeks ago, and Bears' coach Don Horwood has much respect for them. UBC, a team stacked with young recruits, won the University of Manitoba tourney, beating the powerful U of Brandon in the final.

In other Thursday games, the U of Saskatchewan (last year's Invitational winner) will play the U of Manitoba at 4:00 p.m., in what should be an excellent matchup. Manitoba was ranked No. 1 in the

country most of last year and the Saskatchewan Huskies made the final four of the national tournament in March. The Calgary Dinos will play Spokane's Whitworth College at 6:15 p.m.

There will be somewhat of a media blitz for this event. Canadian National Team coach Jack Donohue will be in town with TSN, who will televise the semi-finals on Friday at 7:00 and 9:00 p.m., as well as the final on Saturday afternoon at 3:00. A press conference is planned for Wednesday and a breakfast, sponsored by the *Edmonton Journal*, will be held at the Convention Inn South on Friday. This time of year usually tends to be the only

time of year when the basketball Bears get a spot on local TV news shows, but that might be interrupted because of Grey Cup weekend.

**In The Paint** — No men's basketball rankings have yet been published...

The Bears' tournament will figure largely in the ratings of CWJAA and G-Pac conference teams... Four games will be played on each day of the tournament... Tickets to the games will be sold as day passes,

valid for all four games that day. Day passes will cost \$5 for adults and \$3 for students.