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HAMBER HEADS FOR HOME—UBC Athletic Director 'Bus' Phillips presents the Hamber Cup to Golden Bear captain Ralph Porstad after twin victories over the T-Birds at the weekend. The scene is becoming monotonous as the Bears have won the award for the third consecutive year and fifteenth time since its inception in 1949.

U of A Golden Bears outclass UBC to capture Hamber Cup

By BRYAN CAMPBELL

VANCOUVER—The only rain in this seaport town was in the UBC Thunderbird dressing room as they lost the Hamber Cup to the hockey Bears 5-0 and 5-4 at the weekend.

UBC has won the trophy only twice in 16 years.

Friday's game was a show case for the Kozicki-Martin-LeBlanc line as the three scored all five goals in the Bear whitewash.

The scoreboard action got underway at 2:12 in the first stanza when Kozicki took a Darrell LeBlanc pass and beat Ken Broderick.

The Bears outclassed the 'Birds in everything—including penalties. They took all three misconducts the costwise referees issued — a match misconduct to Hugh Twa and game sentences to Brian Harper and Austin Smith.

The first to go was all-star Austin Smith at 13:27 of the first period when he disagreed with a slashing penalty and told officials about it.

They're sensitive and Smith got the gate.

Twa was disqualified after he shoved an official who had him pinned against the boards. The infraction kept him out of Saturday night's contest and may keep him out of league play while his case is up for review.

Darrell LeBlanc dominated the opening half of the second period with a neat display of stickhandling and puck control.

But the second period was more than just the Bears overpowering the hapless UBC squad.

The 'Birds came out and played their best period of the night in the second. There was some strong forechecking but the T-birds just didn't get the breaks.

They did everything but score as a little luck and a lot of Bob Wolfe held them out.

Martin got his only goal of the series in the second period.

In the third frame the Bears skated over and around a disheartened Thunderbird team. Darrell LeBlanc pumped in three goals with Martin adding an assist on each marker.

UBC's Ken Broderick stopped 21 shots, while Bob Wolfe held out 40.

"The team played well," said Drake, "especially the defence-men."

"Bird coach, Paul Hindmarch said "UBC didn't play very well at all, but when another team (the Bears) plays well, they can make you look bad."

Hindmarch felt, "The Thunderbirds quit a little at the end."

Saturday looked like a repeat performance in the first period.

The Bears had a four goal margin at the 20 minute mark, with LeBlanc, Gerry Braunberger, Smith and Sam Belcourt stretching the twine.

Smith's goal came on a break-

away set up by Braunberger and was the nicest marker of the series. In the second period things were different.

The T-birds charged out of the locker-room and started forechecking from the opening face-off.

This time they got the breaks and by the end of a hectic second frame they got goals from Dan Cumming, Glen Rickards and Jack Littler.

The Bears started to feel the pressure as the period wore on. With only 13 players on the roster the effects of 60 per cent ice time began to show.

In the third the Bears split goals with the T-birds as Sam Belcourt got his second of the evening and Ron Morris added another to UBC's losing cause.

Ken Broderick stopped 27 shots to the Bears Hugh Waddle's 21.

Coach Drake said the close win was the result of having to use two lines all the time.

UBC coach Hindmarch felt the T-birds first goal in the second period was the spark which gave the team "incentive they lacked in the first game."

Mike Balash handed out his fair share of bone-crushing checks in the contest.

The Bears take on the Oil Kings at the Varsity Arena Wednesday night at 8:30 p.m. This is the final game of the city hockey championships before the playoffs.

Bears clinch second place but Dinos win WCIAA title

By LAWRIE HIGNELL

The University of Alberta Bears clinched second place in WCIAA basketball league over the weekend but lost any chance of catching the high-flying first place UAC Dinosaurs.

The Bears showed defensive weaknesses in their first game as they narrowly edged the University of Manitoba Bisons 82-78. Saturday was a different story as they came on strong to win 80-57 before a crowd of close to 1,200.

Friday's game started quickly as Darwin Semotiuk found the range with a couple of thirty foot jump-shots.

The Bears full court press early in the first half, backfired as the Bisons scored sixteen quick points on fast breaks and led 35-33 with five minutes remaining.

Coach Jim Munro called off the press and the Bears, led by guard Bruce Blumell with eleven points, ran up a 46-43 half time lead.

The second half saw the Bears hoop 10 points in four minutes and take a commanding ten point lead.

Led by Barry Mitchelson, and Garth Hillman, who at one point scored three baskets in thirty seconds, the Bears retained their five basket lead until the last three minutes.

Then Coach Jim Munro called a stall and the Bears toyed with the ball and the Bisons for two minutes. When the Bisons finally got control of the ball they scored a quick basket and trailed by four points.

In the last thirty seconds, a Bison forward stole the ball and streaked down the court all alone for an easy shot.

The Bisons groaned as the forward missed the layup and then missed another three close-in shots before the buzzer sounded.

The score ended 82-78 for the Bears, but it looked as though the Bisons could have won easily in the last minute due to the Bears' poor defense.

Big gun for the Bears was forward Barry Mitchelson as he scored 22 points on ten and fifteen foot jump shots.

Bruce Blumell scored 16 points on good drives and lanky centre Ed Blott swished another 12. For the Bisons, guard Marko hooped 18 points on jump shots from the top of the key while centre Zelmer added 11.

For a while Saturday night, it looked as though the Bisons were out to revenge their close defeat of the previous match as they jumped to an early 12-3 lead in less than three minutes of play.

The Bears slowly closed the gap as husky forward Mitchelson hoop-

ed the first six points on swishing jump shots.

Bear guard Don Melnychuk played extremely fine defense early in the first half as he rebounded strongly and hustled the ball into Bison territory repeatedly.

With only six minutes remaining in the first half the Bears finally took the lead 18-17.

Blumell and Mitchelson came on strong in the last five minutes to make the half time score 37-25 in favour of the Bears.

The low scoring first half saw Mitchelson hoop 11 points while guards Blumell and Semotiuk scored 5 apiece.

The second half was a new match as the Bears began to show their strength by scoring at will on fast breaks and jump shots, especially by guard Darwin Semotiuk.

With a little over seven minutes left to play, Munro started using second stringers as the Bears held a 65-49 lead.

The move was a good one as the new players displayed their all around ability. Forward George Monkman was very strong on the offensive boards as he grabbed five rebounds in a row at one point before the Bears finally scored the basket.

With three minutes left to play and leading 75-56 the second stringers took over and led by centre Rob Lougheed with five quick points on fine jump shots, pushed the final margin to 80-57 for the Bears.

Mitchelson was the Bears top scorer with 15 points followed by Blumell with 12 and Semotiuk with 11. Centres Murray Shapiro and Jim Griffin had a tough night as they had to shoot against the Bison's six-foot, six-inch centre Larry Zelmer.

Only strong rebounding and accurate field shooting saw Griffin score 11 and Shapiro 8 as they saw little of the ball on offence.

Bisons' top scorer was Bartz with nine field goals and 23 points, followed by centre Zelmer with 10 points.

U of A judoka sweep first judo title

By MARION CONYBEARE

The Golden Bears have done it again!

They have taken the first WCIAA judo team championship.

The five-man team, captained by Ron Lappage, swept to the team trophy by engulfing University of Manitoba Bisons 40-0.

In the semi-finals the Bears clobbered the University of Alberta at Calgary Dinosaurs 45-0.

Teams were eliminated from competitions by straight knock-out. Manitoba eliminated the University of Saskatchewan Huskies 33-0.

"A meet is only as good as the contestants," said Ray Kelly, coach of the Bear team, as he commented on the high calibre of the visiting teams.

Kelly was impressed by the manner which all the contestants conducted themselves both on and off the mats as well as the high quality of the visiting coaches.

Bear's Don Hames took the middleweight event over Dinosaur's Murray Jans. In the open event Ron Lappage beat out Bison John Ruddy to win another event for the Bears.

Bears' placed second in the other two events. Ross Tamura came second in the light weight division and Ken Shannon took second in the heavy division.

Bears entered in the team event were Bob McCauley, Dale Blue, Don Hames, Ken Shannon and captain Ron Lappage.

Ray Kelly says he is "absolutely thrilled with the way the boys fought. They did far better than anticipated." He wishes to thank all the local Black Belts who came out to assist with the meet, and especially Mr. Y. Senda, 5th Dan and President of the Provincial Black Belt Association who came from Lethbridge to be referee-in-chief.

Juniors scramble to 4-4 tie

By DON MOREN

The rivalry between the Senior Bears and the Edmonton Oil Kings is in the hockey spotlight at the present time but another rivalry is growing between the Junior Bears and the Oil King's farm club, the Junior B Redwings.

In a remarkable reversal of form the Junior Bears gained a 4-4 tie with the Junior B Redwings at Varsity Arena last Saturday. Only two weeks ago the Oil Kings' farm club drubbed the University squad 5-0.

It was an uphill struggle for the Redwings from the opening whistle as the Junior Bears put on an excellent display of forechecking and skating. Goals by Fred MacKenzie, Gary Hutnan and Pete Golinowski put the Junior Bears ahead 3-2 after two periods.

Though the Bears dominated play the Redwings must be given credit for taking advantage of scoring opportunities. Gary Breden fired two goals in the final period while the Junior Bears managed only Golinowski's second tally.

Merose Stelmaschuk and Jim Marple scored the two earlier Redwing goals.

Both Ian Wilkie of the Redwings and Dale Halterman of the Junior Bears came up with outstanding saves throughout the game. It was Wilkie's first appearance with the Redwings for some time. At the beginning of the season he was back-up goalie for the Edmonton Oil Kings.

Weak shooting and lack of polish around the net was the only factor preventing the Junior Bears from gaining the victory.

The Junior Bears were without their ace Sam Belcourt who travelled with the Senior Bears to British Columbia.

A crowd of 60 was on hand to witness the deadlock.

Bearcats seek berth in tourney

The Bearcats virtually clinched a position in the Dominion Volleyball Championships by placing second in the Alberta Open Tournament at Calgary.

The Dominion classic takes place in Calgary March 11.

The Bearcats defeated NAIT in the B division final while the Pandas lost to UAC in another final.

The Cats now boast a two tournament total of 16 points while the Calgary Grads are second with 11 points.

In three tournaments, the two clubs with most points represent Alberta in the national games.

The Bearcats won the Calgary Open to grab 10 points. The third tournament is the Western Canada in Edmonton March 4-5.

Next weekend, the Bearcats travel to Regina for intercollegiate games while the Pandas move to Winnipeg.