

## Trophy comes home

by Randy Provencal

For the fourth time in six years, the Alberta Golden Bears hockey squad won the Molson Invitational hockey tournament. They ended three days of round robin action by dumping the Calgary Dinosaurs 5-3 in the final.

Both teams entered Sunday's game sporting 2-0 records, but from early on in the first period, it was evident which team was the most dominant.

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Bears captain Sid Cranston noted afterwards.

Indeed, the Bears did want it more. They jumped out to a 2-0 lead after one period on goals by Robert Glasgow and Stacey Wakabayashi. While Bear forwards kept pressing, the Dinosaurs offense was almost non-existent, as they managed only four shots on Bears goalie Blair McGregor.

In the second, newcomer Doug McCarthy padded the Bears lead to 3-0, which stood until Mark Fioretti put Calgary on the board with only 28 seconds left in the

period.

At 11:30 of the third, Cranston notched an insurance tally on the powerplay. But the Dinosaurs didn't quit down three goals, as they pulled to within one with 1:01 left in the game on goals by Garnet Klassen and Terry Houlder.

Adam Morrison thwarted any Dino comeback with an empty net goal with seven seconds to play.

One key to the Bears victory was its ability to capitalize on the powerplay — at least more so than the Dinosaurs. And while three for eight is not spectacular, it is promising.

"Some guys were doing things from last year," Bear coach Clare Drake explained, emphasizing that no special attention has been paid to perfecting the powerplay. "We've spent about 20 minutes on it this year. Total."

Cranston felt the powerplay needs more work though. "It's crucial that all five guys know what's happening" on the powerplay. "It'll come with time," he assured.

The tournament gave coaches a chance to see how rookies panned out against other teams before final cuts were made Monday.

While the coach didn't want to single out any particular standout rookies, he said "that (the game)



Bear hopeful R. J. Dundas (R) hooks Dino Grant Richison in the Molson Invitational final.

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was a very good test for the players" and "everybody played quite well.

"It was a really good game for this early in the year. There was a lot of spirit out there — maybe too much at times."

Cranston said the team played well together as a unit, something which must now be stressed. "This is the time of the season to be

concentrating on team play," he said, adding that he is "really pleased" with what he saw over the weekend.

"The young guys are keeping everybody alert" of the need for work ethics to make the team. "There'll be no free rides on this club," he said.

**IN THE CREASE:** MVP's from Sunday's game included new-

comer **Dave Hingley** for the Bears and **Trevor Dickie** for the Dinosaurs. Tournament MVP was the Bears' Wakabayashi.

The all-tourney team included McGregor in net, Dinosaurs **Doug Quinn** and Bears **Howie Draper** on defense, University of Saskatchewan's **Walter Shutter**, Dinosaurs **Steve Wheatcroft** and Bears **Morrison** as forwards.

## Dino outburst downs Bears

by Randal Smathers  
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The Golden Bears football team outscored the U of C Dinosaurs three quarters out of four, but lost the second half of the Shrine Bowl anyways.

The Bears scored in the first quarter, with Brian Forrest outmuscling the Dino corner back for the ball in the end zone. Quarterback Jeff Steinberg had underthrown the ball by about a

yard, but Forrest came back to the ball for a 33 yard touchdown.

Steinberg and the Bear offense struggled for the rest of the half, as that was their only completed pass in the first two quarters.

On the other hand, Dino quarterback Bob Torrance had a great first half, completing 16 of 23 passes, including three TD throws. Torrance got good protection from his offensive line and worked both short and long passes

effectively.

Calgary's last touchdown came with only seconds to play in the half, and it looked like the Dinosaurs would run away with the second half of the Shrine Bowl as they had the first.

Alberta's coaches had a different idea, however. "Coach Syrotuik and I went in at half time and we ripped their faces off," said Donlevy, "There wasn't a lot of coaching going on. There was a lot of yelling and screaming going on."

The yelling and screaming worked, as the Bears controlled the second half. The defence got some extra pressure on Torrance, who threw three interceptions as a result of the heat.

"He (Torrance) was under pressure, and we dropped a few balls," said Calgary head coach Peter Connellan, "I don't think he played that badly, even in the second half."

Connellan also felt his team let down in the second half. "Basically we played well enough to win, and that's not good enough," he said.

The U of A offence moved the ball well in the second half, but misfired near the end zone. After a Tom Houg plunge in the third quarter, the Bears managed only a single point.

Connellan credited his defence with the win. "We held them three times inside the 25 yard line in the fourth quarter," he said,

"Those three situations won the ball game for us.

On the three series, Alberta was stopped by inches on a third down gamble, kicker Steve Kasowski missed a 27 yard field goal try, and a pass went incomplete on third-and-goal from the two.

Halfback Ken Farrus was open in the end zone on the play after Houg faked a line plunge. But

Steinberg hurried his throw and it bounced behind Farrus.

**BEAR FACTS** — Brent Korte seems to be adjusting well to his rush end position. Surprises on the roster included receivers **Pierre Bourque** and **Steve Camp** left at home. Tight end **Graeme Feltham** made a big catch on a fake field goal, as holder and backup quarterback **Aaron Smith** hit him for a 19 yard gain.

## Houg fills hole in Bear backfield

by Randal Smathers

Was this Tom Houg's best game as a Golden Bear? "So they told me on TV," he said. "Most carries I've ever had by far."

"I don't know the stats on that yet," said coach Jim Donlevy, "but consistency and all that (considered) yes it is. He's a tremendous football player, and he's found a home at fullback. He'll be there for the rest of the year."

In the past, Houg has played primarily as a slotback, with fullbacks like Jeff Funtasz and Mark Brus in the Bear system. Earlier this year he also saw time at halfback, with freshmen Kent Kern and Ken Farrus playing fullback. Houg said that he doesn't prefer either catching passes or running the ball.

"Anything that'll make me a

better football player. A balanced attack also helps the team, so it doesn't really matter to me."

The offensive line must block well for any running back to succeed, and Alberta's young front line had their best game of the year.

"They were really giving me some big holes," said Houg. "We cut our play selection in about half, because they were having to make too many reads for a young line, and worked on execution this week in practice, and it seemed to pay off."

The Bears also used a quick-hitting running attack. "(Bear QB) Jeff Steinberg was calling a lot of plays on first sound, so we could hit the defence quick. They're bigger than us, and we wanted to catch them before they could set up, and it worked," said Houg.



Rob Galbraith

Bear rusher Tom Houg (22) ran for 161 yards and is the WIFL player of the week against Calgary.