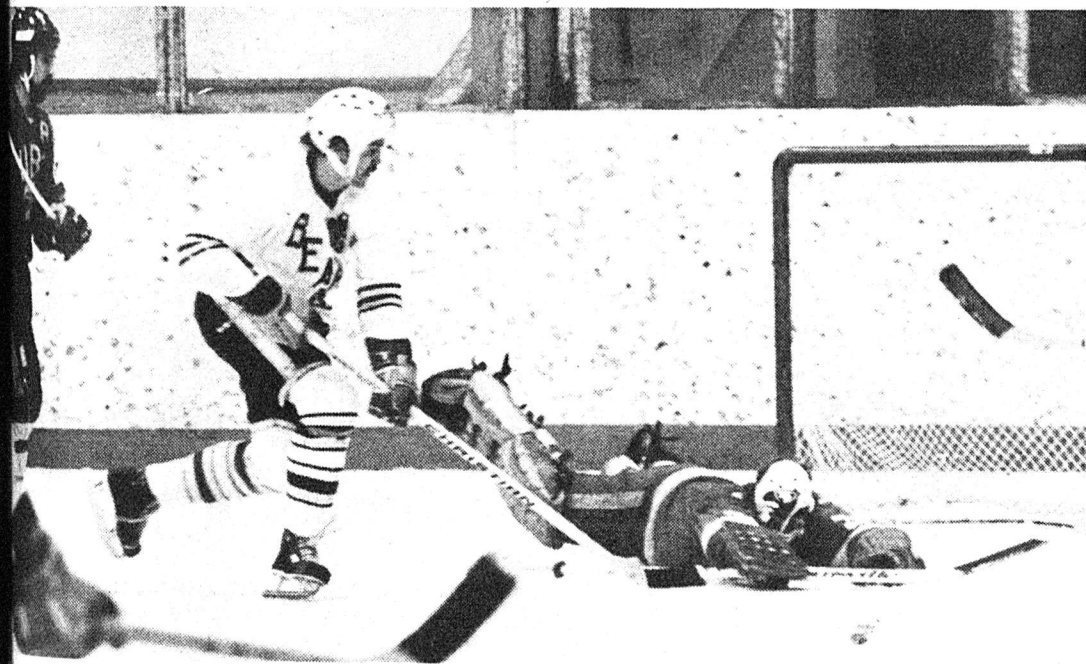


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CWUAA hockey

Bears own title

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Invincible?

The Golden Bears hockey team will finish this season with a record of twenty three wins and one loss. They will sweep the playoffs in two straight games and proceed to win the National Championships in Montreal by going undefeated.

A rash prediction?

Not for anyone who has followed the Bears closely this year. The Green and Gold machine appears to be able to turn itself on at will, whenever the need arises.

A perfect example of the strength and depth of the Bears

squad was their display against the UBC Thunderbirds in the recent weekend series.

On Friday night the homestanding U of A club destroyed the T'birds by an 8-0 count. Seven different players scored goals (Chris Helland-2, Dave Hindmarch, Ted Olson, Dave Breakwell, Greg Skoreyko, Stan Swales, and Barrie Stafford) while six others figured in the scoring with at least one assist.

The Bears bombarded UBC goaltender Ron Paterson 55 times while Ted Poplawski stopped 14 shots for the shutout.

Bears' coach Clare Drake

lauded his team for their consistency throughout all three periods and said that it was "a good sign that we can keep up steady pressure." According to Drake, the Bears did "nothing spectacular but everything well."

On Saturday night the Bears played a lackluster first period and allowed the T'birds to skate to a 3-1 lead after twenty minutes.

The first two UBC goals came as the result of mental mistakes by Swales and goaltender Nick Sanza. Derek Williams caught Swales trying to play the puck on a one on one

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