

UBC third period prelude of second game

by Alan Small
Alberta 6 UBC 4

This game ended up being the first test for a Golden Bear hockey team that has had little competition through the opening four games of their season. After the first two periods Friday, the Bears seemed destined to cruise through another. That was not to be the case.

"It's the first time we've been in a tough situation all year," said Bear forward Todd Gordon. "We

"We showed a lot of jam" — UBC coach Terry O'Malley, prophetically.

had to play hard and pull together as a team."

The Bears held a 4-1 lead after the first two frames of Friday's series opener with the UBC T-Birds, on the strength of two goals by former Hobbema Hawk Marty Yewchuk. Goals by Grant Delcourt, his second of the game, and T-Bird captain Keith Abbott tightened the margin to one goal, before Yewchuk scored his hat trick goal, the eventual winner with less than seven minutes remaining in the third period.

That was the end of the Thunderbirds however, as Mike Griffin tucked the puck behind MacGregor with 53 seconds left in the third, prompting UBC coach Terry O'Malley to pull the goalie for an



Kevin Griffin is in a "Thunderchicken" sandwich between Bears Howie Draper (l) and Brett Cox (r).

extra attacker. The move backfired as Sid Cranston stole the puck and fed Stacey Wakabayashi for an empty net goal.

"We showed a lot of jam," said O'Malley, "but we're going to have to do better. The Bears did more than just hold their own tonight."

Defenceman Grant Couture connected on his second Canada West goal on the power play as

he tapped in a Wes Craig rink-wide pass into a wide open net. Yewchuk's first goal was the prettiest of the night, as he circled the UBC net, went unhindered into the slot and rifled a wrist shot over Repp's glove.

"We were tentative coming in," said O'Malley, "(Alberta) has the tradition. Friday night is always tough here."

Sandwiched between the two U of A markers was a goal by Grant Delcourt, who fired in his first of the game past Bear net-minder Blair McGregor after a nice feed from Rich Dusevic.


In the second period, the Bears stretched their lead to three goals, as Yewchuk scored his second on a goalmouth scramble. Gord Thibodeau then converted a

cross-ice pass from Wakabayashi over the glove of Repp.

It was a fine night for Yewchuk, a Wetaskiwin native, who had his first big night as a Golden Bear and was the first star of the hockey game.

"Marty's been playing well all year," said MacGregor. "He showed that anybody can (score goals) on any night of the week."

BLUE LINES: Delcourt and Bear defenceman Ian Herbers were the other two stars tonight, and ironically were teammates with the Spokane Chiefs of the WHL. "(Delcourt) is a good team leader," Herbers said. "His first priority is for the team. He doesn't care about his personal goals before the team's goals."



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1st Period
1. Alta. Couture 1 (Craig, Cranston) 6:42, pp
2. UBC. Delcourt 4 (Dusevic) 12:56
3. Alta. Yewchuk 2 (Thibodeau) 17:19
Penalties: Taillefer, B 5:22, Ikeda, B, Yewchuk, A 5:27

2nd Period
4. Alta. Yewchuk 3 (Wakabayashi, Cranston) 9:12
5. Alta. Thibodeau 2 (Wakabayashi, McCarthy) 17:30
Penalties: McGregor, A (served by McCarthy) :24, Taillefer, B, Craig, A 9:38

3rd Period
6. UBC. Delcourt 5 (Ikeda, Dusevic) 5:14
7. UBC. Abbott 2 5:51
8. Alta. Yewchuk 4 (Craig) 13:36
9. UBC. Griffin 1 (Whiton) 19:07
10. Alta. Wakabayashi 9 (Cranston, McCarthy) 19:46, en
Penalties: Wakabayashi, A, 10:53, bench, A (served by Craig) 14:14

Shots on Goal:

UBC	4	7	10	21
ALTA	6	9	9	24

Goals: Repp, UBC, McGregor, Alta.
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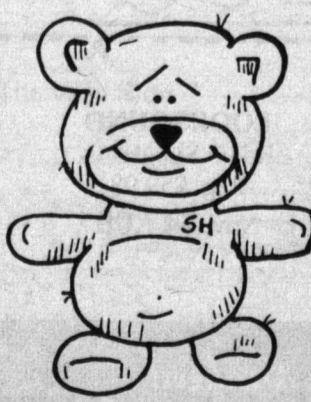
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