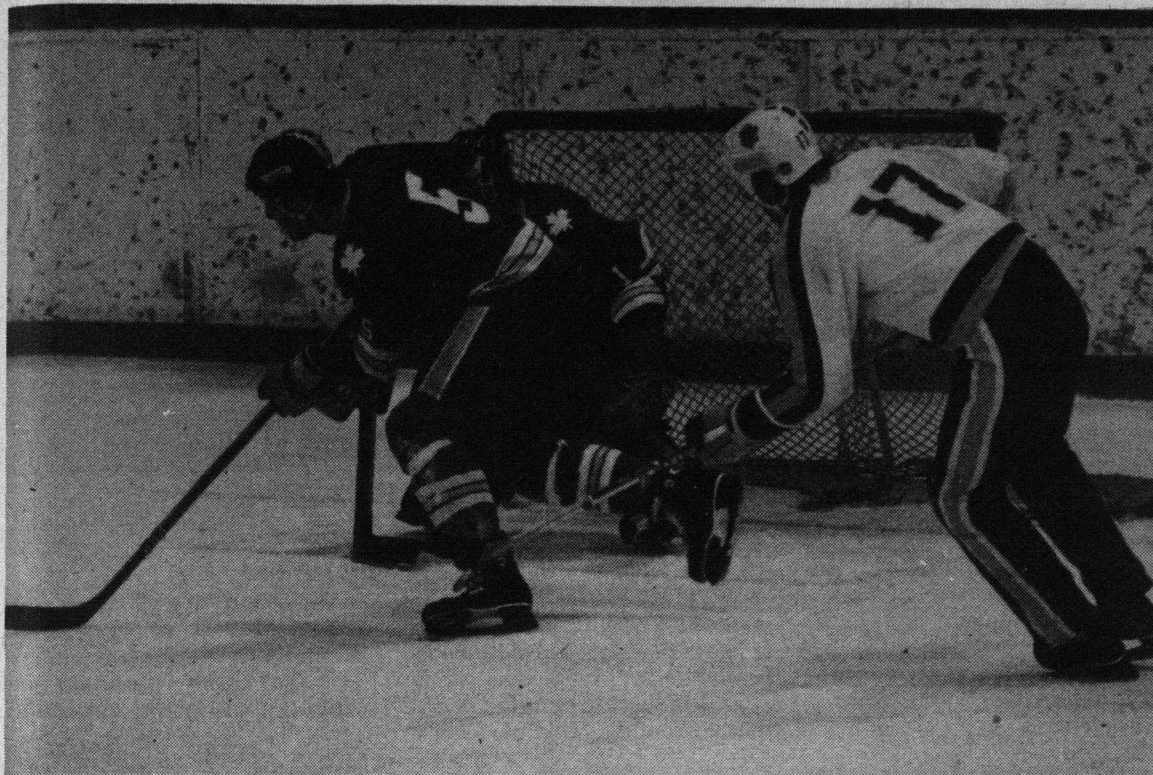


Bears never really played Dinos



Ace Brimacombe (17) will have plenty of chances to chase Dinos this weekend.

by Andrew Watts

The U. of A. Golden Bears played the Calgary Dinos on Saturday. At least that's what the schedule said. The coaches thought there was a game, the Dinos, the refs, everybody thought there was a game, except the players of the Golden Bears hockey team. They forgot the game 7 - 2.

Perhaps the team thought the game was on Sunday, they played like it.

"We just weren't ready to play," said bewildered coach Clare Drake.

The Bears committed about as many mental errors a team might commit in one game, in the first ten minutes. If it wasn't for some brilliant goaltending by Bears' starter Denis Potvin the period would not have ended in a 1-0 lead for them.

"Our mental processes were slow and our physical processes were slow," commented Drake.

There is no explanation for why the team was so flat. If there was one then the Bears would have found it during the game.

"We didn't seem to have any zip, no oomph," finalized Drake.

The Bears appeared to jump off to a fast start as Ace Brimacombe took a Tip Krug

pass, went around the defence and flipped a high shot into the Dinos net at 1:41. But the Dinos swarmed all over the Bears and were only kept scoreless by Potvin. The first period ended this way and should have given the team a lift but this was not the case.

Before the second period was six minutes old the Dinos were up 3-1 and never looked back. Terry Pastorak, Darrin Callas and Grant Figerheim put the Dinos ahead and the period ended with no more scoring. The Dinos scored four more goals in the last ten minutes of the third and only Jim Lomas could reply for the Bears. Three of the four goals by the Dinos appeared to be stopped by Potvin but somehow bounced up, over, around and in the net. Despite seven goals Potvin had a fairly good game in goal. Two of the goals were screened totally and the other two were the only ones he had a chance on.

No one player played particularly poorly for the Bears. It was a team effort.

The Bears get their chance for revenge quickly as they play the Dinos next weekend. Perhaps a week of practice will restore some life in them and the revenge they desire will be sweet.

Volleyball Bears close but...

The Golden Bears Volleyball team hosted the second C.W.U.A.A. tournament in varsity gym over this past weekend. The team played five matches and came away with a 2-3 won lost record.

Coach Brian Watson was pleased with the teams overall performance and stated that many of the matches were very close. He went to say that the team was competitive with all the teams that defeated them.

The Bears started the tournament on Friday night with a match against the University of Victoria and lost three straight; 10-15, 13-15, and 9-15. Watson said the team fell behind but caught up and played well. In the second game the Bears were ahead 12-5 but broke down and allowed a long string of points that eventually beat them.

"We appear to have no killer instinct," said Watson.

Against the U of Saskatchewan on the same night the team played well and won 3-0.

Individual scores were; 15-8, 15-3 and 15-6.

"Everything we touched in this game turned to gold," commented Watson.

On Saturday the team played the UBC Thunderbirds and in a gruelling match that lasted two hours the Bears lost 12-15, 16-18, 15-12, 10-15.

The team was ahead in all the matches at the half-way point but just couldn't put the game away.

"It's really frustrating, we were up 15-14 in the second game but couldn't put it away," said Watson.

The team had to enter a match only one half hour later with the very tough Dinos and were quickly dispatched 9-15, 8-15, and 13-15. Asked if the long game with UBC had an effect on the players Watson said, "it shouldn't have but it did."

"We were going with only six players and this hurt."

The last match of the weekend for the Bears was against the U of Lethbridge and although the team won the match the coach was not to pleased with the players performance.

"The win was nice but it was actually the worst match we played all weekend," said Brian Watson.

The coach summed up his teams play by saying that the team must learn how to win when it gets close and that they must work on their blocking at the net.



SPORTS WRITERS

Bears lose three on road

The Golden Bears basketball team were on the road for three days this past weekend to take on Reno, Nevada, Montana State and the Eastern Washington U.

Against Reno, Nevada, the Bears were soundly defeated 91-62. The Bears were trailing 51-30 at the half and were not able to close that gap at all.

High scorer for the Bears was Leon Bynoe with 20 points as he led both teams in that department. Next for the Bears was Shawn Izzard with 13 points.

The Bears next took on Eastern Washington University and were again soundly beaten 98-61. This time the Bears could only muster 26 points against the tough Washington defence in the first half. They improved that to 35 points in the second half but this was never close to being enough. Leon Bynoe was again high scorer for the team as he put down 10 points.

Their final game was played against Montana State and the Bears were crushed 81-44. Leon

Bynoe kept his record intact as he repeated as high scorer for the team with 14 points but one man cannot do it all and the rest of team could only manage to give 30 points support. Dwight Stewart led the way there with 8 points.

The U of A team is young and there is still lots of room for improvement as the weekend play drastically indicated.

Wrestling

The U of A wrestling team sent three of its wrestlers to the Canada Cup Invitational Tournament in Toronto over this past weekend.

Coach John Barry felt that perhaps more of his wrestlers should have been invited but was quite pleased with the tourney and the way the U of A men acquitted themselves.

Amid very tough competition Scott Tate, Mike Payette and Sid Thorowski captured fourth, fifth and third places respectively. Six of Canadas' national wrestlers were there as were many American wrestlers and the Italian National wrestlers were also attending.

Barry felt that in Scott Tate's match the young wrestler was 'ripped off' on a 5-5 score. There was a controversial point awarded and the coach protested but to no avail. Both Scott and Mike defeated the C.I.A.U. champion which defeated them last year. Both wrestlers were pleased with this result. Sid Thorowski captured his third place finish in the heavy weight class and he was very pleased with this result.



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