

Oiler rookie goalie Mike Greenlay breathes a sigh of relief as this shot roles past his net. Greenlay's Oilers lost a close one to the Bears

## Bears steal one from Oiler rookies

by Lindsay Ryall

Varsity Arena was the scene of a classic come from behind victory as the Bears scored four goals in the final four minutes to edge the Oiler Rookies 7-6 last Wednesday night.

Penalties played a major factor in the first period as the Oilers racked up ten minutes in minors leading to a five on three Bear advantage at 13:45 of the first. The Bears opened the scoring just over a minute later with centre Adam Morrison converting a pass from Howie Draper catching Oiler goalie Mike Greenlay out of position. The Oilers got a lucky break at 16:21 when a centering pass from former Swift Cur-

rent Bronco scoring star, Tim Tisdale, was re-directed off the skate of Oiler forward Trevor Sim to tie the score at 1-1.

Both teams exchanged goals in the final minutes of the first period with Morrison scoring at 18:30 to put the Bears ahead 2-1 and Oiler Richard Novak scoring on a clear cut breakaway to tie the game 2-2.

The Oiler Rookies continued to play their intimidating style into the second period and paid the price at 2:17 when they surrendered their second 5 on 3 advantage to the Bears. The Bears were quick to exploit their advantage when Draper buried a slapshot from the point

past Greenlay. Although Draper had an exceptional evening with four assists and one goal for five points he denied being an offensive threat. "I don't know. I'm just as surprised as you. The puck just bounced the right way a couple of times and I was lucky enough to touch it last and get a few points."

The Oilers struck back at 7:07 of the second period when a weak shot by Oiler defenceman Francois Leroux was redirected off the skate of Peter Soberlak for the Oilers' third goal. The second period was marred by a steady stream of penalties resulting in sluggish play and the period ended with both teams tied at three.

Oiler forechecking paid off at 6:26 of the third when the Bears were unable to clear the zone and Oiler forward Stan Drulia fired home a pass from Soberlak. Bear hopes for a victory began to look bleak when the Oiler Trevor Sim scored unassisted on a breakaway to put the Oilers up 5-3.

With the Bears on another 5 on 3 powerplay the game broke wide open with two goals in a one minute timespan. The first came at 15:45 when Bear defenceman Guy Paradis put a crisp wristshot past a hapless Greenlay, and then at 16:45 Bear Morrison scored on a smart backhand shot. Morrison also had a great game for the Bears collecting a hatrick and an assist for four points on the night.

The Oilers regained the lead momentarily at 18:06 when the Bears got caught on a 5 on 2 rush by the Oilers and winger Martin Gelinas skated in to score.

The Bears fought back viciously in the final minute with Morrison scoring at 19:05 on a pass from Guy Paradis and at 19:24 some hard work by Bear forward Brett Cox-

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