

# Bears overcome rainfall to drop Huskies

by Doug Leib

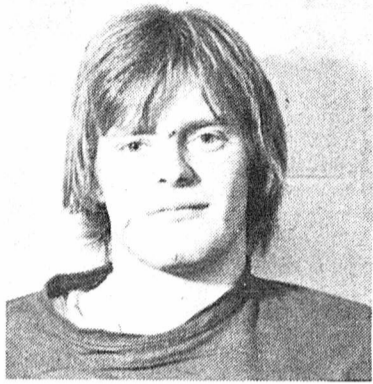
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Alberta 4 Saskatchewan 1

Thanks to very hard work and a slightly deflated Huskie hockey team, the hockey Bears could shout their victory cheer, loud and clear on both Friday and Saturday.

"It was a complete team effort," stated a happy and pleased Coach Abbott. And a team effort it was. When you have seven different players scoring your seven goals you know everyone has been working together. The Bears took a full five minutes to adjust to the poor lighting in ancient Rutherford Arena and from then on it was a piece of cake.

They then scored three goals in one minute and fifty four seconds near the middle of the first period and the Huskies never seemed to recover.

Jim Ofrim (who was easily the first star Friday) picked up the Bears first of three quickies on a fake pass to the slot and then tucked it up top over a surprised Spitzig, who went for the fake completely. A little less than a minute later, Kevin Primeau stuffed in a loose rebound, and a minute after him Rick Peterson found himself all alone in the slot, and with no hesitation he deposited Blair Burgess' great pass into the net. Bryan Sosnowski scored the fourth of the period at 17:12. It



Ofrim...league scoring leader.

came on a power play, but was largely a solo effort for Sosnowski to get clear. Once in clear he snapped it in the top corner from about 20 feet out on the right side. It was the Bears period as they outshot Huskies 16 to 4.

The second didn't produce a goal but it did produce penalties. A frustrated Huskie squad took 6 of 10 minors in the period, which was scambly to say the least. Huskie Coach Dave Smith described his team perfectly when he said "When the boys fall behind 2 or 3 goals they lose what confidence they have, they get frustrated and then they take cheap penalties."

The third period was all Bears as in the first. The Bears scored three more times (one on a beautiful shot by Jim Carr) in the third to salt away the game. Jack Cummings showed he is ready for more frequent action as he picked up his first shutout in three appearances.

The defence looked improved and as Coach Abbott put it "Our defence moved the puck out of our end well tonight, their passes were sharp and they finished up their checks well."

Overall, the Bears outshot Huskies 36-15, while Huskies took 13 of 23 minor penalties. Other Bear goals were by Clarke Jantzie and Frank Clarke.

Saturday's game was destined to be different even hours before game time. The old arena was doing its thing all afternoon. It was a warm day and the frost that forms on the wooden rafters was melting. The water drops were coming down so steady one thought it was raining in there. The result being bumps caused on the ice from frozen drops of water which in turn caused the puck to roll or stand on end all afternoon.

The score was tied 1-1 up until the 5:59 mark of the third when Blair Burgess slammed home what proved to be the winner.

A couple of times both Bears and Huskies had men open with a clear shot on net, only to have the puck flip over their sticks as they slapped at it. The passing suffered throughout and Ofrim put it right. "Between the bluelines you couldn't give or receive a pass cleanly."

Kevin Primeau scored the third at 15:35 when he accepted a long pass at centre ice from rearguard Randy Gregg. He then found himself behind the defence and walked in, deked second game goaler Doug Senyk and slipped it in. Saskatchewan claimed it was offside but the referee saw the puck nick a Saskatchewan player just before centre ice.

Bruce Crawford pulled out of a minor scoring slump to backhand the fourth at 16:10 with assists going to Primeau and Sosnowski. The game took on a tamer light as only 12

minors were called with Sask. taking 8 of them.

Craig Gunther was between the pipes and had a relatively quiet game as Bears completely dominated play and outshot Saskatchewan 43 to 16. The first Bear goal was scored by Ofrim on a power play. Saskatchewan's lone weekend goal came at 7:47 of the first by Dave Neil in a goalmouth scramble.

**Bear Bits** - Ofrim had a four point weekend and upped his league leading scoring total to 32 points on 14 goals and 18 assists. Clark Jantzie scored one goal and had three assists but could be out for a while due to an undetermined shoulder injury. Jim Carr had two goals and three assists on the weekend to emphasize the strength of the Ofrim - Jantzie - Carr line. Oliver Steward reinjured a groin pull and will be out for a week or two. Bears host Sask. at 8:00 this Friday, and UBC at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday.

## Pandas...

### Gymnasts capture 2nd

Peggy Downton and Barb Rutherford led the Panda Gymnastics team to a second place finish this weekend, at the U of Calgary Invitational Meet.

Both girls placed within the top six in each of the four events - vaulting, balance beam, floor exercise and uneven parallel bars - with Peggy winning balance beam. Peggy also took second place all around with a score of 29.4, only to be topped by an Eastern Washington gymnast, whose score was 32.55. Barb came very close to Peggy in the all round with a score of 29.35, to place third. Three other Panda gymnasts - Jayne Welch, Wah King NG & Joni

Dromisky placed 5th, 6th and 7th all around respectively.

Even though the Pandas placed well, the Eastern Washington team took the team award with 90.2 points. This could be accounted for by the fact that they had specialists rather than all round competitors. The Pandas however did place 2nd with 84.2 points to beat Eastern Montana - 70.33 points and Calgary - 57.04 points.

The Pandas next competition is February 14, in Vancouver and hopefully with two weeks of hard practice, they can perfect routines and take that meet.

## E.S.A. hosts bonspiel

by David Caron

The Education Student Association held their mixed bonspiel over the weekend, and of the 16 rinks that entered most reported that it was a success. The ice, however, was too long and many competitors had difficulty seeing the other end.

The gallant efforts of the ESA executive team were severely thwarted as they lost all three of their games under skip

Magee.

The final results of the bonspiel are:

"A" Event - Bernie Jacobbo

"B" Event - Dave Dunkin

"C" Event - Randy Michetti

Crying Towels - Lynn Spain

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