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Hustlin' Huskies oust Alberta

by Mark Spector

At the beginning of this season, nobody who knew anything gave the Alberta Golden Bears hockey team any chance of ever reaching the heights from which they have now fallen.

Ranked first in Canada for much of the season, the Bears will now enter their own CIAU championships through the back door, courtesy of a 6-3 upset by the Saskatchewan Huskies on Sunday afternoon.

Meanwhile, in Calgary, the Dinos and the Manitoba Bisons split 4-3 and 4-2 decisions before Calgary prevailed in overtime Sunday by a 4-3 score.

The Dinos will host the Huskies next weekend in a best of three series to decide the Canada West berth in one of three CIAU regional series.

In the first two games of the Bears' series, the Huskies took the opener 8-3, then the Golden Bears

almost squandered a third period 4-1 lead, but hung on to beat Saskatchewan 5-3 on Saturday.

"That first win was the big one," stated Huskies' coach Brent McEwen. "It gave us the confidence that we really could beat this team."

Going into the weekend the Huskies had lost all six games between the two clubs this year.

"It looks like a bit of a set-up now, doesn't it?" admitted Saskatchewan goalie Ross McKay.

McKay was the pivotal factor in a final game in which he stopped 40 shots, and kept his team close until they started to score.

Alberta led by period scores of 2-0 and 3-1 courtesy of two goals by Craig Dill and one by Dave Otto. Along with Jack Patrick, this trio was Alberta's best line throughout the weekend.

Larry Korchinski, who had only eight goals all season, scored his third goal in the second period and



(Above) Larry Korchinski goes up high in game one, while Marty Hillis (17) and Wally Niewchas (3) double-team Alberta's Jack Patrick.

ended up with four on the series.

So Alberta headed into the third period of the deciding game ahead by a pair and looking confident enough to advance to the league finals.

But a feisty Saskatchewan team had other ideas.

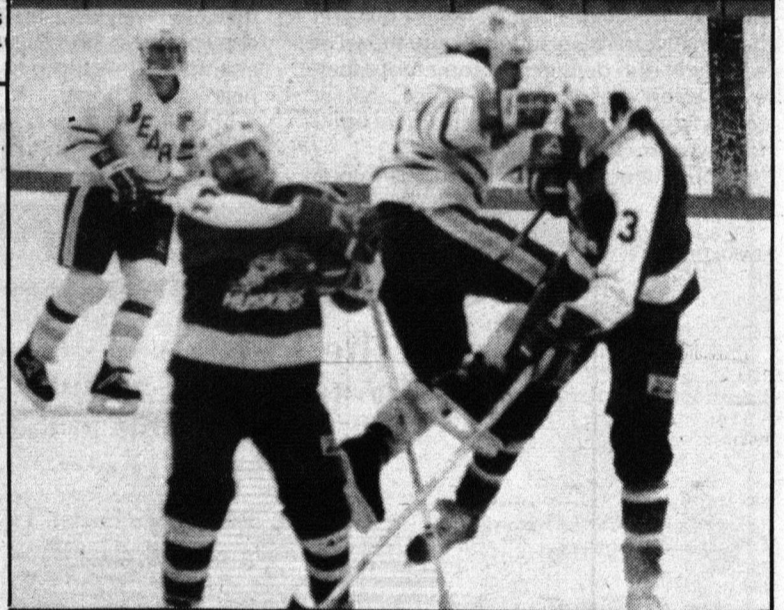
The Huskies came out like a big green tidal wave in the third, pinning the Bears in their own end until they tied the score with two goals in 1:02, a deflection by Korchinski and a long screen shot by defenseman Wally Niewchas.

Then came the shot that coach Clare Drake would later call "... a bit of a spirit deflator at best."

Dan Leier skated almost to center ice and lifted a puck high into the air before leaving in favour of fresh troops. But what he thought would be a harmless shot turned into the winning goal as the puck bounded through the legs of a thus far outstanding John Krill in the Golden Bear net.

Two goals by Mark Chartier (one into the empty net for his sixth of the series) and the Golden Bears' fate was sealed.

"Their vets really came through



for them," stated Krill, "you've got to give Larry Korchinski full credit.

"And Chartier wreaked havoc on us all weekend."

Far and away the outstanding player in the series, Chartier divided his six scores evenly, bagging a pair each game. Drake eventually assigned Jack Patrick to shadow the Huskie sniper, but had to abandon that ploy when Alberta fell behind.

Darren Turner started the first

game in net for the Bears, but was not able to carry a team that needed carrying, so Krill was given a shot the next night and shone. Alberta went into the third period of that game ahead 4-1, but needed Krill to stop Chartier on a pair of breaks to preserve the win.

On Friday, the Huskies simply beat up on an unprepared Alberta squad to walk away with an easy 8-3 win.

Two trophies, three All-Stars for Bears

by Blaine Ostapovich

With the conclusion of the Canada West hockey season, it was time to hand out the silverware and accolades to the various stars of the 1985-86 regular season.

At the top of the list is Brandon Bobcats' forward **Tim Lenardon**. He copped one of the forward spots on the first team all-star squad, as well as taking home the **Dave "Sweeny" Schriener Trophy** as the conference's top scorer.

In addition, Lenardon was named the CWUAA nominee for **CIAU Player of the Year** and taking into account that his point total set a new conference record, he has to be favoured to win the national award.

The Bears' **Dennis Cranston** also made the first team, and deservedly so. As well as being a top-notch point getter, he is probably one of the best defensive-minded forwards in the league. The other forward selection goes to Saskatchewan Huskie captain **Marc Chartier**. The first team blueliners are **Chris**

St. Cyr of Manitoba, who also was named the league's top defenseman (**Mervyn "Red" Dutton Trophy**) and the only UBC representative, **Rick Amann**.

The goaltender selection was easy as Manitoba's workhorse **Derrik Trakalo** was the first team choice.

The second teamers featured two Golden Bears. Diminutive and explosive **Craig Dill** made the forward ranks while burly **Colin Chisholm** is on the blueline. **Jim Appleby** of Regina (in goal), **Brent Meckling** of Calgary (defense), **Rick Nasheim** of Regina (forward), and **Paul Geddes** of Calgary round out the second team all-stars.

The University of Alberta sported two trophy winners as well. The **Adam Kryczka Memorial Trophy** for the top goaltending tandem went to the Golden Bears' **Darren Turner** and **John Krill**. The U of A Alumni Trophy for top rookie goes to the Bears' **Eric Thurston**.

The UBC Alumni Trophy for the top sportsman went to Geddes of the Dinos.

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