

U of A wins Hamber Cup

# Hard-skating Bears sweep series with T' birds

By DON MOREN

VANCOUVER—In most sports, a formula for winning must include speed. Hockey is no exception.

The Golden Bears won the Hamber Cup here at Thunderbird Arena by outskating a slower University of British Columbia club.

Alberta goalie Bob Wolfe didn't have to worry about stopping breakaways. His big problem was that the Bear defencemen were getting back so fast he was getting screened.

When the Bears were at their best, fast-skating forwards up front tied up the Thunderbirds in their own end with fierce forechecking.

Alberta swept the three-game series and the eight conference points that go with it by winning

with 16 shots. Wolfe had his busiest, yet most spectacular period, as he kept the Thunderbirds off the scoreboard.

**BEARS COME ALIVE**

After being continually frustrated by Wolfe, the British Columbia club lost a lot of that early drive. The Bears came to life in the second period with a display of dekes and passes that gave them a multitude of scoring opportunities.

The Bears were in the UBC end for most of the period but this was one night when the puck wouldn't go in. A team statistician calculated that the Bears attempted 45 shots, many of which missed the net.

The two shots that did connect came via deflections. Dale Rippel tipped in Jack Nicholl's shot from the point at 3:14 to make it 1-0. Gerry Braunberger got his third goal of the series by deflecting Ralph Jorstad's shot from the blue-line.

The only UBC goal of the game came at 16:44 when Al McLean re-routed Doug Purdy's shot past Bob Wolfe's stick side. Wolfe had already made his move to his left.

**KEPT UP PACE**

Wolfe's misdemeanor could have been a blessing in disguise. With the Thunderbirds back in the game the Bears were forced to keep up the previous pace.

The final score was 2-1. The Bears had won the Hamber Cup for the fifteenth time since it was first awarded in 1950.

Saturday afternoon the Bears went on a scoring spree but not before the Thunderbirds had built up a 2-1 lead after eight minutes.

Russ Kirk had a goalie's nightmare, accidentally knocking in the rebound of Brian Harper's slapshot in the opening minute of play.

Dave Chambers scored at 5:15, then Al McLean fired his third of the series, a hard wrist shot on which Bob Wolfe appeared to be partially screened.



—Derrek Webb photo

**THIS IS HOW YOU STOP HARPER**  
... UBC's Kirk gloves puck to snuff out Bear attack



**GERRY BRAUNBERGER**  
... five goal weekend

4-1 on Thursday, 2-1 on Friday and 7-3 on Saturday. The Thursday and Friday games were worth three points.

Bear left-winger Gerry Braunberger ruffled the 'Birds early in the Thursday game by scoring two goals in the first period, one on a slap-shot from the left point on a power-play and the second on a scramble around UBC goalie Russ Kirk.

**McLEAN SCORES**

Al McLean, former hockey All-American with North Dakota put the Thunderbirds back in the game. McLean got his shot away very quickly and Bob Wolfe had it go under his stick just as he was getting set for the shot.

Darrell LeBlanc's scoring play in the second period exemplified the speed the Bears used against the 'Birds. LeBlanc swept past two defenders to score.

Del Billings added another insurance marker in the third period to give the Bears a final 4-1 verdict.

Both coaches, Bob Hindmarch of UBC and Clare Drake of Alberta, said after the game that their teams would do better the next evening.

Their words were not wasted. The Thunderbirds came out roaring in the Friday night game. UBC hemmed up the Bears in the Alberta end and peppered Bob Wolfe

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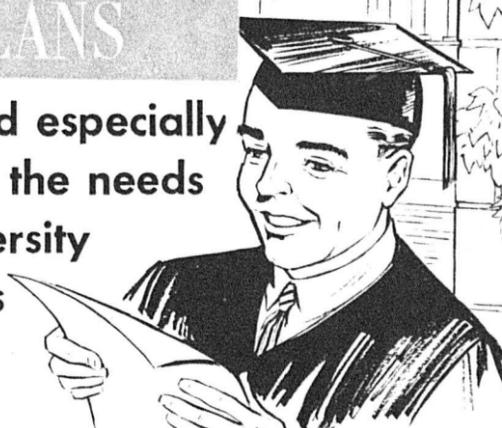
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