

# Puck Bears discover periods still 20 minutes long

By Bob Anderson

Bears 10, Victoria 2  
Bears 1, UBC 4

VANCOUVER—Perhaps one of these days, hockey will get around to amending some of its rules.

Like the one that states the length of a period to be 20 minutes. Cutting the time in half might not be too bad an idea.

At least the Golden Bears wouldn't regret any decision along those lines.

The Bruins moved like tigers in the first ten minutes of each period here Saturday night but slowed down in the latter half of each frame and in the process dropped a 4-1 Western Canada Intercollegiate Hockey League decision to UBC Thunderbirds before 900 onlookers.

The loss prevented the Bears from completing a sweep of a two-game west coast

series. Brian McDonald's crew knocked off Victoria Vikings 10-2 on Friday evening.

The Albertans swarmed all over T'Bird net-minder Rick Bardal in the first part of each period, but stopped skating after that and let the UBC'ers come to them. The result was disastrous, although not nearly as bad as the 10-4 administered the Bears two weeks ago in Edmonton.

Thunderbirds are only an average club talent-wise, but they hustle and hurry and force the opposition to play their game. This was the case as time and again, the Bears found themselves caught up the ice with the T'Birds going in on goaltender Bob Wolfe at point blank range.

Nor were the Bears able to mount a consistent attack, and the few good chances they did have were thwarted by Bardal.

Milt Hohol got the visitors off on the right direction when he lifted the puck over Bardal on a backhand drive midway through

the opening session.

UBC got on the scoreboard early in the second when Barry Wilcox used two Bear defencemen as a screen and slipped the puck past a startled Wolfe. Minutes later, Tom Williamson, down on all fours, slid the puck under Wolfe from close range to give the 'Birds the lead.

Mike Darnbrough made it 3-1 before the period ended and the Bears were all but finished.

Ken Lemmen put the final touches with an empty net goal with but ten seconds showing on the clock.

Wolfe looked erratic at times, but was solid in the third period when T'Birds tested him severely. Over all, he blocked 27 shots, while Bardal stopped 37.

## Slow start

In Victoria, Bears started slowly and actually were down 1-0 after 20 minutes.

However, officials took away the Viking goal when it was discovered that coach Joe Lanerelli had neglected to include one of his players on the score sheet.

Jack Gibson and Hohol with two each led the Bears, who were up 5-1 after two periods, while Bill Clarke, Bob and Tom Devaney, Gerry Hornby, Gerry Braunberger and Sam Belcourt fired the others. Bill Westover and Dave Cousins were the only Vikings to beat Dale Halterman.

The split leaves the Bears tied for second place with Manitoba Bisons, each with 7-2 records, two points behind Calgary Dinosaurs who are 8-1.

The Bisons dropped a close 6-5 decision to fourth place Brandon Bobcats in Winnipeg, while Calgary nipped UBC 3-2 and flattened the winless Vikings 9-2. Brandon also defeated Winnipeg Wesmen 4-3.

Bears are in Winnipeg this weekend to face Bisons and Wesmen.

# Mediocre hoopsters split weekend series

## Vikings vanquished, T'Birds triumphant

By Ron Ternoway

Victoria 64, Bears 76  
UBC 91, Bears 63

The Bears have been trying something new.

It's called playing one-quarter of a game.

The strategy seems to work against weaker teams, but if they try it against a good team they get walked on.

This was exactly the situation this weekend as the Golden Bears split a two game series with the British Columbia members of the Western

Canada Intercollegiate Basketball League.

Friday night, the Bears fought off a late rally by the University of Victoria Vikings to win 76-64, but Saturday the UBC Thunderbirds took complete advantage of the Bears' lapses to post a 91-63 victory.

After an extremely slow start Friday the Bears poured it on in the final five minutes of the first half to take a 12 point lead. Once again in the second frame the Bruins wilted and Victoria narrowed the margin to five. Coach Barry Mitchelson's squad came alive in time, however, to regain a 19 point lead and coast to the win.

## Morris hot

The Bruins showed a good team effort in collecting the victory. Bob Morris, back in form after a bad cold, led the squad with 19 points. He was closely followed by Larry Nowak with 16, Paul Pomietlarz with 15 and Bob Bain with 14.

Skip Cronck netted 16 for Victoria.

The telling factor in the game was the shooting percentages. While the Vikings put up more shots than the Bears, they hit for an abysmally low 21 per cent. Bruins were good on 36 per cent of their shots.

## Early lead

Saturday, a near-capacity crowd saw the Bears start with fire in their eyes and grab a six point lead. UBC fought back to tie the score at 16-16, and that was it for the Bears. UBC collected ten consecutive points and dominated the rest of the half to lead 49-30 as it ended.

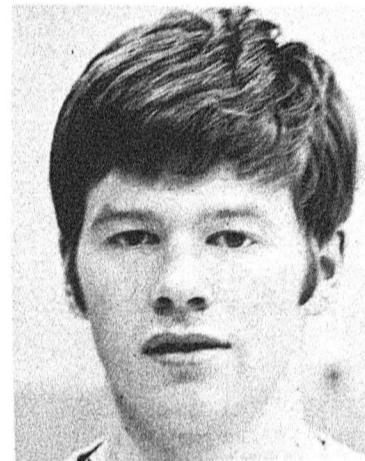
Mitchelson must have said something to the Bears at half time, for they began the second half like the first—with some excellent basketball. They narrowed the Birds' lead to 11 and seemed to be on the move.

Then came the final, fatal collapse. UBC came back with 19 straight points this time and the Bears were through.

Bob Molinski was top scorer for the T'Birds with 25 points. Ron Thorsen collected 21 and Alex Brayden 17.

Three Bruins, Nowak, Al Melnychuk and Dick DeKlerk, each had 14 points.

Mitchelson was not disappointed with the results of either game. "We're improving. In a tough, physical game against Victoria, we boarded well and played their kind of game. Against UBC, we tried an



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... back in form

outside offence in an attempt to slow down their running game, and had some success with it," he said.

The UBC win, coupled with the 97-60 whipping they handed the Calgary Dinosaurs Friday, left them at the top of the WCIBL standings with a 10-0 record. Manitoba Bisons kept pace with two victories, defeating Regina Cougars 93-51 and Saskatchewan Huskies 81-54. Victoria defeated Lethbridge Saturday night 103-80 to salvage something from their eastern swing. Winnipeg Wesmen split games with the Saskatchewan clubs, losing to Saskatchewan 84-75 and edging Regina 76-68.

## STANDINGS

|              | GP | W  | L | GBL |
|--------------|----|----|---|-----|
| UBC          | 10 | 10 | 0 | —   |
| Manitoba     | 11 | 9  | 2 | 1½  |
| Alberta      | 10 | 6  | 4 | 4   |
| Victoria     | 10 | 5  | 5 | 5   |
| Winnipeg     | 11 | 5  | 6 | 5½  |
| Calgary      | 10 | 4  | 6 | 6   |
| Saskatchewan | 11 | 4  | 7 | 6½  |
| Lethbridge   | 10 | 2  | 8 | 8   |
| Regina       | 11 | 2  | 9 | 8½  |

## Track & Field win for U of A

The University of Alberta track team is a surprising group.

The squad of 21 surprised everyone at the Saskatoon track meet this weekend by placing first overall in the women's competition and second in the men's class.

The meet, which was a preparatory one for the Western Canada Intercollegiate Athletic Association finals to be held here Feb. 7, drew teams from the University of Alberta, University of Manitoba, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon Track and Field Club, and Minot (South Dakota) College.

What was even more surprising was that the women's teams consisted of only four members. Liz Vanderstam showed her all-round ability by placing in all five of the events she entered, including a first in the high jump.

Bruce Lange showed fine form in placing first in the 300 and 600 metre races, while Brian Stackhouse won the two mile competition. Jerry Klapecki finished first in the high jump.

## Team improved

Coach Geoff Watson feels that the team has improved greatly over last year, and that many of the Western Canadian athletes are approaching national standards.

"It would appear now that our top athletes will make the WCIAA team for the National Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic Union Track championships to be held in Winnipeg Feb. 14-15," he said.

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