



—Perry Afaganis photo
BEARS' GORD JONES (10) SLIPS PUCK PAST WESMAN GOALIE BOB ROGERS
 ... as Alberta squad downs United College in weekend hockey action

Determined Bear attack results in victories over United College

Superb net-minding by United College's Bob Rogers kept the Wesmen within range of the Golden Bears in games last weekend.

The Bears were continually frustrated by Rogers but went on to win 4-1 on Friday night and 6-3 on Saturday afternoon.

Alberta, supposedly the number two team in the nation after the Centennial tournament in Montreal, had lost that recent form and were held scoreless until 11:09 of the second period when Brian Harper scored on a power-play from Del Billings and Gord Jones.

The Bears built a 2-0 lead at 5:31 of the third period. Del Billings flipped it in with Rogers screened by teammate John Russell. Dale Rippel tipped in Jack Nicholl's shot from the point for the third marker.

The Wesmen came back with a goal at 13:24, ruining Bob Wolfe's shut-out bid. Jim Irving, who starred with the Manitoba Bisons last season, fed a beautiful lead pass to Gary Bowles who skated in on Wolfe all alone.

Deflections were one of the few

ways the Bears could get the puck past Rogers. Darrell LeBlanc tipped in another shot from the point for the fourth Bear goal.

The Bears' acquired lethargy showed through most of the game. They forechecked reasonably well but their passing and work around the opposing net kept the score down. Rogers handled 36 shots as compared to Wolfe's 18.

Alberta's attack was organized the second game. The Bears' pinpoint passing was in complete contrast to the night before. Bill Rogers continued to be somewhat of a phenomenon in the United College net, blocking another 36 shots.

Billings opened the scoring for the Bears at the 0:20 mark in a scramble around Rogers. The Wesmen came through with their only offensive thrust of the series. Larry Mann scored at 12:17 and Jim Irving at 16:17.

The Bears controlled the game after that. Merose Stelmaschuk scored at 19:47 to tie it 2-2.

Gold helmets swarmed all around the United goal in the early second period as the Bears scored three

goals in the first eight minutes. Rippel, Harper and Terry Cutler got the markers.

The Wesmen scored their third at 19:20 but the Bears now held a commanding lead. Gord Jones scored the only goal of the third period.

The Wesmen play a ragged brand of hockey. They skate hard and check persistently but there is no real balance to their offensive and defensive manoeuvres.

The two teams played before 600 on Friday night and 550 on Saturday afternoon.



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Bears tackle UBC in first place battle

By LAWRIE HIGNELL

This weekend the Golden Bears basketball squad tackles the high flying UBC Thunderbirds for first place in the WCIAA.

The Bears dropped into second place two weeks ago when they split their double header against the Thunderbirds in Vancouver.

The Birds however proved a blessing in disguise to the Bears last weekend as they split a double header with the University of Calgary Dinosaurs and vaulted U of A back into a first place tie with the Dinosaurs.

The Thunderbirds, on their home court, proved a real test for the Bears who won the game 85-77 after two overtimes.

With less than forty seconds remaining in the game, the Bears were down four points but pushed through two quick baskets to even the score at the end of regulation time.

The Bears had to scramble again to even the score at 77-77 in the last minute of the first overtime by

hooping four points.

In the second overtime the Bears took control and scored eight unanswered points to win the Friday night contest.

In the Saturday game, the Thunderbirds proved they were contenders for the league title by beating the then-first place Bears 72-59.

Last weekend the Thunderbirds travelled to Calgary to challenge the first place Dinosaurs.

Friday night the Dinos won a squeaker on their home court 73-72 but couldn't contain the UBC team in the Saturday night game.

UBC won that game 62-59 and pushed the Bears back on top of the league. Both Calgary and the Bears have a won-loss record of 6 and 2.

This weekend the Bears have the advantage of the home court and home-town fans but the Thunderbirds are not to be counted out.

They must be a good team to beat the Dinosaurs on their home court and they will be out to gain a share of first place in their first season in the WCIAA in five years.

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