

# Hibernation until springtime not for these Bears



UP, UP AND IN!

... winger Bob Devaney (18) scores picture goal against Huskies

—Bob Burns photo

## Here and There

### Kubs capture net title

Not all athletics activity involving this university's teams was confined to the male sphere this weekend.

The women got into the action, too.

The Kubs junior volleyball club proved to be something less than polite hosts, by capturing the women's Junior Volleyball Tournament in the Ed. gym on Saturday. The Albertans defeated Camrose Lutheran College 15-4 and 15-12 to win the best of three finals in straight games.

Other participating clubs were Red Deer Junior College and Royal Alexandra Hospital.

Meanwhile in Calgary, the women's gymnastic crew from this campus lost a close meet to their counterparts from the University of Calgary. The eventual difference in the meet was one point.

The all-round individual winner was Lynwyn Hart of Calgary, while Linda Read of Alberta was a close second. Medals were presented for each event.

The gymnasts travel to Billings,

Montana, Jan. 30-31 for an invitational meet which will serve as a final tuneup for the WCIAA championships Feb. 6-7 in Saskatoon.

Back at the West Gym, Edmonton teams foiled all comers in the Edmonton Open Foil Team Tournament. The Edmonton squad swept first place in all four events with teams from Calgary and Winnipeg.

Winnipeg finished second in the competition with three seconds.

The team of Ron Dewar, Tom Freeland and Art Wood captured the men's senior division, while Bob Love, Ken Hogkins and John Arlette were victorious in the novice class.

Things were closer in the women's competition as Edmonton took first place by a slim one touche margin. In the women's novice section, all three teams tied but Edmonton came out on top when hits were counted. Edmonton's novice victors were A. Crook, J. Kate and I. Lee.

The Edmonton senior women's team was led by Elizabeth Lewke

The real Golden Bear hockey squad made one of its infrequent appearances at Varsity Arena on the weekend.

Gone, temporarily at least and hopefully for good, were the imposters who up until Friday night had worn the colors of the once-dominating Green Machine.

The change in performance of coach Brian McDonald's troops was obvious to all present and really couldn't have come at a better time. With the 14 game schedule at the midway juncture for the Bruins and the playoffs only a month away, the club appears as though it may finally be starting to jell.

Some of the veterans, particularly guys like Gerry Braunberger, Mike Ballash and Sam Belcourt, are returning to their old form, all of which means trouble to opposing Western Canada Intercollegiate Hockey League teams.

Ballash was his bashing self in the Brandon contest, and along with defence partner Mel Baird, kept the area in front of Bob Wolfe clean of Bobcat forwards. Braunberger, who has been bothered all season by a

bad wrist, carried the puck more than at any time this current campaign and left Huskies and Bobcats strewn all over the ice trying to catch him.

Belcourt, who earlier was happy when he could manage a goal in practice, didn't score any goals on the weekend, but was impressive with his puck handling. And in the corners, where hockey games are won and lost, "Fat Albert" (some of his teammates hung that one on him) was not to be denied.

Improved also over past games was the Bears' ability to move the puck out of their own zone. Both Huskies and Brandon attempted to forecheck the Albertans in the early moments of each game, but were



## WCIAA Race

### HOCKEY

	W	L	F	A	Pts.
Manitoba	7	1	71	23	14
Calgary	6	1	51	24	12
Alberta	6	1	42	23	12
UBC	5	3	47	35	10
Winnipeg	3	5	27	47	6
Brandon	2	6	35	34	4
Saskatoon	2	6	22	36	4
Victoria	0	7	10	83	0

### BASKETBALL

	W	L	Pct.	GBL
UBC	8	0	1.000	—
Manitoba	6	2	.775	2
Alberta	5	3	.625	3
Victoria	4	4	.500	4
Winnipeg	4	5	.440	4½
Calgary	4	5	.440	4½
Sask.	2	7	.220	6½
Lethbridge	2	7	.220	6½
Regina	1	8	.110	7½

and Shelley Wilson.

The Winnipeg crew fought under additional handicaps as their train pulled in 12 hours late. They fielded only one team in each event, but still managed three second place finishes.

## Gibson, Devaney brothers shine as pucksters grab two in WCIHL play

By BOB ANDERSON

SASKATCHEWAN 2, BEARS 4  
BRANDON 2, BEARS 3

Hibernation for most species of bears doesn't usually end until the first few weeks of spring.

The beasts prefer to get all the rest they can.

However, this area has a different type of the animal and it is one who doesn't enjoy missing a lot of what's going on.

The Golden Bears, puck variety, awoke from a lengthy nap on the weekend, played their finest hockey of the season, and skated off with a pair of wins in the Western Canada Intercollegiate Hockey League at Varsity Arena.

The Bruins showed hustle, heart and desire, lacking up until this point in the season, in dropping Saskatchewan Huskies 4-2 Friday night and edging Brandon Bobcats 3-2 24 hours later. Both games were played before near-capacity crowds.

In both contests, the Bears were down 2-1 after 40 minutes, tied the count early in the third period, and went ahead to stay midway through the frame.

### SOLID NETMINDING

Offensively and defensively, the club finally put it all together. Dale Halterman was solid in the nets against the Huskies, while Bob Wolfe, who was very shaky in Bears' 5-4 win in Brandon last November, kept the club in the early moments of Saturday's contest until they found their skating legs.

The defence, too, was impressive in moving the puck out of the Bear end of the rink, and Gerry Braunberger was... well, the Gerry Braunberger of old.

The twin wins give the Albertans a 6-1 record, and a share of second spot in the WCIHL with Calgary Dinosaurs, two points behind Manitoba Bisons. The Dinnies also won twice, 8-6 over the Bobcats and 8-2 over the Huskies, while Manitoba was hammering UBC 9-1 and Victoria 16-0.

In other league play, Winnipeg Wesmen walloped Victoria 7-2 and were clubbed 7-3 by UBC.

The Bears and Huskies were scoreless after the first period, but Joe Karp gave the visitors a 1-0 lead at 6:47 of the second. Tom Devaney, playing sound hockey of late, evened things up four minutes later, only to have Dave King restore the one goal margin at 13:49. The Bears had numerous fine chances to add to their total, but the fine work of Doug Duncan kept them at bay.

Jack Gibson hooked Husky defenceman Dave Dunn off the puck in the early moments of the third, and whipped a 25-footer past Duncan to tie the score. Devaney got the winner at 12:26 on a neat three-way play with Milt Hohol and Don Falkenberg on the power-play.

Bob Devaney added an insurance marker a minute later to close the scoring.

Bears fired 42 shots at Duncan over the game, while Halterman faced 29 Husky drives. The clubs split 10 minor penalties.

### DEVANEY WITH WINNER

Gibson was again one of the heroes in Saturday's contest. The lanky three year veteran slipped the disc through Brandon goalie Ted Temple's pads to tie the contest early in the third, then watched linemate Bob Devaney backhand the winner past Temple at 6:36.

Bob Young and Bruce Stephens were the marksmen for the expansion Bobcats, while Oliver Morris netted the first Bear goal.

Temple stopped 42 drives, while Bob Wolfe at the other end was called upon to make only 18 saves.

The Bears came out of the contests relatively injury-free. Mike Lemieux, whose injured ribs were too painful to permit him to play, was replaced by rookie Dennis Zukiwsky, while Gerry Hornby's ankle seemed to stand up well to the rough going.

The Green Machine is on the road for the next two weekends, playing in Victoria and Vancouver this weekend, and in Winnipeg the following Friday and Saturday against Bisons and Wesmen.

away from realizing their potential.

And Jim Mann's Bobcats are certainly not to be confused with their expansion counterparts, Victoria Vikings. The 'Cats are 2-6 in WCIHL play thus far, but have taken both Bears and Calgary into overtime before losing, lost by two to Calgary in another game, and were beaten by only two goals by the league-leading Manitoba Bisons.

"We've got the youngest club in the league," says Mann, himself a newcomer to college hockey circles, "and we're bound to make mistakes. Hell, we can only get three hours of practice a week and I'm surprised we're doing as well as we are."

So, heading down the home stretch, a titanic first place battle looms between the Bears, Calgary and Manitoba. The Bears and Bisons still have their two meetings with each other left while the Dinosaurs and Bears meet Feb. 14 in Calgary.

Although there are playoffs this year, first place is still important as the playoff draw will likely be based along geographical lines, with the higher-finishing club playing two of the three games on home ice.

## Bob Anderson ... one man's opinion

forced to hang back when Bears began to break off a few long passes at centre ice.

Twinetenders Dale Halterman and Bob Wolfe, both of whom had been bombed with as many as eight goals in recent games, were solid, and it was Wolfe's fine play that preserved a 0-0 tie until the rest of the club was able to get going in the Brandon encounter.

On the other side of the fence, neither Saskatchewan nor the Bobcats was severely outclassed as indicated by the closeness of the scores. Huskies, who lost their coach Dave Chambers and four top players to Guelph University, have a new mentor in Lyn Bannister and several rookies who are still a year or so