

# Manitoba is equal to the task, Bears suffer second loss of the year

by Blaine Ostapovich

This past weekend's split for Clare Drake's Bears hockey team lot like their plane flight. The first game and flight was right on schedule, but the second time around after a smooth takeoff the team encountered a bit of turbulence.

The Bears earned a 4-2 victory Friday, taking full advantage of a solid performance by goaltender Darren Turner. Craig Dill and Bret Walter scored third period tallies to corral the Manitoba Bisons.

The Bisons Ken Petrash opened the scoring at the Max Bell Arena in Winnipeg at the seven minute mark of the first period in what was to be a fast paced, hard hitting, good old fashioned hockey clash. The Bears bounced back with two powerplay goals in the second period, Sean Clouston (6th) on a Curt Brandolini rebound, and Bill Ansell (7th) as the period wound down to put the Bears up by one with twenty minutes to go.

The score remained close until rookie Alberta center Bret Walter raced in off the rightwing and snapped a wristshot over Manitoba goaltender Darril Trakalo, glovehand side. Craig Dill assisted on the play at 16:53. Just 23 seconds later Dill teamed up with Walter to score one of his own. On a two on one break, Dill scored his team leading 15th goal of the Canada West season to solidify the victory. Manitoba's Mike Cook added a late goal

with 11 seconds left to make the Friday final score Bears 4, Bisons 2.

Coach Drake thought his club was pushed to play well. "We felt this would be a tough series and we were a touch tired". Goaltender Trakillo played well but it was Turner who shined. While the shots on goal did not show it Turner made several outstanding saves, especially late in the contest with the Manitoba club pressing.

Saturday's afternoon's contest started out like a carbon copy of the previous night's affair, with Alberta jumping to a 4-2 lead after twenty minutes.

Ansell opened the scoring with his second of the weekend just 19 seconds into the game. Two and a half minutes later Dennis Cranston chalked up his ninth followed by defenseman Steve Cousins (1st) on the powerplay. Stewart Grimson

and Rick Strachan tallied for the Bisons to make it close before Alberta pointman Gerald Koebel restored a two goal lead with his eighth of the year.

That was when Air Golden Bear was thrown off course, and for the players it must of felt like hitting a brick wall. Manitoba netted seven second period goals to send Alberta reeling.

Glenn Pashnyk started the barrage at the 54 second mark followed by Bob Lowes at 1:06. Then came the heartbreaker.

With the Bears on the man-advantage goalie Darren Turner won a footrace to a loose puck at the Bears' blueline. However, his clearing pass evaded only the first Bison forechecker and the snoozing Bears allowed a trailing Cam Douglas to score into an unattended net from centre ice. Manitoba

didn't let up at that point though, adding four more goals in the second frame and the only tally of a sluggish third period en route to a lopsided 10-4 victory.

Alberta's record now stands at a league leading 14-2 while Manitoba's stands at 10-6. The season series between the two clubs finished in favor of the Bears three games to one.

Bear coach Clare Drake viewed the loss as a case of tired legs and an overall poor defensive effort. "They beat us to a lot of loose pucks," said Drake, "and Darren (Turner) didn't shine, but he was left alone an awful lot."

In the other dressing room Manitoba coach Wayne Fleming felt that his Bisons finally had the bounce going their way, "We had a good feeling and confidence going into tonight's (Saturday's) game. Yesterday we thought that we had played well enough to win."

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**Travel Talk** . . . 4th year forward Denis Leclair fractured the fibula in his left ankle in game two of the series. He will be fitted for a cast and may miss 2 months. . . Jeff Helland pulled a deltoid muscle in his shoulder and sat out the Saturday game, he may be ready for Saskatchewan this upcoming Thursday and Friday. . . Dave Otto scored a decision over Strachen in game one and lost a fingernail for his efforts. . . John Krill played one period (third on Saturday) allowing one goal . . . Four players stayed at home including Sid Cranston (knee), Stacey Wakabayshi (knee), Al Tarasuk (flu), and D.J. Havrelok (knee). . . Three stars Friday were Turner, Dill and Bison Ken Petrash, Saturday, Douglas, Bison defenseman Chris St. Cyr, and Pashnyk (hat trick).

## Standings Board

### CWUAA Hockey

	G	W	L	F	A	P
Alberta	16	14	2	111	62	28
Sask.	16	12	4	87	56	24
Manitoba	16	10	6	89	76	20
Calgary	16	10	6	90	75	20
Brandon	16	8	8	90	96	16
UBC	15	5	11	61	85	10
Regina	16	3	13	70	96	6
Leth.	16	2	14	49	101	4

#### Results

**Fri., Jan. 10**  
 Alberta 4 at Manitoba 2  
 Regina 3 at Brandon 8  
 UBC 2 at Saskatchewan 4

#### Sat., Jan. 11

Alberta 4 Manitoba 10  
 Regina 4 Brandon 9  
 UBC 0 Saskatchewan 5  
 Calgary 6 Lethbridge 3

#### Upcoming Games

**Thurs., Jan. 16**  
 Alberta at Sask. (6:30, CJSR-88.5 FM)

**Fri., Jan. 17**  
 Alberta at Sask. (6:30, CJSR-88.5 FM)  
 Calgary at Regina  
 Manitoba at UBC

**Sat., Jan. 18**  
 Calgary at Regina  
 Manitoba at UBC  
 Brandon at Lethbridge

**Sun., Jan. 19**  
 Brandon at Lethbridge.

### CIAU Top Ten Rankings

#### HOCKEY

- Ottawa (1)
- Alberta (2)
- Moncton (3)
- York (6)
- Saskatchewan (9)
- Wilfrid Laurier (4)
- U.P.E.I. (7)
- U.Q.T.R. (8)
- Dalhousie (10)
- Western Ontario (NR)

#### BASKETBALL (M)

- Victoria (1)
- Concordia (3)
- Dalhousie (7)
- Manitoba (5)
- Saskatchewan (6)
- St. Francis Xavier (4)
- Lethbridge
- Winnipeg (9)
- Waterloo (8)
- York (10)

#### BASKETBALL (F)

- Laurentian (2)
- Victoria (1)
- Toronto (3)
- Calgary (5)
- Alberta (7)
- Lethbridge (4)
- Winnipeg (6)
- Laval (8)
- McGill (10)
- Brock (9)

#### SWIMMING & DIVING (F)

- Toronto (1)
- U.B.C. (3)
- Calgary (2)
- Alberta (6)
- Dalhousie (4)
- Victoria (7)
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- Western Ontario (5)
- Mount Allison (8)
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