

Bears played very average

by Cam Cole

The ain't what they use ta' be.

The Toronto Blues lacked the style and finesse of old and only just managed a split in two weekend contests against the Bears at Varsity Arena.

Thursday's affair was about two-thirds of a great hockey game. By the end of the second period, a rash of power-play goals, end to end rushes and pretty scoring plays, had the crowd sitting on the edge of its collective seat and hoping for more. What they got, unfortunately, was less.

The 5-3 lead the Bears carried into the third period was never in jeopardy, and they even potted one more for good measure.

The Bears jumped into an early 2-0 lead before the Blues finally got their bearings and deadlocked it at the end of the first. The score was tied at 3 midway through the second. Then Clark Jantzie clicked and Bears' Bruce Crawford added a gift goal at the 19:50 mark. Not a defenceman was to be found and Crawford simply walked in front and slipped the puck past a lonely Bob Oss, in the Toronto net.

The final period slipped by virtually unnoticed and the Bears had a 6-3 win. Also scoring for the bruins were Craig Styles, Oliver Steward, Rick Peterson, and Crawford, which his second.

Before game two on Friday, Blues' Coach Tom Watt was asked for a few comments on the previous night's encounter. Never at a loss for words, Watt was in mid-season form.

"Have you got asbestos paper to write them on?" (his very words, honest!).

"I thought we played terribly...just awful! We outshot Loyola last week and got beat 5-1. We outshot Alberta last night and got beat 6-3. We're not hungry enough around the net. You're not playing very well defensively when you allow that many goals. We'll snap out of it tonight."

Did the Bears impress him? "I thought they played a very average game."

The Blues proceeded to "snap out of it" in a rather strange manner. Kevin Primeau put the Bears ahead 2-0 very quickly and the Blues appeared to be on the ropes, but at 10:49, Bill Fifield fired a low drive past Craig Gunther and the period ended with the Bears only up by one. That lead vanished in the second minute of the middle frame when a waist-high shot hit Blues' Greg Higson and rolled into the Alberta goal, Oliver

Steward then missed a wide open net, standing just off the crease and flipping the puck over the Blues' net and over the glass (which isn't easy even if you're trying), but he made up for it seconds later by banking in a shot off goalie Dave Hulme from behind the net. Blues knotted it at 3-3 late in the period when Larry Hopkins had two or three free cracks at a loose puck and eventually lifted it over Gunther. They nearly added another when Watt pulled Hulme with 6 seconds left. Blues won the faceoff and Kent Rhunke's hard shot was blocked by Gunther.

In the third period, Jim Oftim and Steve McKnight each missed open-net opportunities

and Blues added to the frustration when Ivan McFarland re-directed a head-high shot directly in front of referee Eric Patterson who allowed the goal that proved to be the winner. Bill Hews doused any hopes of a Bear comeback with a knee-high blast that beat Gunther and the Toronto club won it 5-3.

Tom Watt, pleased with the win, said "We did what we were supposed to do a lot better this time. Our penalty killing was much better tonight - going into tonight's game, we had allowed the opposition to score on 4 of 9 opportunities!"

The Blues were penalized 10 times in the game while Bears drew only 7 minors.



-Peter Wood

PANDAS

The U of A Panda basketball team played in the Women's Invitational Tournament in Calgary on the weekend. Pandas put in a good performance in all of their games, and showed promise for the upcoming season.

Friday night Pandas played

Saskatchewan Huskiettes and came out on the losing end of a 47-43 score despite a strong surge in the second half. Saturday the Pandas met Cold Spring, a local Calgary team, and Char Shmyr popped in 18 points to lead the Pandas to a 64-44 victory.

In the afternoon game Nicole Roberts and Kathy Moore each put in 8 points as Pandas beat Brandon 50-30. This 2-1 record left Pandas in second place in their division, and put them into the semi-final against Manitoba, the top team in the other section of the tournament.

Sunday morning Pandas put in a strong defensive effort but lost 46-33 to a strong Manitoba team. Amanda Holloway, scored 8 points for Pandas.

Next weekend Pandas travel to Winnipeg to play in an other preseason tournament. These tournaments will give the Pandas valuable experience for their upcoming league games. The first of these takes place November 15, against Victoria, at the U of A.

Smith was upset because the Dinosaurs had left their first stringers in for the entire game, an unusual practice against UBC and also somewhat bush. Also one of his men sustained a broken neck during the game.

At any rate, he did think seriously about finding a less competitive league for the Thunderbirds to play in until they regained some of their form of the sixties.

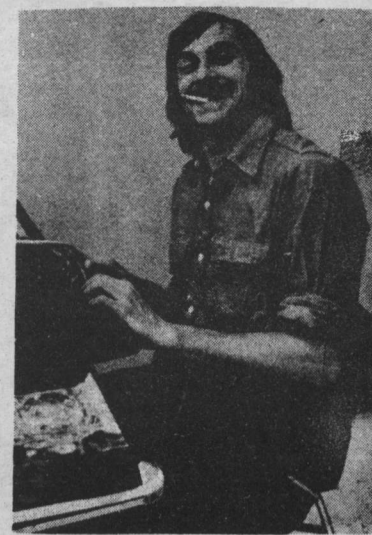
For the moment, UBC is still part of the WIFL.

UBC to leave WIFL?

There was a report going around that UBC Thunderbird football team would not continue to play in the WIFL after this year because of their disappointing record over the past two years.

No definite statement was forthcoming from UBC except that the remarks about pulling out of the league came about after head coach Frank Smith mentioned the possibility of their withdrawal after a 61-0 trouncing at the hands of the Calgary Dinosaurs.

the fifth quarter



Paul Cadogan

The Bear Football team got shafted, it seems, when the league dealt them in on that strange decision when faced with the Don Kates problem. As everyone interested may recall, Bears had two wins taken away as a result of Don Kates' failure to register as a student.

The alternatives that were available to the league president were that he could take away all of the points made by Kates, take all of the games in which Kates played away, ignore it altogether or the games could be taken away from the Bears and given to the team that was defeated.

Val Schneider, head coach of the University of Saskatchewan Huskies, was the only person who displayed any sort of class with regard to the matter. Unlike Dennis Kadatz, athletic director and assistant coach of the Dinosaurs in Calgary, who figures that a board room win was worth as much as anything else, Schneider expressed the view that games are won on the field and did not want a win handed to him like that.

Schneider also has been at the mercy of the league this year when the question of Dave Pickett's eligibility came up. Pickett made the mistake of playing 10 minutes of inter-varsity basketball a few years ago and it cost him a year's eligibility in football.

Saskatchewan plays Calgary in a game that will decide first place in the WIFL. The Huskies beat the Bears two weeks ago and then beat Manitoba last weekend to make things tough for Calgary.

Both games were close and both were won on last minute plays.

Calgary, on the other hand, has only turned in one good performance this year. That came in the 43-9 shellacking of Manitoba in Calgary two weeks ago.

Last weekend, they went out to Simon Fraser, played their usual game and were trounced by the Clansmen 21-8. In that game, Calgary did not even manage a first down until the third quarter and were punished physically as well.

Simon Fraser's defense shut off their running game completely (the second time Diduck has been rendered ineffective this year) and limited their passing to 140 yards which was also their total offense.

Saskatchewan has been consistent in both departments lately. Their defense has ground out some clutch type plays in the past few games and the offense can move the ball.

The Huskies would be the most fitting representatives to go down east to the College and Western Bowl games. Schneider and his team were not given much of a shot at anything after some early losses but they have come up with big wins in a classy way that would be beyond the Calgary peoples' comprehension.

Should the Huskies go down there, we will see a team that has become good in much the same way as the Bears were last year. At the end of the year last year, pretty well everyone conceded that the Bears were the best team in Canada. This year, if it is to be said about anyone, it should be said about the Huskies.

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STATISTICS

Bears		UBC
29	first downs	8
393	yards rushing	82
296	yards passing	76
689	total offense	158
23/40	passes comp/Passes att.	10/21
2/43	punts /average	7/34
3	interceptions	1
3/2	fumbles/lost	1/0
11/100	Penalties/yards	7/45

Rushers

Smarsh 23/153	Mike MacLeod 13/22
Adam 7/109	Marsh MacLeod 10/61
Bryant 2/70	

Receivers

Fryer 10/169	Leigh 5/56
Raymond 5/95	Marsh MacLeod 3/18