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## Hibernating Bears settle for split

by Mark Spector

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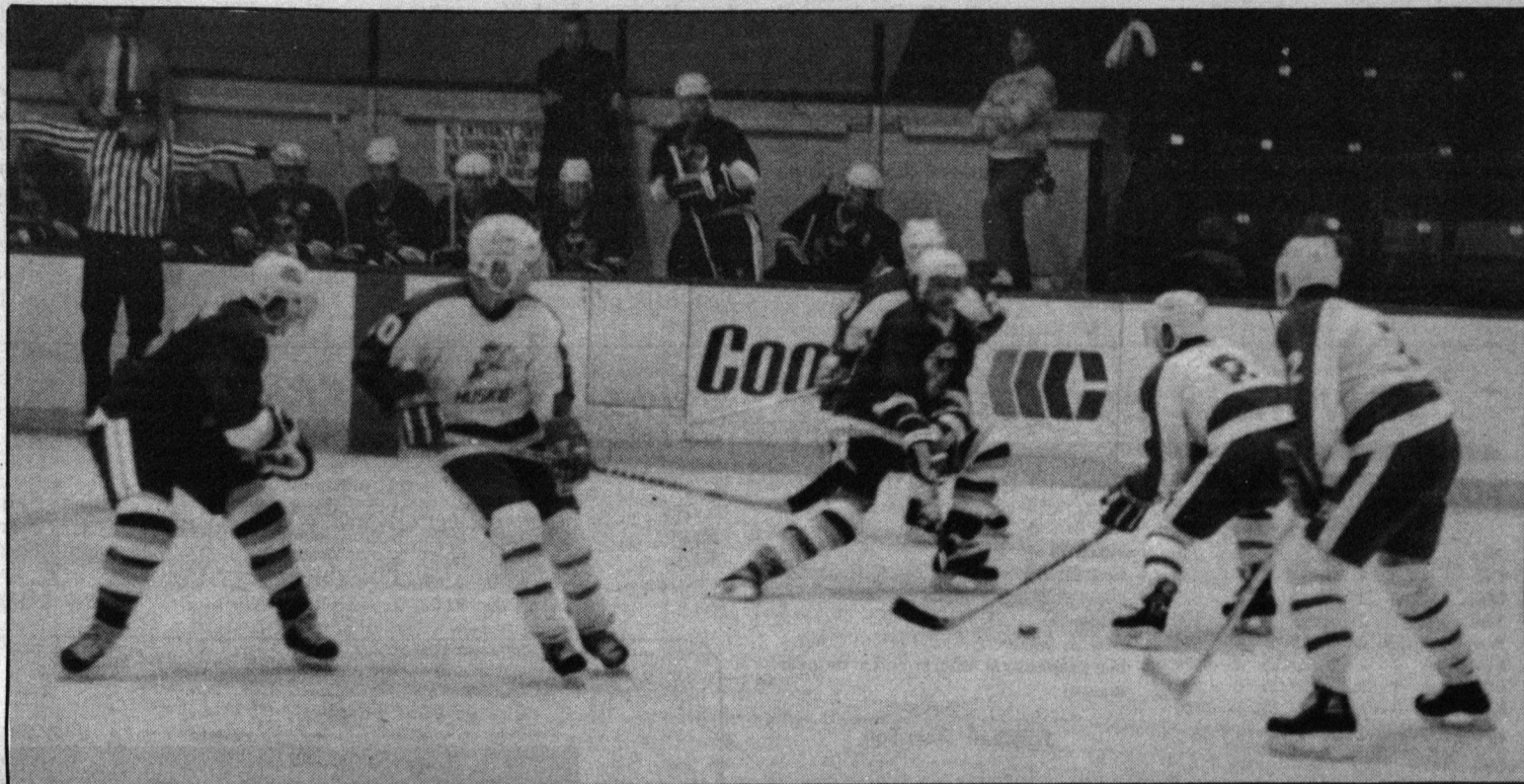
SASKATOON — The Golden Bears hockey team survived a shaky start and some shaky goaltending on Saturday night and still came away with an 8-5 win. But when the same problems arose on Sunday, the Saskatchewan Huskies seized the opportunity to gain an 8-6 victory and earn a split with their visiting Canada West rivals.

"We just weren't ready to play," was the quote heard most often from the Alberta camp, as the Bears rolled west late Sunday night unhappy that their record is now 3-1, but content in knowing that the lowly Lethbridge Pronghorns come to town next weekend and will provide ample opportunity for recompense.

Saturday night the Bears received another fine performance from the Weird Science Line of Dave Otto (Medicine) between Craig Dill (Sciences) and Jack Patrick (an Engineer, but a weird one). Dill (2 goals, 3 assists), Otto (0-3) and Patrick (1-1) comprised Alberta's most effective unit as the Golden Bears "just gave us a lesson in how to work hard" according to Huskie coach Brent McEwen.

Parie Proft had two goals (both on the powerplay) while Stacey Wakabayashi, Jeff Helland, and Todd Stowkowski rounded out the scoring for Alberta.

After a sluggish first period in



Action from Alberta's 8-5 win in the series opener in Saskatoon. Bears' Sid Cranston makes a move on the Huskies' Ken Lovsin photo Mark Spector

which Alberta was lucky to escape with a 1-1 tie, Otto's line went to work early in the second to start a fire under a bunch of sleepy Bears.

Three abreast over the Huskie blueline, Otto faked both defencemen out when he looked right but dished the puck left to Proft. Proft, as he does so well, drove for the net at the last second feeding the biscuit in front to Dill who

poked home his 3rd goal of the young season. By the end of the weekend he would pop two more for a team high five.

The whole play was set up by a 'Buzz' Patrick check in the defensive zone.

But unfortunately for coach Clare Drake and his boys, the Huskies decided that they weren't quite in the mood for a sweep — especially in their own barn.

Like the sign at the nearby Travel Lodge, the Bears sleep-walked through the opening period again in the second end of this twin bill. And this time they would pay for it.

"We thought that we could pressure their defencemen," said Saskatchewan captain Dan Leier. "They were having trouble bringing the puck out of their own end."

"It didn't seem like it (that Alberta was ready to play). In the second game of these series' it's the mental toughness that counts more than physical toughness."

The Huskies led 3-0 after the first, and 7-4 after the second before the Bears picked their game up in time for a late game surge that brought them to within one. Dill scored on a beautifully timed pass from Denis Leclair with just over five minutes to play to make the score 7-6 and complete a come-back that saw the

Golden Bears score four straight.

But the offensive pressure backfired when defenseman Dave Chartier lofted a high clearing pass over a couple of Alberta players which Brian Pugh converted into a break-away goal to salt away the victory.

Dean Clark had a hattrick (his first since Pee Wees), while Proft and Dennis Cranston also tallied for Alberta.

Pugh, Curtis Stewart and Ken Morrison each had a pair of goals for Saskatchewan.

The Huskies would likely have given this game away in the end if it weren't for a defensive mega-lapse by Alberta at the 30 minute mark of the game.

A miscommunication between goalie Brian Harley and Brent Severyn allowed Huskies' Stewart to take a bank off the end boards and deposit it into a yawning Alberta goal. Immediately after that Leier and Morrison scored to put Saskatchewan ahead by five, and Harley, who had come in from the bullpen for the second night in a row, was gone.

Three goals in 47 seconds and it was back to the drawing board for Alberta.

"We had them going after the first," said Clark. "We had scored twice, it was 4-2, and I figured 'OK,

we're going to beat them.'"

"When they scored those three quick ones it kicked us right in the ----."

"After winning fairly easily the night before maybe the guys were just overconfident, I don't know," confessed Drake. "The Huskies were definitely out to prove a point though."

"I don't think we got strong goaltending this weekend." In fact, in his 26th year of coaching the Golden Bears, Drake admitted that this was the first time he has ever had to pull his goalie three times in one weekend.

**Toon Tales:** 17 year old defenseman Jeff Lawson suffered a shoulder injury to his AC joint on Sunday, leaving the game in the third period and not returning. He should be out at least a couple of weeks . . . goalie Brian Harley played well after coming in for the third period on Saturday but allowed four goals in 10:42 on Sunday . . . the attendance at the Saskatoon Arena was poor on both nights, with estimated crowds of roughly 300 each night . . . Alberta was outshot 34-26 on Saturday, and 46-35 Sunday . . . Drake's career win total now stands at 598 victories. He should eclipse the 600 mark this Saturday night at Varsity Arena.

## Dinos tested in comeback win

by Mark Spector

A 43 yard interception return by Calgary defensive back Mike McGinley gave the Dinosaurs their first lead of the ballgame midway through the third quarter and they never looked back, as Calgary defeated the Golden Bears 31-25 to take the second half of the two game showdown for the North/South Shrine Bowl.

The Dinosaurs claimed the trophy by outscoring their northern rivals 77-32 over the two contests.

A surprisingly strong Alberta squad came out fired up for the game even though they entered it riding a four game losing streak and mathematically eliminated from the WIFL playoffs.

The Golden Bears dominated Calgary in the opening quarter and early in the second, holding a 9-0 lead on the strength of three Steve Kasowski field goals before the Dinosaurs found the scoreboard on 48 yard punt return by backup safety Tod Vander Burgh.

But Alberta quickly countered with a masterful fake field goal of sorts. From third-and-goal on the Calgary ten, the Bears offense lined up with most of the team on the right side of the ball. Tightend Brian Forrest took a direct shot-gun snap and ran around the right end behind a host of blockers for the major.

Calgary could only muster a pair of Brent Matich punt singles and went into the dressing room at half-time down 16-9 to the heavy underdogs from Edmonton.

But the turning point in the game came in the third quarter when Bears quarterback Brant Villetard, starting only his second ever WIFL game, committed his first rookie mistake of the day. From his own 35 Villetard stepped back to pass only

to meet up with a gang of Calgary pursuers. He scrambled left then threw up a duck which was picked off at the 43 yardline and returned all the way to give the defending national champs a lead that they would never relinquish.

After a five yard TD run by Dino running back Rob Zimmerman the Golden Bears kept the score close with an 18 yard pass to Darwin Schweitzer and the subsequent two-point conversion to Steve Camp. Alberta still had a chance to pull this one out of the hat until a short kickoff attempt went awry with just 0:35 remaining to play.

A moral victory was gained for the green and gold however, as Dino running back Elio Geremia had a chance, with a big day, to become the all-time leading CIAU rusher in this his final regular season contest of his fifth year.

The Alberta defense was relentless though, and Geremia left the game in the third quarter with a leg injury and only 61 yards to his credit on the day. The CIAU All Star entered the game with an amazing streak of having gained at least 100 yards in every game this season.

The Dinosaurs finish the regular season with a record of 5-3, and will travel to Vancouver to take on the number one ranked UBC Thunderbirds in the WIFL Final.

Alberta has now lost their last five games and sees their record fall to an abysmal 1-6. The Golden Bears finish off the season this Saturday when they host the 1-6 Manitoba Bisons in a game that will decide last place.

**BEAR FACTS:** Defensive back Trent Brown was named WIFL Player of the Week for his efforts on Saturday.

## Canada West Silver for Pandas

by Alan Small

It was a successful weekend for both the Pandas and Bears soccer teams.

The Pandas placed second at the Canada West women's soccer tournament in Calgary this weekend. They ended up with a 3-1 record which included a 3-2 victory over the University of Saskatchewan, a 1-0 win at the hands of the University of Lethbridge, and an upset 1-0 victory over the eventual tournament victors, UBC. Their only loss was to the tournament hosts U of C by a score of 1-0.

Ivana Ardessi, Dawn Poulin, and Karen Dushinski scored for the Pandas against U of S. Dushinski also scored the lone goal against Lethbridge and Debbie Snow scored against UBC.

The tournament was closer than suspected. The Pandas were tied with UBC and U of C at the finish, but UBC won due to a better goals differential.

"We were so close, yet so far," Pandas' head coach Tracy David said. "If we only scored one goal against Calgary, we would have won the tournament. We were all over Calgary."

David also said the Pandas finishing haunted them throughout the tournament, especially their game against the Dinnies.

"Our victory over UBC really blackened their tournament victory," David mentioned. "UBC was never really in it until the last 15 minutes when they really needed a goal."

Goalkeeper Lurna Kendall, striker Carol Brown, and stopper Cindy Annalla were named to the tournament all-star squad, but David said that the whole team played well and with a high level of intensity.

On the Bears' front, they won both of their league games this weekend. They defeated the Calgary Dinosaurs 6-1. Paul Walters

and Craig McKenney scored twice and Hanjoo Kim and Salui Cammarata added singles for the Golden Bears.

In the second game, Cammarata scored three times, with Walters and Kim chipping singles for a 5-1 trouncing over the University of Lethbridge Pronghorns.

"Cammarata had an excellent weekend," Vickery said. "Everything we worked on all season finally came together this weekend," he added.

The Bears end up with a 4-5-1 record which leaves them third in Canada West.

"If we get some players back from injury next year and some better luck, we will challenge UVic and UBC next year. We had a tough start this year," Vickery said.

Vickery also said that Burk Kaiser, Walters, Kim, and goaltender Dave Hughes had excellent years, and hopes for better things to come next year.