



# SPORTS



## "I don't know" - Coach Drake



Photo Martin Beales

UBC goalie Ron Patterson stops Perry Zapernick as Jim Lomas looks on from behind the net.

by Andrew Watts

What is wrong with the Alberta Golden Bears hockey team?

That question has to be plaguing the coaching staff after the latest weekend of play in Canada West hockey.

On Friday night the Bears played fairly solid hockey for 50 minutes but lapsed for the other ten and squeaked out a 4-3 win over the UBC Thunderbirds.

On Saturday the team played poorly for the first 40 minutes, tried to come back in the third

period but fell short losing 3-1.

"I really don't know what's wrong, we get a good effort from some of the players but then we seem to take turns," said very bewildered coach Clare Drake after Saturday's disappointment.

For the first two periods the team could not pass the puck well and didn't shoot when they had the best chances, trying instead to set up something but more often than not, losing the puck. They did not break out of their end well under some good forechecking

from the UBC forwards. When they tried to come back in the third they were stoned by a very hot goalie in Ron Patterson.

"Ron played real well," acknowledged Drake.

Patterson faced 92 shots over two games and came up with some saves that were nothing short of brilliant. But still, taking into account the goaltending and the play of the UBC team in general (which was inspired) the Bears could have and should have won both games instead of coming up with a split.

On Friday night the Bears started first as Ace Brimacombe knocked the puck off the stick of a UBC defenceman and Perry Zapernick walked in and scored the teams and his second shorthanded goal of the season at 11:34 of the first period.

Early in the second period (at the :22 mark) Brad Schneider made it 2-0 when he slid the rebound of a Wade Campbell shot under Patterson. Bill Holowaty cut the Bears lead in half with a 30 foot slap shot that Bears goalie Denis Potvin mishandled at 3:47. But then at the 7:08 mark Brad Helfrich's point shot deflected in off the back of Joel Elliott's leg to restore the two goal lead.

In the third period Denis Leclair got what proved to be the winner at 6:44 when he directed Dan Peacock's shot past the UBC goalie. Bill Holowaty and Tom Ouchi made it a tight finish for UBC but the Bears hung on for the win.

"B.C. just keep coming at you and our defensive positioning was a little lax at times," Clare Drake commented after the game.

The game Friday was not as well played as the weekend previous against Saskatchewan with both teams coughing up the puck and committing mental errors behind their respective bluelines.

"The game tonight wasn't very physical," said Perry Zapernick who continued, "we only had about twelve hits all game."

Still the two points were a

relief and the Bears should have gone into the next game ready to play.

On the contrary, the Bears came out Saturday as flat as they have been all year. The first period was marred by giveaways and miscues and only some excellent goaltending by Terry Clark in the Bears nets kept the game in a scoreless tie after one period.

In the second period one of the Bears miscues turned into a Thunderbird shorthanded goal as Jim Allison leapt on a loose puck at his own blueline and broke in clean on Clark lifting the puck high over Terry's glove hand.

The Bears quickly replied however as Joel Elliott tied it up at the 8:07 point. But at the 11:32 mark Bill Holowaty got his third goal of the weekend as he finished off a perfect two on one feed from Terry McDonald. Very quickly after that the T-birds closed out the scoring as Holowaty again combined with McDonald on another two on one and the third period heroics of Patterson salted the win away.

### BEAR FACTS

Terry Lescisin is out indefinitely with an injury to his big toe on his left foot and Ron Parent may be out of action for up to six weeks with that dislocated shoulder he suffered last week against Saskatchewan. The three most valuable Bears over the weekend as selected by this reporter are: 1. Joel Elliott; 2. Brad Schneider; 3. Perry Zapernick.

## Bears falter in first tourney

by Brent Jang

Brian Watson, the Golden Bears volleyball coach, looked up at the Varsity Gym ceiling. The Golden Bears were trailing in the bronze medal match and their service had just hit the net.

The occasion was a major tournament; it was high calibre volleyball unveiling itself as the first annual U of A Golden Bears Volleyball Classic. Watson's upward glance returned to the ground, only to be met with the realization that the game was slipping away.

"Our team attitude was down," said Watson after the playoff on Saturday, which University of Winnipeg Wesmen won by scores of 15-8, 12-15, 15-5, and 15-11. The result meant a bronze medal for Winnipeg, while the Bears had to settle for fourth place. The five team round-robin tournament was held over three days.

University of Calgary Dinosaurs won the gold medal match, defeating University of Manitoba Bisons in four games. The final match-up was not surprising: The Dinosaurs are

currently the number one ranked team in Canada, followed by the number two ranked Bisons. It was a surprise, however, that the play of the host Bears nearly caused the top ranked teams to fall from their lofty placings.

The Bears had a chance to make it to the gold medal match as they played their best volleyball of the season in the round-robin. They defeated York University Yeomen in their first match and then took on the Wesmen, defeating them in four games. The Bears took both Calgary and Manitoba to five games, but could not find the intensity to take the match. Against Manitoba, they lost the final game 16-14 and against Calgary, they led two games to one before dropping the last two games 15-12 and 15-7.

Watson, in his second year as head coach of the Bears, said that the matches were theirs to take. "It seemed as if the guys were waiting for Manitoba to make the mistakes," he said. "By the time we got to the fifth game against Calgary, the guys were really tired."

In the playoff, the Bears

lacked the cohesion which they displayed against Calgary and Manitoba. The Bears handled Winnipeg easily in the round-robin, but couldn't come up with the same performance on Saturday. Winnipeg was led by Olaf Juergensen and Neil Klassen, who came up with eleven stuff blocks. The Bears' attack was not enough to counter Winnipeg's defence although Jim Schubert was successful on 73 per cent of his spikes. Other Bears that played well in the tourney included Gord Bockock, Rick Hayes, Jean Claude Meilleur, and captain Dave Wilson.

The Most Valuable Player of the tourney was Doug Kozak of Manitoba. Named to the all-star team were Bockock and Meilleur of the Bears, Juergensen of Winnipeg, Brian Newman and Mark Kolodziej of Calgary, and Paul Paquin of Manitoba.

The Golden Bears will be at the University of Saskatchewan this weekend, as they try to improve their 2-8 record in Canada West division play.



Photo Martin Beales

Four hands are better than two when blocking a spike

## Gymnasts get "lesson"

by Dale McNeely

The Golden Bears Gymnastic Team had a "lesson in humility", says coach Francis Tally.

The Bears were beaten by a mere .01 of a point by the U of M Bisons in a dual meet the Bears were not supposed to lose. Even though this was the Bears first meet of the 1982 season, results were expected to be somewhat better. Last year the Golden Bears were second over all nationally, but with similar performances like last weekend, it will be difficult to place in the top 4 this year. Tally states that "next weekends meet in Calgary will be a good indicator of the teams

potential. The Bears will be calling on the experience of veterans Eric Ruckerthaler, Brendon Carrigy, Reene Martin and Dale McNeely to get things back on track towards a potential National Championships. As well, strong performances are expected from Tony Smith and the rest of the rookie squad.

Even with the loss, Bears had good individual performances. Reeve Martin who finished first in the all-around with a score of 51.2, and Tony Smith who was second with a score of 46.9. Martin finished first in pommel horse, rings, and horizontal bar, with Smith second on floor and vault.

## Pandas do very well in San Fran

On Friday, January 22nd, the Pandas Gymnastics Team flew to San Francisco California for a competition with three Californian teams. The team members; Jane Chamberlin, Elise Dworkin, Audrey Gee, Heidi Ross, Shelley Spaner and Teresa Van Foest competed at San Francisco State

University on Saturday, Jan. 23 against Sonoma State, Hayward State as well as the host team, San Francisco State.

According to head-coach Sue Rouse "the team did very well" finishing second behind San Francisco State scoring 121:55 to SFU's 128:25. Hayward State was

third followed by Sonoma State.

Five gymnasts scored over 28.00 points, thus surpassing the score required to qualify for the CIAU championships. Leading the Alberta team was Shelley Spaner who finished 4th all around with 31.10 points. She was followed by Heidi Ross who was