

Bears Challengers For Hardy Cup

Huskies Invade For Tourney With Bears

Coach Don Burgess and his Saskatchewan Huskies will invade the campus this weekend for a two game puck tourney with Alberta's Golden Bears.

The series is the first home action for the Bears in the inter-collegiate league.

Bears find themselves in the unfamiliar role of challengers

this weekend. For the first time in six seasons they are not defending champions of the WCI AU. One year ago Saskatchewan took three games out of four and the championship from Clare

Drake's Golden Bears.

Most of last year's championship team is returning this weekend including all star defenceman Murray Swaston, veteran right winger Merle Byrnes and leading scorer, Dick Shaw. Shaw is off to a fast start already this season with three goals against Manitoba two weeks ago.

Drake feels his team can upset the green and white in both games provided they never let up against the hard skating, scrappy Huskies. He plans to use both Bill Brennan, who starred against Manitoba last week, and Jack Lamb in goal. All star Vic Dzurko will be on defence with Ray Sawka, Ted Mitenko, Bill Wintermute and Ed Brown.

Up front the situation was not clear at press time. Left winger Don Carlyle has a knee injury and Vern Pachal has been out with sinus trouble. However, Pachal will probably centre Les Zimmel and Auzz Smith.

"Trig" McGhee and Al Laplante

may have Pete Connellan centering them. This line produced two goals in Winnipeg last Saturday and was a constant threat. Other forwards seeing action will be Don Podgurney, Jim Jones, Dale Janowsky, and Jim Hodgson.

Friday night is Ladies' Night at the rink with the gals being admitted for 49 cents. Plenty of entertainment is in store from the time Bill Warwick officiates at the puck-dropping ceremony at 8:15. Warwick was the leading scorer in 1955 when Penticton won the World's Hockey Championship in Germany.

In addition to the colorful cheerleaders and majorettes, a feature of the night will be a broomball game between the the nurses and the education girls. It is understood that St. John's Ambulance will be in attendance.

This series will probably determine who will grab the Hardy Cup this year. Play starts at 8:15 pm. tonight and 2:30 pm. Saturday.



The goalie all alone, a position he will find very uncomfortable during this weekend's games with the Saskatchewan Huskies.

Bears Vs. — Won One, Lost One

The University of Alberta Golden Bears, hockey version, saw their first league action of the year at the weekend, as

they gained a split with the University of Manitoba Bisons in Winnipeg. Alberta lost a heartbreaking, overtime thriller 2-1 Friday, and then bounced back to score a 3-1 victory on Saturday night.

The teams were quite evenly matched, with the Bisons having perhaps a slight edge in the Friday game. Bisons wrapped up the victory with a goal ten seconds before the end of the overtime session. The Alberta boys, playing without the services of Vic Dzurko, Al Laplante, Vern Pachal and Doug Messier, all of whom remained

in Edmonton to play with the Central Alberta All-Stars in their contest with the Moscow Selects, seemed to have trouble putting the puck in the net. Their lone goal was tallied by Connellan on an assist from Jones.

Saturday night, the Bears put up a much better showing with the return to action of Laplante and Pachal, who were brought in from Edmonton for the game. Laplante scored two goals and Pachal potted the other.

Bill Brennan, veteran goalie, gave his usual sterling performance in both games, making many sensational stops which helped keep the Bears in the running throughout.

Next action for the Bears will be this weekend as the University of Saskatchewan Huskies, who also split their first two games with the Manitoba team, provide the opposition at the Varsity rink. A sweep by either team would give the winner sole possession of first place. The hard-skating, close-checking Bisons appear here February 12 and 13.

The University of Manitoba will not have a football team in the WCIFU in spite of a student referendum in favor of such a plan.

Last week the Students' Council voted against a student referendum in which 65 per cent of the students showed they were in favor of football and the \$5 fee increase per student that went with it.

Although Council members voted

16-15 in favor of putting a team into the Western Inter-Collegiate Football Union, such a motion required a two-thirds vote of those present, and voting for it to be passed.

A subsequent motion to send a binding referendum back to the students was defeated. As a result, Manitoba will remain outside the WCIFU until student enthusiasm warrants another poll plebiscite.

Marshall's Beat

Before the sun sets Saturday afternoon Coach Clare Drake of the Bladed Bears, no kin to Running Bear, should know if he will soon become one of the few Alberta coaches to ever win back the Hardy Cup. Last year, of course, Drake had the dubious honor of becoming one of the few green and gold mentors ever to lose the trophy.

"We will have to sweep this series and go on to win three of our remaining four if we want the mug back," stated Clare the other day. "If the boys can return to the form they displayed against the All-stars in the first game we should win it all; but they were a far cry from that in Manitoba." "The same bugaboo as followed us around last year was back. We could do everything but score."

Apparently the stage is set for one of the epic battles of the season as the defending champion University of Saskatchewan Huskies invade our campus to defend the laurels they won from

the Bears last season.

The Huskies are once again the hustling, fast-moving crew of the past and are rumored to be just as strong as last season. Word out of Saskatchewan where they also split with the Bisons, has it that they can skate a hundred miles per hour for sixty minutes, and still come off the ice as fresh as a breeze (now there's an original phrase).

Alberta will be back at full strength for the big one and definitely looms as the trouble makers in this series. The green and gold club will need no incentive to cause the fireworks as most of the players can still remember what happened last time around.

Also, Vern Pachal is in his swansong year on the campus and would undoubtedly like to go out with a winner. Pachal, who has won the scoring title every time out in the WCIAU, is rumored to be on the ailing list at present but with the weeks layoff should be back at his peak.

Vic Dzurko, who missed last weekend's action in Manitoba while battling the Russians with the CAHL All-Stars, will also return to the lineup for the series.

We may be going out on a big limb, but with the return to form of Pachal and the return to the blue line of Dzurko we think the Gilded ones will skate to a convincing victory. Saskatchewan may skate one hundred miles per hour and all that jazz but in our book lack the class of the challengers.

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