

# Bears, Huskies share weekend doubleheader

## Clubs remain deadlocked for first place after split



**DARREL LEBLANC**  
... goal a game

By **DON MOREN**

The weekend showdown at Varsity Arena left the Huskies and Bears with little more than wounds to lick.

The teams split the two-game series, Alberta taking the Friday night game 5-3. Not to be outdone, Saskatchewan won Saturday afternoon, but no more convincingly than had the Bears the night before. The score was an identical 5-3.

Both teams started Friday with identical 4-0 won-lost records, and the encounters were supposed to settle first place in the WCIAA hockey loop. Their perfect records are now tarnished and the top spot might not be settled until they do battle in Saskatoon, Feb. 10 and 11.

Friday night, the Bears tore right into the Huskies in the first period. They scored three goals and completely dominated with aggressive checking, skating and passing.

Darrel LeBlanc opened the scoring at 9:51 by poking in a loose puck after Huskie goalie Jim Shaw had robbed both Gord Jones and Merose Stelmaschuk.

Jones also set up the Bears' second goal. He deked both Huskie defencemen over to the left, then fed Dave Zarowny, who was all alone on right wing. "Zerox I" flicked it between Shaw's pads.

Terry Cutler capped the Bears' spree, knocking Del Billings' clearing pass into the lower right-hand corner at 16:05.

### PACK FIGHTS BACK

It looked like the Huskies would be sent howling back to Saskatoon, but the first period was the only bad one they played all weekend. The line of Doug Wass, Wally Kozak and Paul Josephson put on a rush in the early minutes of the second period.

Bill Sveinson scored for the Huskies at 7:16, tipping his own rebound past Bear goalie Bob Wolfe.

The Huskies were skating now, but the defence was slow and had trouble moving the puck out of their own end. The Bears went ahead 4-1 when Merose Stelmaschuk deflected Dale Rippel's slapshot.

Dave Dunn, just up from juvenile, scored Huskies' second goal at 13:00 on a 30-foot screen shot that hit the upper right-hand corner.

Garry Link dribbled a loose puck toward the Saskatchewan goal, and it looked like an easy save for Jim Shaw until it hit a Huskie defenceman's skate. The score after two periods: Bears 5, Huskies 2.

In the third period, the Huskies, although faced with an almost insurmountable deficit, doggedly checked a Bear offence that was bogging down as the game progressed.

Bill Sveinson scored his second of the night for Saskatchewan at

12:12, assisted by Wayne Statham.

A solid Bear defence and fine saves by Bob Wolfe kept the Huskies from mustering a scoring drive in the final period. One-man rushes by Wayne Statham and Dave Dunn sparked the Huskie offence.

### LEBLANC OUTSTANDING

Darrel LeBlanc was outstanding for the Bears. Strong skating and lots of hustle during the series was reminiscent of the form that made him a great with the Bears last season.

On Saturday afternoon the game trend was almost completely reversed. The Huskies mauled the Bears in the first minute of play.

Paul Josephson and Murray Osborn scored only 22 seconds apart, courtesy of defensive lapses by the Bears. Josephson's goal came at 0:33, assisted by Doug Wass. Art Riel and Ed Hobday helped Osborn for the second at 0:55.

The Bears never gained the lead. Brian Harper flipped in a rebound at 7:23 to put the Bears back in the game.

But back came the Saskatchewan pack. Ed Hobday scored in a scramble in front of the Bear goal. The Huskies were ahead 3-1 and that dead Bear smelled good.

The dogs swarmed in around goalie Bob Wolfe in the second period. Osborn scored his second of the afternoon at 3:00 and Art Riel at 14:33. Both goals came on fights for the puck at the Bear goalmouth.



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### BEARS' TERRY CUTLER CLOSES IN ON HUSKIES' JIM SHAW

... scorer Friday, spectator Saturday

Saskatchewan was persistently checking and Wolfe and the Bear defence was having trouble clearing the puck.

### BEARS HURT

The Bears were hurt. Overcoming a four-goal deficit is a momentous task and an unblemished record was fast fleeing from view.

The Bears poured it on, but the puck wouldn't go in. Lady Luck and Jim Shaw wouldn't allow it.

Merose Stelmaschuk swept in front of Shaw and tucked it neatly into the lower left-hand corner. Bears 2, Huskies 5 at 18:02. The Bears had a faint hope and the third period left.

The Huskies had a rash of penalties in the early third period. Clare Drake threw his top five forwards onto his power play in a desperate attempt to get some goals. It paid off.

At 7:04 Darrel LeBlanc scored somehow in a fantastic scramble around the Huskie net.

The Bears' regained impetus didn't slow down the Huskies. The pack was skating and checking as hard as ever and only sensational goaltending by Bob Wolfe kept the Huskies off the scoreboard for the rest of the game.

The Bears struggled to tie it up but they were kept off the board too. Saturday's game had completely offset Friday's.

Shots on goal would appear to give the Huskies a slight edge in play. The Bears were outshot 28-20 in the first game. Bob Wolfe had to handle 28 in the second, compared to Jim Shaw's 22.

In the post-game comments, Ed Lepp, coach of the Huskies, singled out goalie Jim Shaw for praise: "Actually, he didn't play that well Friday night but he played a fantastic game today..." Commenting on that disastrous first period Friday he said: "We just weren't skating with the Bears and, as a result, they got those three goals."

When asked about the February series at Saskatoon he replied: "... we'll have an advantage on our home ice... if we play as well at home as we did this afternoon, we'll take them two down..."

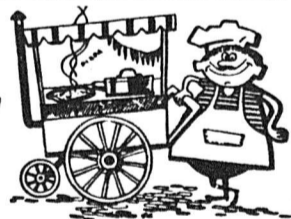
Clare Drake, Golden Bear coach, felt that his club got off to "too good a start" in the first game and perhaps got a little complacent. He gave the Huskies full credit for their win Saturday. He said some changes he made in his defence may have hurt the Bears. Hugh Twa and Jack Nicholl were replaced Saturday by Jim Seutter and Dave Wray, two rookies.

The Bears next intercollegiate hockey game is here against the UBC Thunderbirds Jan. 6 and 7.

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