

Tough weekend for hockey Bears

Two out of three ain't bad

Determination kept the Bears going Sunday afternoon as they wound up a three game weekend by beating the UBC Thunderbirds 5-3 in Varsity Rink.

Coming off a grueling double overtime loss to the Calgary Dinosaurs Saturday night, the Bears still managed to find enough life to nip the equally road weary T'birds for a share of first place in the Canada West standings. UBC had travelled from Saskatoon Saturday evening after receiving their second straight drubbing from the Saskatchewan Huskies.

Bears' coach Clare Drake said, "It wasn't much of an artistic success but we'll take it. Maybe my eyeballs are starting to slow down but it didn't look like a bad skating game, just a little scumbly at times."

In the end it was the scramblers and the muckers who produced the win for the Bears. Mike Broadfoot, who had been having his troubles earlier, picked up the winning goal on a two on one break as he made a quick move around UBC goaltender Ron Paterson before sliding in a backhand early in the third period.

Terry Clark's quick glove prevented UBC from tying it at four late in the period. He robbed

Greg Cockrill from the edge of crease and stopped a point shot by Bill Holowaty in a six second span with just over a minute left. The Bears came right back down the ice to score an insurance goal after Clark's big saves. Jim Lomas tapped in a loose puck on the goal line after Perry Zapernick, looking for his second of the night, rang a shot off the post.

Duncan Babchuk, in his first game of the year after early season knee surgery, and Ace Brimacombe scored the Bears' other goals. Holowaty had two and Jim McLaughlin one for the Thunderbirds. The UBC attack was without scoring ace Rob Jones. He's gone for a year with a knee injury.

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Calgary coach George Kingston was disenchanted with his team's play he used the better part of a half hour on disciplined hockey after the game.

Kingston had every reason to be upset as stupid penalties and poor defensive play killed their chances. A classic example is Paul Murray. With the Bears' Barrie Stafford in the process of heading to the penalty box for a roughing penalty on Calgary goalie Jerry Farwell, Murray threw a punch at



Ron Paterson's desperate lunge is too late as Perry Zapernick (on ice) has already put the puck in the net for the Bears. Jim Lomas, who set up the goal, is getting his sweater rearranged courtesy of a UBC defenseman.

photo Bill Ingles

Stafford and ended up taking a misconduct after losing his temper. The Bears, on two goals by Brimacombe and a single from Chris Helland, were leading 3-1 at

the time, early in the third period. Instead of a powerplay advantage for Calgary, the teams were even up and the Bears made the most of their break as Bruce Rolin scored to give them a three goal edge.

Shane Pearsall got one back for Calgary on a bank shot off defenseman Wade Campbell before Lomas scored twice in the last five minutes to bury Calgary.

Calgary 7 Alberta 6 (OT)
For a while in the first period it looked like the team that touched the puck last would win. The lead changed hands three times as nine goals were scored. Helland, Tim Krug, Stafford, Zapernick and Greg Skoreyko tallied for the Bears while Randy Jovenazzo, linemates Darren and Cal Halasz, and Alvin Szott scored for Calgary.

Things settled down and the Bears held on to their narrow lead until the third period. Darren Halasz then struck twice in 34

seconds, at 13:11 and 13:45, to put the Dinosaurs ahead. Broadfoot tied it up at 14:38 and both teams started playing defensively, for a change, and play for the break.

Trevor Erhardt got the winner 2:31 into the second overtime period, stuffing home a rebound off a shot by Szott.

BEAR FACTS

Danny Peacocke missed all three games with the flu. Dave Recknagle took his place on the blueline and played well considering his lack of practice time.

Bruce Rolin strained his neck after a fall into the boards early in the first period Saturday. He played with the pain on Sunday as the Bears were short staffed.

Curtis Jans was out on Sunday with a pulled groin and Terry Lescisin missed the game with a bad knee.

Tonight the Bears play the Alberta College Allstars in a game at NAIT.

rimmed out and Calgary killed the clock.

THROW-INS

Ken Haak was the Bears' leading scorer on Friday with 18 points. Rookie Jim Pratt had 16. Karl Tilleman had 28 and Steve Atkin 25 for the Dinosaurs. On Saturday Atkin tossed in 37 points.

Glynis Griffiths had 25 points for the Pandas in the two games including 14 Saturday.

This weekend the teams travel to Victoria to face the first place Vikings and Vikettes.

The Redekop brothers led the Saskatchewan Huskies to two wins over UBC on the west coast last weekend.

B'ballers drop series

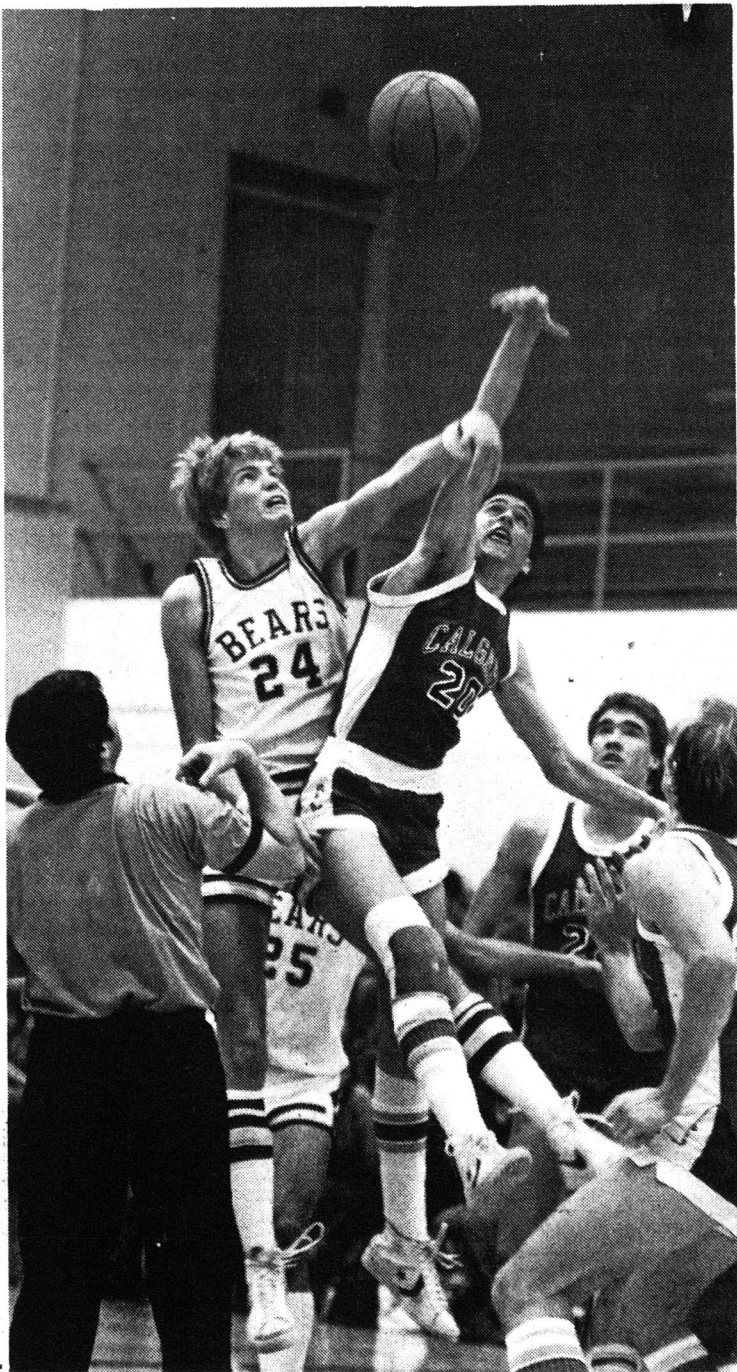


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Bear's Brian Jones fends off a Calgary opponent in a battle for a jump ball.

Some dismal shooting was the downfall of both the Bears and the Pandas this weekend as neither basketball team managed a win in doubleheader action with the University of Calgary.

Friday evening in Varsity Gym the Dinnies, led by the 23 point performance of all-Canadian Janis Paskevich, buried the Pandas 65-49. Saturday it was closer but Debbie Shogan's crew still came out on the short end of a 52-50 score.

The Bears meanwhile lost both contests by 18 points, 89-71 and 88-70, against the Dinosaurs.

A basic problem with both teams is their inability to put the ball through the hoop. Both nights the Pandas put up more shots than the Dinnies but shot only 35 percent Friday and a meager 32 percent on Saturday. The Bears hit 34 percent of their attempts both evenings.

Bears' coach Brian Heaney says, "Right now I think we have a mental block on our shooting. We've got to outgrow this rookie image."

While some of the Bears are having their problems, one who has come around lately is veteran Tom Groat. With Greg Dell and Grant Ashlee out for the season with knee injuries, Groat has picked up some of the slack and has been the Bears' top scorer in

recent games. Friday he threw in 17 points and hauled down 15 rebounds, he then added 28 points and eight rebounds on Saturday. Heaney says, "Groat was a disappointment early in the year and ended up losing his starting position to Dell. Certainly his quality of play has picked up since Dell and Ashlee have been out. He's playing how we expected him to play all year."

Trix Kannekens, on the other hand, had a very ordinary series for the Pandas with only 14 points in each game. When she doesn't go the Pandas don't go. On Saturday, after the Dinnies had led throughout the game, Kannekens had a chance to tie it up but her last minute shot

Pandas better than record

While the Pandas finished last in a field of four teams at a gymnastics meet in Eugene, Oregon, coach Sue Rouse says that the scores don't really reflect the abilities of the gymnasts. "With the new rules in effect, which they (the Americans) use and we (Canadians) don't, our gymnasts lost points because the difficulties of many routines have been

changed," she says.

The rule changes Rouse is referring to are those made by the International Gymnastics Federation in September. "They have a new rating system and some moves which are considered to be superior difficulty are now medium difficulty — or 'B' moves. The CIAU still uses the old system because the new rules didn't come

into effect until the start of the season."

Rouse says the results of the meet were secondary to the opportunity to compete with top notch gymnasts from Oregon, San Francisco and California State (Hayward), the other three teams. "The experience was very

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