

Struggling Bears come through

Bears 6 Dinosaurs 3
by Ajay Bhardwaj

A couple of struggling forwards came to life to help the University of Alberta Golden Bear hockey squad defeat the University of Calgary Dinosaurs 6-3 at Varsity Arena on Friday night.

Wingers Doug McCarthy and Todd Gordon had only one goal between them entering the series with Dinosaurs. McCarthy had 24 in 28 games last year and Gordon had 4 in 25, playing on a checking line.

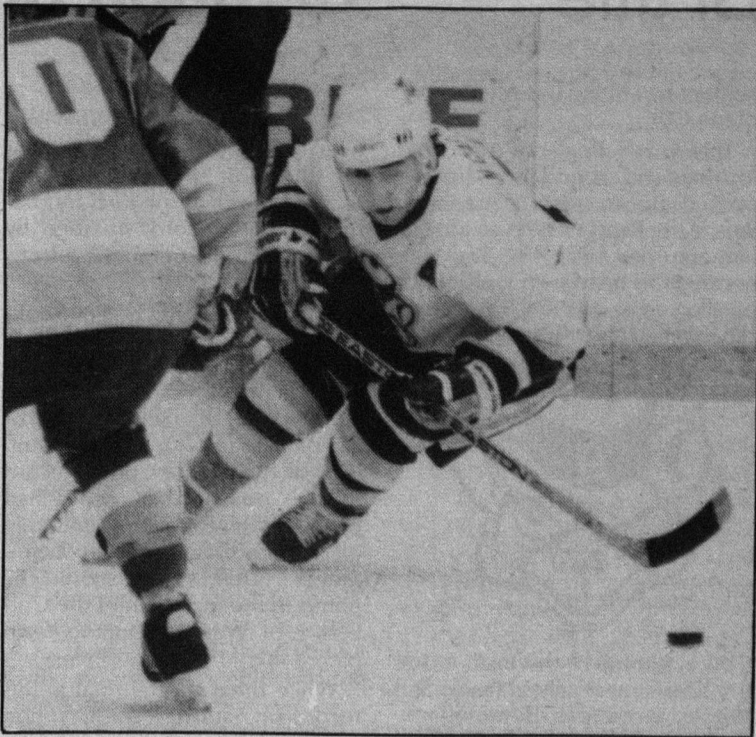
"It was like getting a big monkey off my back," said McCarthy, who scored twice. "I've hit 10 or 11 goal posts and the goalie would be making a big save. I've had two more [goals] called back. It felt good to help the boys out a little." McCarthy hit two more posts on Friday.

Gordon felt relieved, too. "I was pretty excited after I scored," he said.

While McCarthy is coming off a fabulous 71 point season, aspirations or a season similar are not on his mind. "Definitely points-wise there's no way I'll end up with the type of season I had last year," he said. "If I help out now and then with a crucial goal I feel I'll be doing my job."

Bear coach Bill Moores was happy to see McCarthy and Gordon score goals. "Both worked really hard," Moores said. "They persevered and when you persevere things start to go in. Doug had hit a lot of posts."

Calgary coach Willie Desjardins



Kevin Law

Doug McCarthy of the Bears broke out of his slump over the weekend to help the team win one of two against Calgary.

knew it would be a matter of time before the two came through for the Bears. "Both are good hockey players," he said. "The bottom line is that when it gets tough they'll be there. In a big game your quality people will show up. They're both quality players."

The Bears also received two goals from winger Rob Glasgow, who also potted the winner at 13:19 of

the second period. Al Tarasuk also scored for Alberta.

Replying for Calgary were Chad Biafore, Jim Wheatcroft and Dan Logan.

On the bench: Neither team has been very successful in the other's rink during league play. The Dinosaurs haven't won here since 1986 and the Bears haven't won in Calgary since 1987.

Thibodeau/Athletics say thanks

by Steve Kentel

During the off-season many hockey players engage in summer hockey to keep in shape. They get their wins that they have been accustomed to as a member of the Green and Gold, the winningest team in Canada West history. This past summer one member of the Golden Bears was in the biggest game of his life. Defenseman Gord Thibodeau was fighting a battle with Hodgekin's Disease, cancer of the lymph nodes. This was a game that Thibodeau was determined to beat and he did so very convincingly.

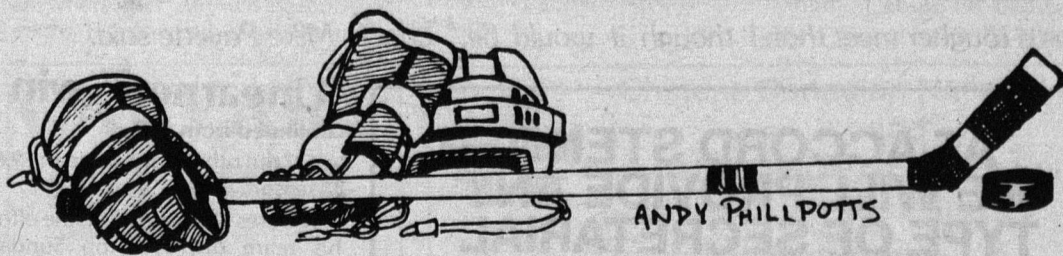
Just before some of the biggest games of his two year Canada West career, Gord was faced with the thoughts of an even bigger battle. When the team had defeated the Calgary Dinosaurs for their 35th Canada West Title, Thibodeau informed his coach and captains of his situation. He didn't want the

rest of the team to know because they had bigger things on their minds... the National Championships. That's the kind of person that Thibodeau is, putting the team first and foremost—anything individual comes secondary. After the team had lost to eventual National Champion York Yomen. Thibodeau informed the rest of his teammates of his condition. Faced with the realization of having to go through chemotherapy treatments during the summer, Gord was bound and determined to put on his uniform again this season and help the Bears in a quest for a second straight Canada West title.

Over the summer "Thibo" was fortunate to have some great help, both medically and in the form of support, from the staff, in particular Dr. Martin Palmer of the Cross Cancer Institute. Tonight is Gord
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Jeff Cowley



by Ajay Bhardwaj

Golden Bear forward Dan Baker worked out over the summer with his old buddies Doug Bodger of the Buffalo Sabres and Todd Ewen of the St. Louis Blues. Baker and Bodger grew up close to each other, Baker in Duncan, British Columbia and Bodger in Chemainus... Saskatchewan's leading scorer, Wayde Bucsis, is out with a dislocated wrist. He slid into the boards in a game against the University of Brandon on the weekend. Bucsis, a freshman, had 22 points including 13 goals. "Anytime you lose a player like that it hurts," said Huskie coach Brent McEwen. "It takes away a lot of goals. But maybe it's the spur we

need to get going." Bucsis' injury hurts even more when you consider that Ken Morrison's production has fallen off. The senior has but six goals and four assists... Former University of Saskatchewan defenceman Wally Niewchach, who compiled

In the Crease

213 career penalty minutes, has left the team. He played in Binghamton last season and returned to the Huskies to begin the exhibition season this year. However, he caught on in a Senior league in Saskatchewan and is making good money... University of Calgary snip-

er Mark Fioretti came close to signing with an Italian league team this season. Therefore, he didn't play much in the exhibition season and he registered in school at the beginning of the semester...

On Friday evening, between the first and second periods, CJSR play-by-play man John Sexsmith and colorman Bob Stauffer took on the Panda gymnastics team in hockey. The Pandas won 1-0 in the goodwill game but not before Michelle Hannemann had decked Stauffer (in jest). Afterwards, Bear defenceman Gord Thibodeau joked that he'd given Hannemann lessons. "She's got natural talent if she ever wanted to switch sports..."

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