



Hectic scramble on Barry Richardson's doorstep



A hard day's night for Murray Finlay



Finlay faces Wyrozub (7)

Fate play key role in weekend sweep

They say there's no such thing as luck in games of skill.

But Fate seemed to play a major role when U of A's Golden Bears met UBC Thunderbirds in Varsity Arena last weekend in what might have been the deciding series in the league race.

The 8-5 and 3-2 wins put Bears firmly in first place with an 11-3 record, while Birds dropped to third with 9-7. They suffered three losses in a row as Saskatoon upset them 4-3 Friday night.

Calgary is now in second place with 10-5, Bears' 10-3 over Victoria Friday was mere icing on the cake.

Sunday's scoreboard read 2-1 for Thunderbirds at 11:00 of the third period with Bears short-handed. Clarence Wanchulak picked up a loose puck at the blueline and lobbed an anaemic shot through goalie Fred Masuch's legs to tie it up.

"The defenseman took about three swipes at me at the blueline, but I was concentrating on getting a good hold on the puck," he said later. "I was going to try to deke the goalie, but he was just standing there so I shot. I never expected it to go in."

Fate struck again four minutes later when Paul St. Cyr fired one off from the point straight at Bird defenseman Bruce Brill who obligingly deflected it into the net to give Bears the game 3-2, and the series.

Thunderbird defence played an instrumental part in Saturday's 8-5 win as well. According to CAHA rules, in case of a tie the teams play one ten-minute overtime period. If they are still tied at the end of ten minutes, they play sudden death, which explains the occasionally lop-sided scores in overtime.

The third period ended 5-5

on a late goal by Rick Wyrozub. Just five minutes into overtime, Gerry Hornby took the puck up the ice and fired it dead centre at Masuch. Without another Bear in sight and Hornby effectively out of the way behind the net, Masuch slumped to the ice in disbelief as one of his own defencemen Brian DeBiasio, put in the rebound.

Dave Couves and Gerry LaGrandeur landed two quick insurance markers, as if to prove Bears can win with no help from the opposition.

Thunderbird coach Bob Hindmarch said after the game he may dispute the match.

A recent change in CAHA rules allows substitution on coincidental penalties. That is, teams play at full strength when dual penalties are called.

Birds led 1-0 going into the second period when Arnie Peterson got the gate for interference. Then Wyrozub and Rich Longpre were each given high sticking penalties.

Referee Darryl Haverlock didn't know about the substitution and Birds were scored on while two men short.

Hindmarch maintained that if they had been playing five against four instead of four against three, his club would have been able to set up a box defence and would have had a better chance at beating the power play.

It was a blistering Bob Beaulieu slapshot that beat Masuch for that first Bear goal, following Doug Buchanan's first-period marker. Couves and Wanchulak also scored for Bears in that period, sandwiching Alex Dick's marker to make it 3-2.

UBC's Bob Murray evened the score less than two minutes into the third stanza but Oliver Morris put Alberta ahead 12 seconds later.

Bill Ennos and Longpre

again put 'Birds in the lead till Craig Thomas took a holding penalty. Then, with a man advantage, Clare Drake put his production line of Couves, Wyrozub and LeGrandeur on the ice.

The deciding face-off came at 18:32, despite having a fractured left wrist, Couves got the puck to Wyrozub, who landed it to put the game into overtime.

Couves' wrist had been broken when he took a check in the corner in the second period.

Defenseman Brian Middleton also suffered pulled shoulder ligaments in the game, while UBC's Doug Buchanan sustained a suspected separated shoulder.

Sunday afternoon's match started out almost like a replay of the previous night as UBC's Jim Lawrence nabbed the only goal in the first period.

Again Bears allowed themselves to be constantly skated off the puck, although Barry Richardson was considerably sharper in net than he had been the night before. Dick and Oliver Steward traded goals in the second period. Bears outskated what looked like a rather-tired Thunderbird crew in the final stanza, and Wanchulak's goal sealed the 'Birds fate.

In contrast, Friday night's 10-3 score just about says it all about the meet with U of Victoria Vikings.

As usual, it was Bears against Murray Finlay; Although suffering from the flu, he managed to stop 58 shots on goal.

Brian Middleton picked up a hat trick with singles coming from LeGrandeur, Wyrozub, Couves, St. Cyr, St. Arnaud, McNight, and Steward. Dave Cousins scored twice for Vikings while Gordie Palmer picked up the single.

Bears split series

The exuberant fans of Southern Alberta witnessed the superlative classic of the top-notch play as the University of Lethbridge Pronghorns provided the University of Alberta hoopsters with their stiffest competition of the season.

Bob Bain's Golden Bears begrudgingly gave Lethbridge a 52-50 victory Friday, while Saturday night nothing but desire and hustle carried them to a thrilling 78-60 win.

It moved Bears into first spot in the Canada West University Athletic Association standings.

Friday's contest began with perhaps the main attractions—The Tollestrups, Phil Tollestrup put Pronghorns first on the scoreboard with a 30-foot drive which was quickly countered by an end to end rush by the Bears' Wally Tollestrup. This set the pace for the game—the action was fast, the moves were calculated and the man-to-man defence was tight.

Frequently, Lethbridge put the squeeze on Alberta players, particularly Mike Frisby and Tollestrup, hardly giving them room to move. Both Frisby and Tollestrup were limited to six points each.

Wally Tollestrup performed magnificently on defence, limiting his elder brother to eight out of 26 field goals attempts. Combined with 3 free shots, Phil led the Pronghorns with 19 points.

Bears were led offensively by Tom Solyom with 12 points.

The determination of the Bear squad was clearly shown around the ten-minute mark of the first half when Steve Panteluk scored a basket after four tries.

With approximately six minutes left in the half, Roger Baldrey potted two for the Pronghorns to tie the game 17-17.

However, Bear cagers came back to go into the second half with a 26-22 margin.

In the second half, Phil Tollestrup zeroed in on a free throw at five-minute mark to give Pronghorns the lead (31-30) for the first time in the game.

Lethbridge was held to no more than a 5 point lead during the remainder of the game primarily due to the aggressive, defensive work of Terry Valeriotte and Wally Tollestrup.

Due to the strong defensive play, Alberta was called for 11 fouls, which allowed Danny Court to capitalize with 7 penalty points for the Pronghorns.

With 42 seconds left and Pronghorns leading 50-44, Bain McMillan sank two free throws for Alberta and 20 seconds later Panteluk basketed a field goal to raise the score 50-48. Mike Frisby was charged with a foul seconds later which resulted in Baker shooting two for Lethbridge.

Alberta rallied back with four points but too late.

The rabble-raising crowd as well as the players called down on the referees but according to Coach Bain, the refereeing was not all that bad.

Saturday's victory had to be the most satisfying for Bain and his crew after Friday's disheartening loss. Prior to the game Bain was moderately confident, "It's just a matter of executing what is supposed to be done."

And so it was for many of the Bears—they dug deep when the pressure was heavy to prune Lethbridge 78-60. Solyom had his best game—connecting for 23 points.

The game was rough as Bears', Dave Holland received a technical foul during the first half and Pronghorn's Dan Court was ejected with an intentional foul nine minutes before the end of the game.

Although, the action was fast and intense, the defence was not too tight. Wally Tollestrup who tallied 11 points, had a

beautiful center break from mid court to sink two for Alberta. Earlier, he had intercepted a Lethbridge pass allowing Solyom to pot a clean basket.

Alberta went into the second half with a healthy 36-28 lead.

Very strong offensive play was exhibited by Valeriotte and Panteluk. Valeriotte consistently dribbled the ball with complete defensive control end to end through center court. Panteluk appeared to regain his poise and sank 14 points raising his total score to 20 for the game.

Phil Tollestrup led Lethbridge with 26 points.

The games were played in the new University of Lethbridge gym which officially

opened during the summer. It is a unique underground structure of concrete similar to the gym at Simon Fraser, U of Vancouver. Both were designed by Arthur Erickson.

This week-end, the Bears head for Vancouver to clash with UBC Thunderbirds,bb

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Huskies victims of Uof A fencers

For the third time this year, the U of A mens' fencing team dominated their intercollegiate competition.

The victims this time were those teams participating at the Saskatoon Foil Competition held last weekend.

The U of A squad, composed of Jed Chapin, Tom Freeland, Helmut Mach and Alex Pozniak, went through the round robin tournament undefeated as they downed the teams from U of Winnipeg (10-6), U of S (Saskatoon) (14-2), U of S (Regina) (15-1), Regina City Club (11-5) and Sask. Tech Institute (16-0).

The Women's team of Lynn Braun, Pat Price, Helen Sachs, and Nina Shiels didn't fare as well as they won three: 15-1, 14-2, 13-3 but only tied the U of Winnipeg, 8-8 and lost to the Saskatoon campus team 6-10 and ended up third. The best individual performances were given by Chapin as he went through with 20 wins and no losses and Shiel, who finished 19 and 1.

In conjunction with the team competition, an individual novice event was also held Saturday morning.

U of A fencers Edward Lee and George Barr went through their respective preliminary and semi-final Fois undefeated but faded in the finals and finished third and fourth.

This coming weekend the fencers will be in action in the West Gym for the Edmonton Open and the following weekend will be at the U of Winnipeg Team Tournament. This promises to be the most challenging tournament with teams coming from across the Prairies and from Minnesota and Illinois.

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