

Drake's Bears nip Huskies

Work ethic pays dividends

Good teams make their own breaks.

And when 20 hockey players work as hard as the Golden Bears did this past weekend the breaks are going to come.

The Saskatchewan Huskies provided the competition for two of the most exciting — and entertaining — games to be played this season in Varsity Rink. Clare Drake's Bears — who throw more bodychecks in twenty minutes than the Oilers do in twenty games — checked and skated better than they have all year to nip the Huskies by 3-2 and 6-4 scores.

Friday evening Dan Peacocke was the Bears' sparkplug as the sophomore defenseman did everything but drive the Zamboni to spearhead the win. His tie-breaking goal early in the third period proved to be the winner and he also blocked several shots late in the game when Saskatchewan was pressing with their goaltender pulled.

Goaltender Terry Clark and the rest of the Bears' defensive ranks weren't too shabby either as the only goals they allowed came on the potent Huskie power play. Last year, Saskatchewan led the league in powerplay goals with 32. The Bill Hlynski - Rey Hudson combination clicked twice, each one tapping in a pass on Clark's doorstep.

Bears' goals came from Mike Broadfoot and rookie Ray Plamondon. Broadfoot ripped a 20 foot wrist shot over the

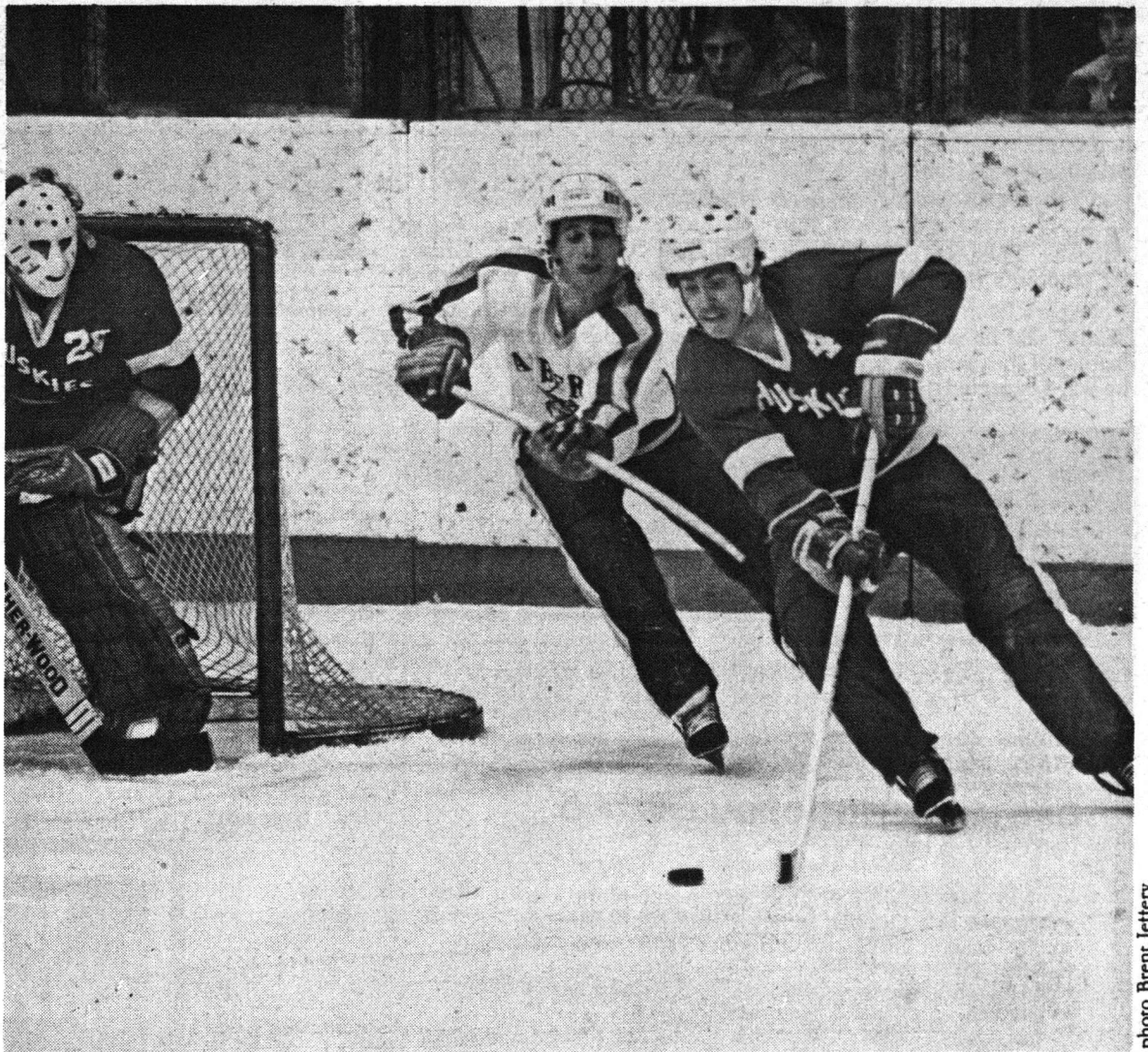
shoulder of Huskie netminder Steve Amiss after a centering pass from Brad Schneider. Plamondon slid home a relay from Rob Daum to open the game's scoring midway through the first period.

On Saturday, the Bears rallied from 2-0 and 3-2 deficits to pull off the victory.

Tim Hodgson, on a breakaway, and Bruce Kellar with a point shot deflection on the powerplay, got Saskatchewan going with the only two goals in the first period.

The Bears came back quickly with a pair of goals in the first four minutes of the second period. Bruce Rolin made a solo rush and blasted a slapshot through Amiss' legs while Ace Brimacombe popped home a rebound off Greg Skoreyko's shot. Kellar and Chris Helland traded goals to leave the score at 3-3 after forty minutes. Helland's came on a fine individual effort as he outskated and outmuscled Hudson for a loose puck to create a breakaway at the Huskies' blueline. He outsmarted Amiss on a deke and slid a backhand along the ice as Amiss went the wrong way.

Both coaches though, agreed the turning point in the game came when the Bears killed off seven straight minutes shorthanded at the start of the third period. After Rolin had just returned from serving an interference penalty, Bears' trainer Steve Knowles was tossed out by referee Ron Panchyshyn for allegedly striking one of the



Bears center Terry Lescisin displays the Wayne Gretzky look as he checks the Huskies' Doug Archibald coming out of his own end.

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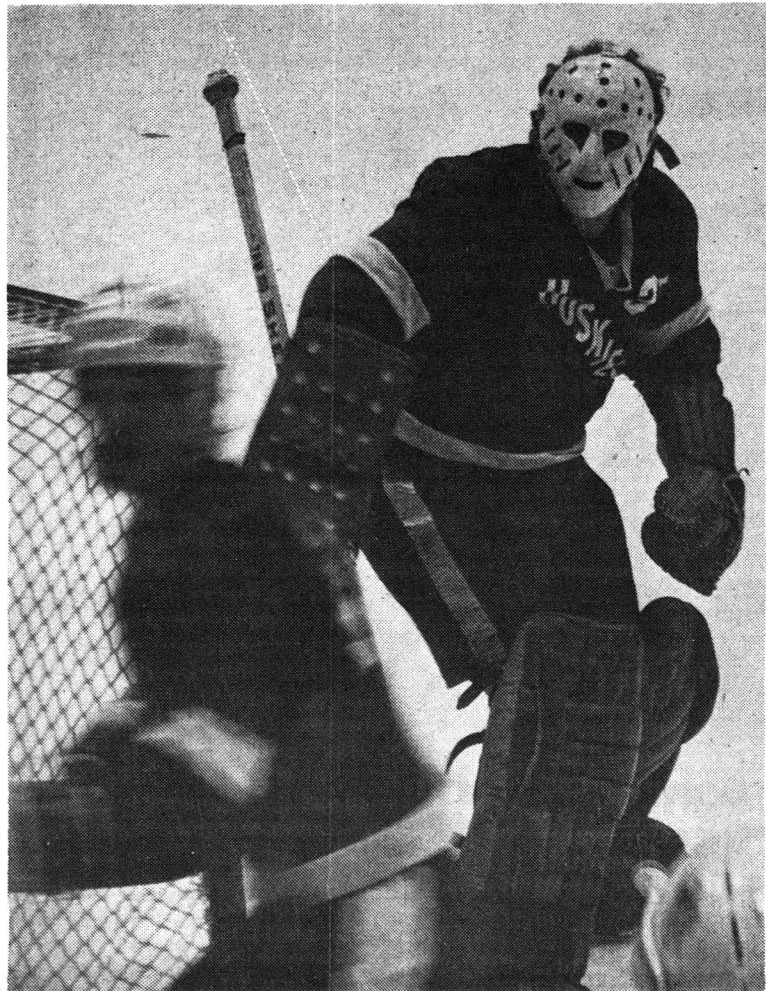


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Huskies' goaltender Steve Amiss keeps an eye on the action behind the net in Friday's game against the Bears.

linesmen. A match penalty was assessed and the Bears were shorthanded for five more minutes. Knowles said all that happened was that his hand brushed the linesman's shoulder as he skated past the bench. "I was waving my arms because the ref missed the call. It was an accident. I didn't even see him," said Knowles.

After the Bears only allowed the Huskies two shots on the powerplay, Saskatchewan seemed to sag and Alberta started to apply some pressure.

At 11:28 the dam broke as the Bears hit for three goals in less than a minute. Rolin started it off with his second of the game on a screened 30 footer from the left side. Twenty-seven seconds later Jim Lomas intercepted a pass by Dave Adolph and put a 45 foot slapshot off the glove of Amiss that just trickled over the goal line. Schneider set up Broadfoot with a goalmouth pass after some good corner work to give Alberta a three goal edge at the 12:22 mark. Saskatchewan's last goal

came with only twenty seconds to play as Kellar tipped in a loose puck on the edge of the crease.

Huskie coach Dave King said, "The first thing I told my guys (when we had the five minute powerplay) was not to get cautious. What happens? We got cautious. After not scoring I think we lost our poise a little and started to make mistakes. Adolph tried the fifth option on the breakout. However, we only have four options and one of them is not throwing the puck up the middle of the ice."

Drake said, "Something like a major penalty can go both ways. Luckily for us it went in our favor. It was a great win and puts us right back in the thick of things."

After Calgary beat UBC twice on the coast last weekend it looks like a three team race is developing. Currently Calgary is on top with 14 points followed by Alberta with 12 and Saskatchewan with 10. UBC has just 4 points in ten games.

BEAR FACTS

Rookie goaltenders Clark

and Dennis Potvin have allowed the fewest goals, 35, this year. UBC is the worst with 52 goals against.

Terry Lescisin has a bad hamstring and a bad knee, on different legs, and is having trouble getting around. Broadfoot took a highstick on the nose and needed stitches to close a two inch gash.

Dunc Babchuk and Dave Recknagle were the odd men out on defense this weekend. Neither dressed for either game.

The Huskies were missing Greg Wiebe, their top scorer, and lost defenseman Bruce Bradshaw on Friday after a check by Joel Elliott. He may be gone for the season with torn knee ligaments.

The Bears trip to Spain means some schedule changes for the weeks ahead. This Sunday the Bears will play one game at home against UBC after games Friday and Saturday in Calgary. UBC will make the trip from Saskatoon. February 6 - 7 the Bears travel to UBC instead of hosting the T'birds.

Saskatchewan evens track series with weekend victory

The U of A track team was in Saskatoon this past weekend for a 'double dual' meet with the University of Saskatchewan and the University of Calgary.

Each team's results were tallied against each other team to create three individual meets. Saskatchewan ended up winning twice with a 144-109 edge over Alberta and a 161-98 victory against Calgary. Alberta beat Calgary 152-104.

The Bears winning events were the 4 x 100 meter relay team of Sean Kehoe, Jack Suggett, Ian Anderson and Andrew Patrick, Suggett in the 50 meter sprint and Adrian Shorter - with a personal best - in the 1000 meter event.

Pandas won two jumping firsts. Marianne Frigon took the high jump with a leap of 1.62 meters and Janet Shulha won the long jump by leaping 5.11 meters.

It was the tenth time Alberta and Saskatchewan have been involved in a dual meet with both schools winning five times.

Alberta was shorthanded with just 27 competitors, 18 men and nine women, and weren't able to enter all the events and had only one participant in others.

This weekend the team is competing in a meet hosted by the Edmonton Columbians.

Pandas meet match

Heather Hartsell's Panda volleyball squad ended their weekend on a positive note as they defeated the University of Regina

three games to none in an invitational tourney in Winnipeg. That gave them fifth place in the six team event.

On Saturday the U of A team was dropped by identical 3-0 counts in matches with the University of Winnipeg and York University.

Both the Pandas and the Bears will be travelling to Vancouver in two weeks to take part in Canada West play.