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Calgary willing for experiment

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Never underestimate the talents of a hockey coach. Especially when the coach happens to be Clare Drake. The professor, who is in his 18th year as head coach of Alberta found time during the Golden Bears' 14th and 15th consecutive wins to conduct an experiment.

His team had little trouble in solving the problem of beating the Calgary Dinosaurs. They systematically dismantled the Dinos by similar 7-2 scores Thursday and Friday evening.

Never one to let an opportunity pass him by, Drake decided Thursday night would be a good time to practice pulling his goalie in favour of an extra attacker, a ploy usually used only in a last gasp effort to score. The Bears were leading 6-2 at the time, late in the third period and the 1500 fans were a little befuddled by the move.

Quite calmly and with deliberate forethought Drake pulled Jack Cummings, who had been doing a fine job of guarding the Alberta twine, when Dale Setoguchi picked up a minor penalty for Calgary.

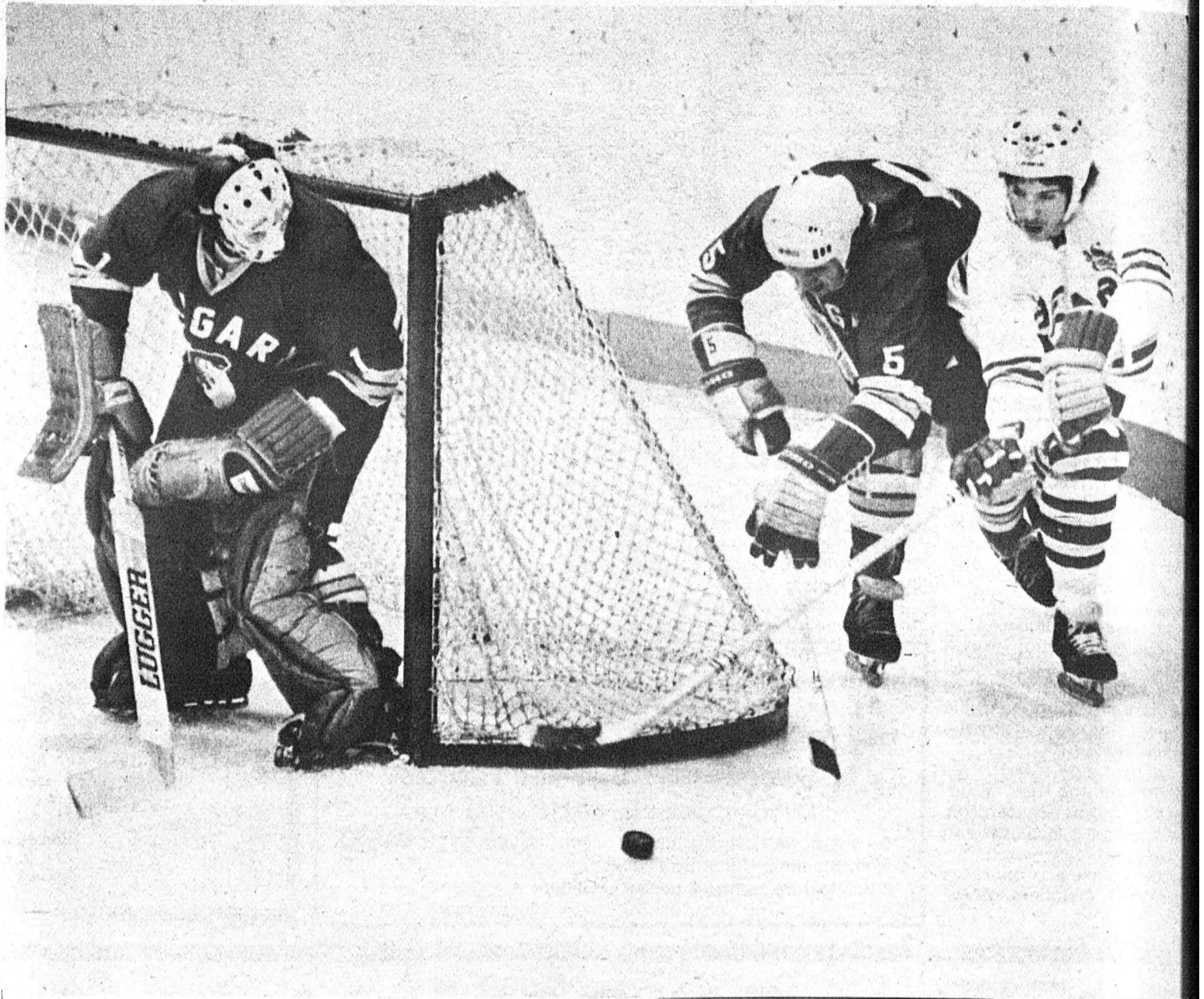
Fifteen seconds later the experiment yielded positive results — a goal by Kevin Primeau, his third of the night. Drake explained with a smile the unusual tactic. "We've been working on that. We worked on it this week. We've used it in previous years. It's a good thing to have in your repertoire. We didn't want to use it when we had to. We certainly weren't doing it to rub salt into the wound. We wanted to do it in case we had to do it in a game."

Dinosaur coach George Kingston, who played under Drake at Alberta in the 60's was upset more with his team than with the play.

"I can understand why he (Drake) did it. It's a good thing to practice. The thing is that they were scoring on the power play at will. It's a good coaching move if you're getting ready for post season play."

The Bears led 3-1 after the first period on goals by Jim Wishloff, Primeau and Bryan Sosnowski. Joe Miller had the first Calgary goal.

Calgary scored first in the



Golden Bear John Devaney circles Dinosaur defenceman George Gonis and attempts to surprise Calgary goaltender Bob Galloway. The

Bears took two 7-2 verdicts from the Dinos, collecting their 14th and 15th consecutive wins in the process. photo Brian Gavril

middle period when Doug Murray's screened wrist shot beat Cummings to make the score 3-2. But the Bears completely dominated play for the remainder of the period adding goals by Primeau and Randy Gregg to make it 5-2. Primeau and Sosnowski each counted another goal in the third period to round out the scoring.

"They were skating and we weren't," explained a downcast Kingston. "They came to play and we didn't. I think that's our poorest effort this year, it's a real disappointment." Alberta out-

shot Calgary 41-15.

On Friday no goalies were pulled, no forwards played defence, nothing out of the usual happened. The Bears simply played one of their finest offensive games of the year, building up a 4-0 lead after 20 minutes and going on to record an identical 7-2 win.

Alberta fired 4 goals on five shots within a span of 2:36 to put the game out of reach early. Defenceman Frank Clarke had 2 of the goals, the 2nd one coming on a 25 foot slapshot while the team was shorthanded. Ted

Olson and Bryan Sosnowski had the others.

Sloppy defensive play enabled Wayne Sherger and Doug Murray to score early in the second period for the Dinos. Ofirim then tallied once late in the period and added one more in the third along with a goal by Dave Hindmarch to bring the total to 7.

Kingston was disenchanted with his players after the game, which all but put them out of playoff contention. "We've got 12 junior hockey players and I honestly think they don't understand the game. The fellows out of junior hockey basically don't

know how to check. We really don't have the players."

Kingston added that after Thursday's game assistant coach Gord Cowan had a program of checking players off the roster who wouldn't be back next year.

Bear briefs: Kevin Primeau leads all goal scorers with 7 goals. Bryan Sosnowski picked up 2 goals and 2 assists against Calgary and has picked up at least one point in his last 3 games. Jim Ofirim virtually locked up his second consecutive scoring crown adding 7 points in two games.

UBC overpowers field in judo championships

The University of British Columbia captured the Canada West University Athletic Association judo championships at the U of A over the weekend.

Alberta finished second to UBC while Lethbridge finished third. UBC team members dominated the competition capturing 5 of the 7 weight categories.

Ken Kuramoto captured the under 132 class, Darrell Dong the under 156, Tim Hilrose the under 189, brother Gary the under 209 and Walter Lanz the 209 plus.

Mike Caulder was the only winner from Alberta taking honours in the under 171 class. The only other judoka besides Caulder to break the UBC domination was George Graham of Lethbridge, winning the under 143 class.



UBC had its own way at the CWUAA judo finals, taking five of the seven weight categories. photo Bohdan Hrynyshyn

Tickets on sale today

The University of Alberta department of athletics announced yesterday that tickets for the CIAU hockey Nationals will go on sale Tuesday, February 15th at HUB, Mike's, the general office in the Phys. Ed. building and all Woodward's ticket outlets.

Ticket packages for the four team, five game series are \$25.00 for adults and \$18.00 for students. Student tickets are available at University outlets only. The ticket packages include reserved tickets for all five games. The series runs from March 11-13 at Varsity arena.

Hockey fans will remember that when the hockey finals were held at Varsity arena two years

ago that tickets were sold early so it would be wise to delay in purchasing your tickets.

The University of Alberta also be the home of the Canada West finals in both hockey and basketball. The basketball Bears will play either the UBC Thunderbirds or the Victoria Vikings in a best-of-three series Feb. 25-27.

The hockey Bears will play the UBC Thunderbirds in a best-of-three series as well, March 4-6. Ticket prices per game for basketball and hockey are \$3.00 for adults and \$2.00 for students. The unreserved seats will go on sale at the same ticket outlets as the Nationals, but will not be on sale until Feb. 21st.