

Weekend sweep for Bears

UBC takes dive

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by Bernie Poitras

Bears hockey coach Clare Drake is more than willing to accept the two wins his players provided him with this past weekend. It was a definite improvement over last week's series split with Saskatoon.

With the two wins the Bears nudged themselves into first place with a 3-1 record, while the T-Birds fell to 2-2. However, being only four games into the season, Drake is not about to claim the Bears are the class of the league. "As a team," Drake said, "we're still struggling in some areas of our game."

Offensively the Bears were not struggling as 16 goals in the two games will attest. Their defence, however, was made to look suspect by a revamped U.B.C. offense that matched the Bears almost shot for shot.

The T-Birds had enough good scoring chances to win either game but were stymied by Bears goalie Ken Hodge. Hodge saw 66 shots in two games and was the first star of Friday's contest. "He had a lot of tough shots to handle tonight (Saturday)," said Drake "He some

good saves that kept us on track."

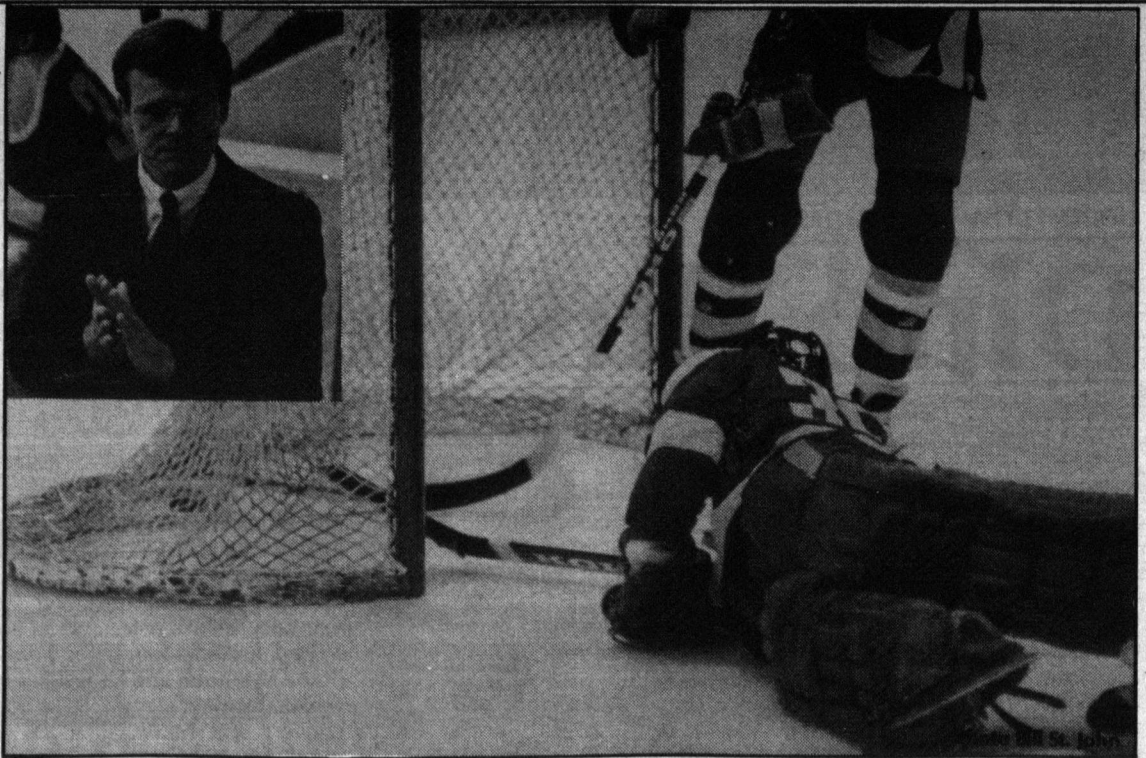
In both games the score was close until the final period when the Bears would pull away to a deceptive looking lopsided win. "It was a boost for them (UBC) to stay close with us," said Drake. "I wouldn't want to be playing them coming from behind; you're better off playing them when you're ahead."

The Bears started slowly in both games. On Friday they were down 2-1 for about ten minutes and on Saturday behind 1-0 for 16 minutes. They seemed to find their groove, though, as the games progressed.

Breen Neeser led the scoring parade with three goals and three assists. Other notable marksmen included Rick Swan (3 goals, 2 assists), Craig Dill (1 goal, 3 assists), and Tim Krug (2 goals, 2 assists).

Tempers flared both nights as 22 penalties were called Friday and 38 on Saturday. Saturday's action included a toe-to-toe confrontation between the Bears' John Reid and UBC's Anthony Thomas. Reid led with his fists but came out with a broken nose.

From the Den: The three stars on Friday were Hodge, Holowaty (UBC) and Neeser... Stars on Saturday were Neeser, Swan and Dill... As Drake is



UBC goalie Carl Repp was at the mercy of Bears players. B.C. Coach Fred Masuch (inset) seemed to be asking for divine guidance, but he didn't get any.

carrying 24 players he will not have set lines until about February... One wonders what the Bears have to do to increase attendance these days; crowds of 611 and 627 passed through the turnstiles this weekend... The line of Neeser, Dill, and Joey Engert has amassed 21 points over the four games and all three tied for fifth place in Canada West

scoring... U of Calgary rookie forward Terry Jones was selected player of the week, scoring nine points in 3 games... Next action for the Bears is October 25-28 in Calgary as the compete in the Molson Tournament.

Probably the most exciting part of Saturday night's game was the intermission between the second and third period when the U of A Bears swim team made their debut. Dressed in scanty bathing suits and skates, they paraded to the boisterous applause of the fans.

Though they may never make the hockey hall of fame, they stand a good chance of joining the Ice Capades.

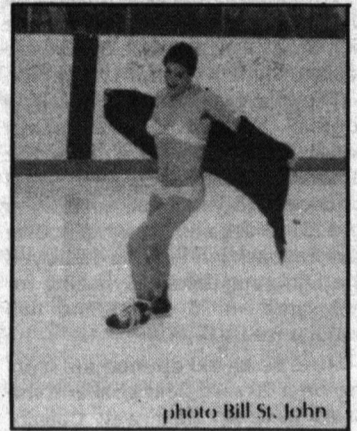


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Swim team rookies make debut.

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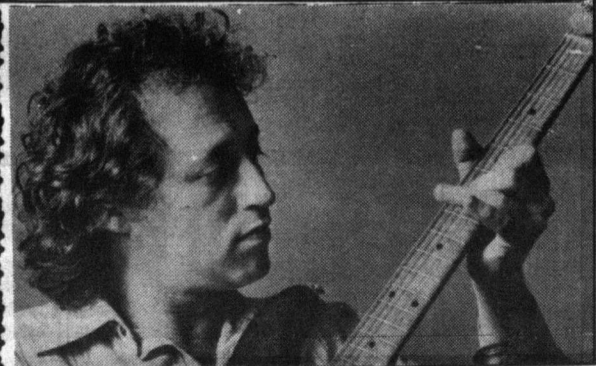
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