

"Kid Line" hopes to star in final vs. Dinos

by Ajay Bhardwaj

After a long and physical playoff series with the University of Saskatchewan Huskies, things don't get any easier for the Golden Bears hockey squad. They will visit the third ranked University of Calgary Dinos this weekend for a best of three Canada West title series. The winner will advance to the CIAU championships in Toronto.

The Bears and the Dinos split

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their season series, each team winning two games. However, the second-ranked Bears lost both games at Father David Bauer Arena, in Calgary, which is international size.

There are, however, a couple of factors working in the Bears' favor. First, Calgary's top forward and second team all-star Ken Vinge will miss the series with a broken wrist. Barry Bracko, who had six goals in

the Bears' 10-9 win at Varsity Arena on December 4th, is out with torn knee ligaments. The second factor is the newly put together line of Bret Walter, Adam Morrison, and Rob Glasgow.

That the so-called "kid line" was put together was not so much genius as it was luck. "He (Clare Drake) put together his best three lines, and I ended up playing with Bret (Bret Walter) and Robbie," Morrison said. Added Bret Walter, "we've been practicing together and things clicked, so he (Drake) tried us in a game."

Indeed they did click. Morrison led the way with three goals, Walter had one goal and one assist as did Glasgow. "They were one of the strongest lines for the weekend," said Drake, "they played the best on Saturday."

Each player has his role on the line. "Adam's the sniper," said Walter. "I try to finesse the puck." As for Glasgow, he says "I try to get the puck out of our end and move the opposition off the puck."

As for the future of the line, all three should return next year, barring any jump they make to a higher league. Walter and Glasgow have been drafted by NHL clubs while Morrison attended the New

Jeff Helland, who fits right in with the six-footers on the team for physical play.

The "Wheels" Award goes to Stacey Wakabayashi, although Grant Couture's up-ice forays are fun to watch too.

Stacey and longtime linemate Dennis Cranston get the Rick Middleton Naked Defenceman Trophy for Most Thoroughly Making Opponents Look Bad.

The Muhammad Ali Comeback Bear Award goes to Jack Patrick, out for much of the early season, but back as a major force in the stretch drive and the playoffs.

The Mike Tyson Fight of the Year goes to Brent Severyn, who beat the crap out of Lethbridge Pronghorn Dave Crapley. At least, it would if I was giving one out, but fighting is supposed to be bad in the CWUAA, so I guess I better not. Ah, what the heck, congratulations Brent.

The Sledge Hammer — I Don't Want Him Mad At Me Award for Best Competitor goes to Curtis Brandolini. He also gets my vote for Best Cowboy Boots, and Bear Who Looks Least Comfortable in a tie.

The Herman Schwartz Memorial Cup, awarded for Toiling Best With Least Press, is a tie between the "other" wingers on the top two lines, Wes Craig and Todd (see, I can too spell it) 5-i-o-k-o-w-s-k-i. Just kidding, Todd.

The Sean Burke Award for Goaltending (large man's division) goes to John Krill.

The Darwin Pang Award for Goaltending (not-large man's division) goes to Darren Turner.

Oh yeah, the rest of the awards: MVP Sid Cranston, Best Defenceman Parie Profit, Best Freshman Gord Thibodeau, Most Improved Adam Morrison and Brent Severyn.

Coach of the year? Clare Drake; for climbing on the boards and yelling at the ref after he apparently missed Severyn getting intentionally clobbered by a stick in Saturday's playoff game. Nice moves, Coach.



Rob Glasgow (right) and Adam Morrison bang away at a loose puck against Calgary.

Photo: Flob Galbraith

Jersey training camp this year. Morrison is a freshman, Walter a junior, and Glasgow is a sophomore. "If we're all back next year, we'll probably play together, but coach Drake does juggle the lines," Glasgow said. Walter chipped in saying "nothing is for sure."

Heading into the weekend action, Walter's line is fourth on the depth chart. The top line features 100-

goal men Dennis Cranston and Stacey Wakabayashi. They are followed closely by the Bears' leading scorer Sid Cranston and his line, and then Dave Otto's mucker line. But with four powerful units it is difficult to distinguish between the first and the fourth lines.

If these three players (Morrison, Walter, and Glasgow) stay together, they could eventually become the

Bears' top line. "They seem to complement each other," said Drake.

Morrison, a natural center who plays left wing on line said, "We give 100% and it seems to pay off for us." If the unit keeps giving 100% it could pay dividends for the Bears in their drive for a national championship.

Cranston double winner

Bears take four western trophies



Red Dutton trophy winner Parie Profit (left) bowls over a Huskie.

Photo: Flob Galbraith

by Alan Small

Golden Bear hockey players took four of the six awards as the Canada West Universities Athletic Association was handing out their hardware on Wednesday.

Bear forward Sid Cranston copped two awards. Besides winning the Dave "Sweeney"

Schriner Trophy for being Canada West's leading scorer, he is also Canada West's MVP. With that, he will be the conference's nominee for the Sullivan trophy, the award that goes to the best Canadian university hockey player.

Defenceman Parie Profit won the Mervyn "Red" Dutton Trophy

for the outstanding defenceman in the Canada West conference. It is the second time in a row that the fifth-year backliner has won the award.

Forward Stacey Wakabayashi won the UBC Alumni Trophy for Sportsmanship and Ability.

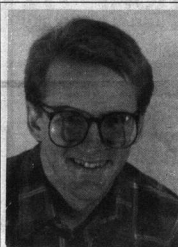
Alberta didn't win the other two awards handed out. Terry Houlder of the Calgary Dinosaurus won the University of Alberta Alumni Trophy, as the conference's best freshman.



Ross McKay and Greg Holtby are repeat winners of the Adam Kryczka Memorial Trophy for the conference's top goaltending duo. The tandem won the award last year.

Cranston won the Schriner Trophy, by breaking the Canada West and CIAU records for scoring with 80 points, breaking the record set by Calgary forward Paul Geddes, the year before.

Last year, Profit was the only Golden Bear to cop an award, as it was his first time he won the Dutton Trophy.



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Smathers Silver Bullet Awards

The hockey Bears are into the playoffs now, and it's time for the First Annual Smathers Silver Bullet Awards; so named not because of brewery sponsorship, but because that's the brand the winners may buy me if they wish to show their appreciation at this incredible honor.

The first award is the Calvin Klein award for best-dressed Bear... and the winner is back-up goalie and Pierce Brosnan dress-alike Blair MacGregor. Runner-up is Sid Cranston for his collection of nifty cardigans.

The Book Bag is Bigger than the Equipment Bag award goes to med student/forward Dave Otto, who also gets the prize for having the easiest name to spell backwards.

For Hit of the Year, we have to go back to the final game of the Bears pre-season tournament, and Guy Paradis' flattening of some poor slob of a Dino, who shall remain embedded in the ice until we can finally chip him out. Brootal.

The Wendell Clark Award for Playing Bigger Than You Really Are, goes to 5'9" 170 lb. forward