

Bears take a deserved break

by Ajay Bhardwaj

Take five guys. That's exactly what the football Bears are doing. The University of Alberta has a bye this week and will play in Manitoba against the Bisons on October 14.

For now, however, the Bears are basking in the glory of their 3-2 record. "It was a big win for us," head coach Jim Donlevy said. "But we beat (Calgary) both times in 1987 and they beat us both times last year. Saying it's the biggest two wins for us in a while is a little hard to swallow."

Although the Bears are in first place (tied with Calgary, Saskatchewan, and UBC), they're still not totally satisfied. "I'd like to be 5-0 but we control our destiny," Donlevy said. "We just have to keep winning."

The offence, which has sputtered twice this season (in an 18-9 loss to UBC and in an 8-7 loss to Saskatchewan), has put 69 points on the scoreboard in the past two weeks. "The intensity is way up," tight end Brian Forrest said. "The line's open-

ing up good holes."

"We're happy with the number of plays we're getting in," receiver Darryl Szafranski said. "We're way ahead in execution this year from last year. But we should be throwing the ball more effectively."

Defensively, the Bears are one of the best units in the country, if not the best. "We're getting better every week," linebacker Mark Singer said. "If you compare our defence between the BC and Calgary games, there's a huge difference. A lot has to do with (defensive coordinator) Dave Morris."

The defenders have also played together for at least one year and are comfortable with one another. "You play better when you know the guy next to you will do his job," safety Terry Korte said. "The linebackers know the line will stop the run and the contain will do its job: We love to be on the field."

Troy Clamp, a freshman defensive back, is enjoying his first year with the team and is satisfied with



Paul Menzies

Golden Bear return man Trent Brown pops through a hole on a punt return.

the defence's performance. "The feeling on the team is awesome," Clamp said. "We have the potential to win it all."

So with a certain euphoria around the team, is this really a good time for a bye? "It couldn't have come at a better time," Donlevy said. "We have a lot of bangs

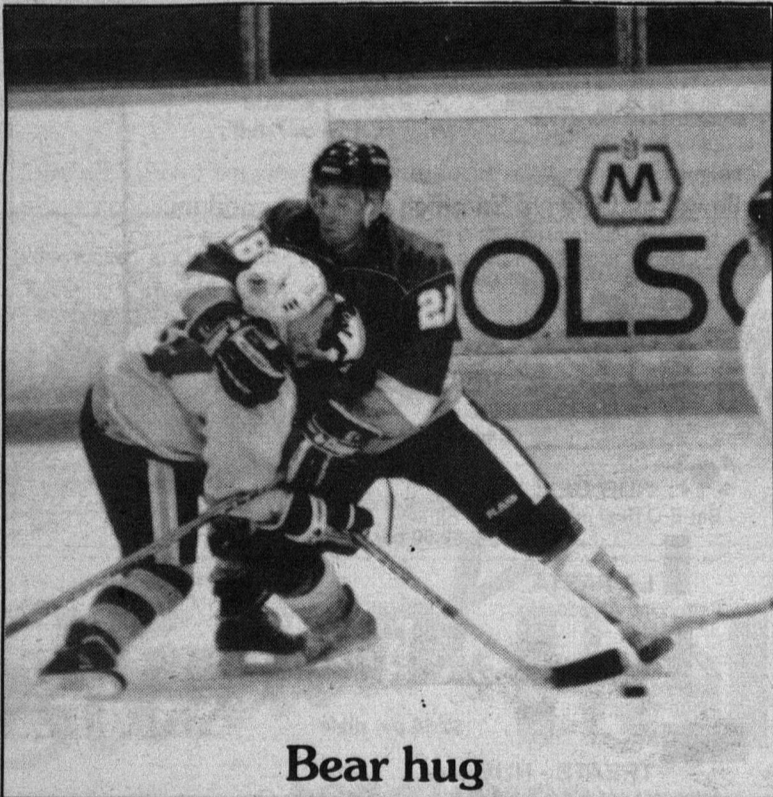
and bruises. We can enjoy the success of the first half and bring the guys down a little."

The Bears are going back to basics this week. The coaches are working on conditioning and drills. Preparation for Manitoba will begin next week.

Sidelines: Defensive back Dwight

Kosolofski had knee surgery last week. He hurt on the first play of Alberta's 29-26 Shrine Bowl win in Calgary. Kosolofski is gone for the year...Other Bears who sat out practice were Korte, Forrest, defensive back Darryl Draudson, cornerback Todd Matheson, runningback Chris Nord, and quarterback Jeff Steinberg.

Hockey Bears on the road again



Bear hug

Ron Sears

Golden Bear centre Dave Hingley gets wrapped up by Dinosaur defenceman Lyle Stromm. Hingley gets another shot at Stromm this weekend.

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The hockey Bears are off to Calgary for the Empress Cup Tournament. The tournament begins on October 6 and ends on Thanksgiving Monday. It's final tournament in the exhibition schedule.

If Bill Moores and the rest of his coaching staff plan to make any more cuts, they will do it this weekend. Presently, the team is carrying 26 players and that's how many they will carry during the season.

However, there are three goalies left in camp—veteran John Krill, Gavin Armstrong, and Darryl Davis—and the Bears may go with just two.

"The problem with carrying three goalies is that you can't give them enough work," Moores said. "The only reason we'd carry three goalies is that John Krill is in his fifth year."

With the team basically chosen, the Empress Cup will be used by the Bears to work on team play and

to look at the opposition for this year. "We'll be concentrating on system play and we'll be scouting the other teams," Moores said. Every team in the Canada West division will be in Calgary this weekend. "But it is difficult to read a lot into the tournament because things can change pretty quickly and a lot of things happen after Christmas."

The evaluation has ended for Moores and his assistants. Now the

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Panda field hockey lapse costs dearly

by Todd Saelhof

The domination over the University of Calgary Dinosaurs that the University of Alberta field hockey squad had enjoyed this season halted Sunday in game four of the first of three Canada West tournaments. The 3-1 victory by the Dinos over the Pandas in Calgary capped a winless weekend by the green and gold hockey team, who collected only two points for the standings. The team accumulating the most points after the three tournaments heads to Toronto November 3rd, for the 1988 national champion-

ships as the Canada West representative. Western teams are virtually assured of claiming at least one of the two wild card slots as well.

The first ten minutes of game four saw U of C take a commanding 3-0 lead over the Pandas. The Calgary explosion proved two goals better than Alberta's comeback bid, which stalled after Tara Cruxford scored. Cruxford's marker was the lone Panda goal of both the game and the tournament.

However, Panda coach Dru Marshall was not disappointed with the ten-minute lapse, realizing a lineup shuffle contributed to the failure to stop the Dinos. The change in systems resulted after Panda sweeper Joanne Lawrie broke her thumb from an undercut ball in the previous 2-0 loss to the University of Victoria Vikettes. With a new system in place, the Pandas were unable to adjust quickly enough to stop the dino offense.

"I'll take as much blame for the lapse as the girls," said Marshall.

The loss left Alberta in a tie for fourth place with Manitoba at two points, while Calgary backed into second with five points, one behind leader UVic. The tournament favorite Thunderbirds, from the University of British Columbia, flocked home with four points thanks in part to a scoreless struggle with the Pandas.

"The 0-0 draw with UBC was a superb result for us," Marshall said. The Pandas had not earned a single point from the T-Birds in ten years, before Saturday's steal of one.

The other Panda point was collected after another scoreless tie in game one with the University of Manitoba Lady Bisons. U of A dominated the contest and was destined to win — but for Manitoba goalkeeper Cathy McInnes.

"You have to give credit where credit is due. She played exceptional," said Marshall.

Collecting both tournament points Saturday, the Pandas were primed to play Sunday. Unfortunately, a controversial 2-0 loss to UVic in game three only precipitated the lacklustre Panda opening of game four versus the host Dinos.

Coach Marshall, however, remains optimistic. "With the exception of the ten minutes, the girls played very well."

All five Canada West teams are within four points heading into the second tournament of CWUAA play in Winnipeg on October 14th. With no one running away with the league, number one is still up in the air.

"I would be very surprised to see one team take all four games of a tournament," Marshall added, fully aware such a feat would probably provide a lock in the first place position.

PENALTY CORNER: Even with temperatures near freezing, several Pandas stood out on Calgary turf. Melinda Smith, Panda penalty corner defender, had an excellent weekend. Both wingers also played well with Heather Jones on the right, and Sue Pavlicic, who returns to the lineup following an injury, on the left side.

The rawboned skater with the tight blond curls takes the pass on his forehand without breaking stride. He fakes a shot as he crosses the blueline at full speed—the red and white maple leaf symbol fluttering on his chest—and veers to the boards.

The goalie—a stumpy, cheerful little man, with the almost unpronounceable name of Druzilla—is pulled out of position by the decoy, and the shooter hits the net with a sharp-angle shot. Canadians go wild as their team captures the Canada Cup from the Czechs.

Another night. The curls are the same, but the maple leaf logo is blue and white. The big centre hits for goal after goal, as he sets a league record with ten points in a single game.

He was drafted in 1970, eighth overall, from the London franchise of the Ontario Hockey Association. He skated with the same



Randal Smathers



team for over a decade, and was named team captain in 1975. He holds the team records for single season points production and assists, plus career marks for goals and points.

He came to stand for everything the team's tradition was and should be: he was to his club what Jean Beliveau was to the Montreal Canadiens. Unfortunately, he spent his career playing in a shadow.

A mean, miserly, toadlike, little man sat in a concrete hole in the wall which he called "The Bunker". He criticized that which he did not understand; he undermined those whom he could not dominate. On January 20, 1982, the little man banished the big man in exchange for Rich Costello, Ken Strong, and a draft pick which became Peter Ilnacak, and for sole control of the team which he owns, but does not cherish.

Darryl Sittler was admitted to the Hockey Hall of Fame this week. Harold Ballard has been in since 1977. One of them doesn't belong there.