

Bears split with Huskies

Saskatchewan now contenders

by Shaune Impey

A different breed of Saskatchewan Huskie has been showing up at Varsity Arena the last two years. A breed that is starting to win once a week instead of once a year.

This past weekend the Huskies split two games with the Golden Bears. Friday evening they lost 3-2 and on Saturday they edged the homestanding Bears 5-4.

The difference in the Huskies' play can be attributed to one person. Coach Dave King has turned a last place team into a serious contender for a playoff spot.

Two years ago Saskatchewan was losing games by 12-3 scores and won only six contests all year. Last year, King's first as head coach, they had a 14-15 record and with a few breaks could have made the playoffs.

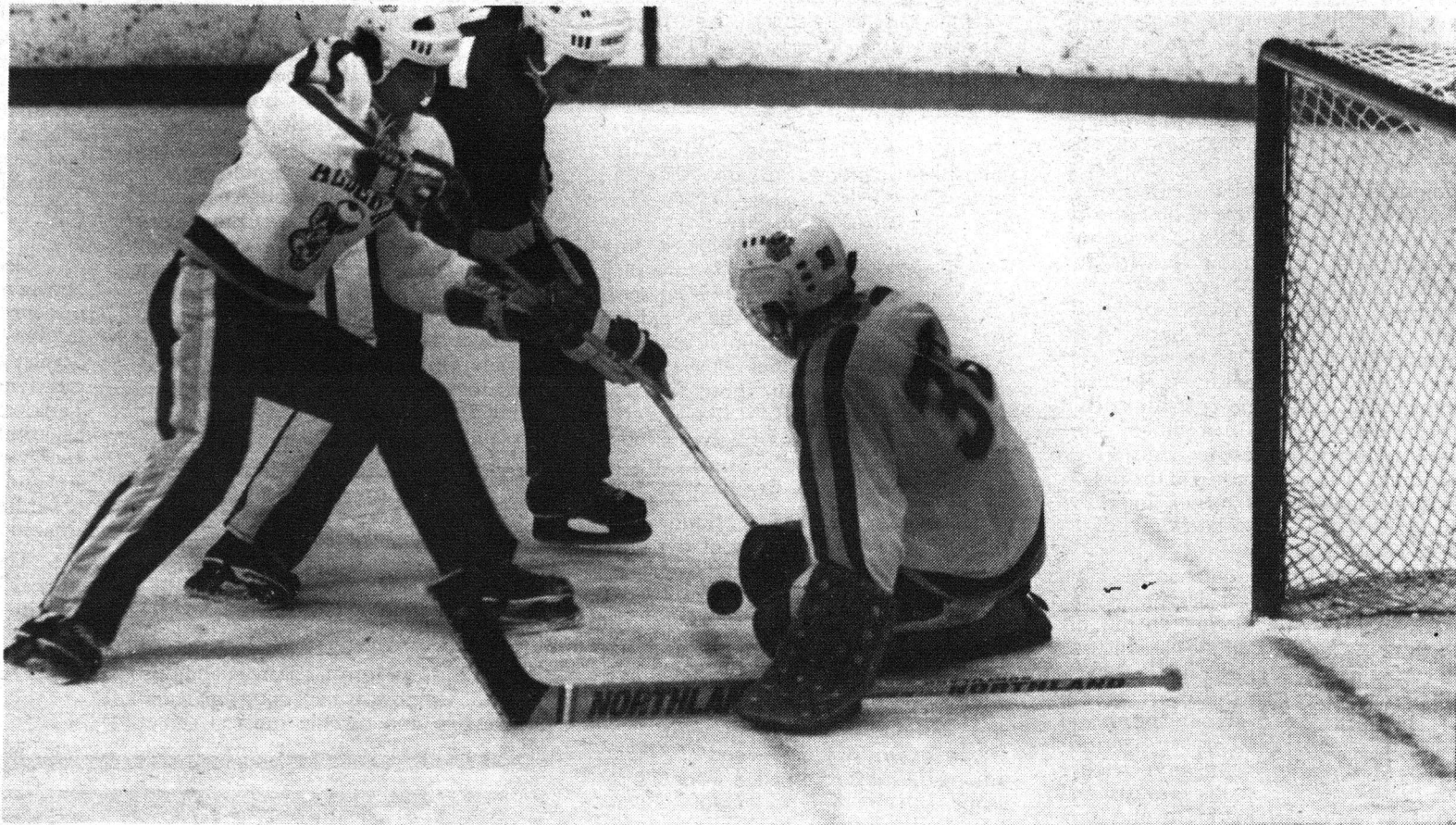
This season the Huskies have already beaten the defending national champion Bears twice (once in exhibition) and the second best team in Canada last year, Calgary, twice.

King, the Canadian college coach-of-the-year in 1979-80, says, "If we make the playoffs this season, we're two years ahead of where I thought our program would be."

Making the playoffs may be the toughest job any of the teams in Canada West face all year. After three weeks of the regular season, and a tough exhibition schedule, it appears that the top three teams in Canada are playing in this conference — with UBC not too far behind. The national champion — as it has been the last three years — should be the team that wins the CWUAA title.

There wasn't much to choose between Saskatchewan and Alberta in the two games this weekend.

On Friday the Bears got strong goaltending from rookie



Bears' defenseman Dan Peacocke fights off Saskatchewan's Greg Wiebe as Terry Clark makes the save in Friday's game. The Bears won this one 3-2 but lost to the Huskies 5-4 on Saturday.

photo Tom Freeland

Terry Clark and a pair of goals from gangly left winger Ace Brimacombe to nip the Huskies. Sophomore defenseman Dan Peacocke provided the other goal on an end to end rush combined with a give and go play with Chris Helland.

Saskatchewan opened and closed the scoring. Dell Chapman had the only first period goal on a fifty foot slapshot while the Huskies had the man advantage. With thirty seconds left in the game, and goaltender Bob Dougall on the bench, Greg Wiebe deflected in a point shot to make the game close.

In Saturday's game, the Bears Chris Helland scored his sixth of the season to give Alberta a 1-0 lead midway through the first period. It was their only lead however as the Huskies counted twice before the period ended for a 2-1 advantage. And if Denis Potvin hadn't been sharp in the Bears' net, stopping breakaways by Wiebe and Mike Wirachowsky, Saskatchewan could have put the game away early.

The Huskies went ahead 5-3 after 40 minutes. Chapman, Wirachowsky and Bruce Kellar, with his second of the game, sandwiched goals between

powerplay markers by Greg Skoreyko and Brad Schneider.

The Bears drew within one on Mike Broadfoot's 35-foot wrist shot at 6:46 of the third period. Saskatchewan started to struggle but the Bears couldn't get the tying goal even though they had several good chances. Broadfoot lost the puck on a breakaway and Joel Elliott missed an open net as a Huskie defenseman got a piece of the puck at the last second.

The Bears and Huskies are now tied for second spot in the standings behind Calgary. The Dinosaurs beat UBC twice in Calgary last weekend. UBC is in last with two wins and four losses.

This weekend the Bears travel to Calgary and UBC visits Saskatchewan.

Road trips to Saskatoon will be a little more pleasant this year as the U of S has spent close to a million dollars upgrading Ruther-

ford Rink. Now the teams will have decent sized dressing rooms and some heat in the rink itself according to King.

The renovations were tough on the Huskies, though. They were forced to hold practices at 6:30 in the morning for nearly five weeks while work was going on.

BEAR FACTS

Both teams were wearing the new Cooper-all uniforms. The uniforms look like sweat pants and give the players a slimmer look and more protection.

Crowds were down from the last series when UBC was in town. About 700 fans took in each game. Against UBC both crowds were over 1,000.

Two Oiler scouts, including former Olympic coach Lorne Davis, dropped in on Saturday to have a look. Too bad a few Oiler players weren't around to see how the game should be played.

Long hair gets axed

HALIFAX (CUP) A Dalhousie student has been cut from the university volleyball team for refusing to shorten his hair.

Peter Jacobs said he was told earlier this year by team coach Al

Scott to cut his hair if he wanted to play with the team.

Jacobs said he told Scott "it means a little more to me than that. Maybe we just had different principles."

He said he offered to tie back

his hair or cover it for playing "but that wasn't good enough."

Dal athletics director Ken Belmare stood behind the coach's decision to cut Jacobs from the team. "The coaches have to determine the operations of the team. The length of hair would have some effect on the game."

Gelmare said players can touch the volleyball net and "since there is some action close to the net" hair should be contained.

He said the move did not discriminate against Jacobs since the player's standing was not that high on the team.

"It would have been very easy for the coach to tell Peter he wasn't good enough but it was made clear that if Peter would not cut his hair he couldn't play on the team."

Musicians

The Athletic Department, in conjunction with the Music Department, is forming a band. The purpose is to play at University of Alberta sporting events such as basketball and hockey games.

Meetings are Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in room 1-29 of the Fine Arts building. Large instruments such as tubas and drums will be supplied.

For more information, call Wendy Grasdahl at 435-6576.

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	Canada West Hockey					
	W	L	T	F	A	Pts.
Calgary	4	2	0	30	22	8
Alberta	3	3	0	23	21	6
Sask.	3	3	0	22	25	6
UBC	2	4	0	21	28	4

Lethbridge v'ball

After the first Canada West volleyball tournament of the season the Bears are in third spot.

Brian Watson's squad won three of five matches to finish behind Calgary and Saskatchewan last weekend in Lethbridge.

Calgary went undefeated through all five matches to

capture top position. Last year they were fourth behind Saskatchewan, Alberta and UBC in the overall standings.

The closest match for the Bears was against Calgary as it went the full five games before the Bears lost 15-8 in the deciding contest. Against Lethbridge and Victoria, the Bears swept the matches in straight games. UBC fell 3-1 while Saskatchewan shellacked Alberta 3-0.

In women's action, the Pandas were fifth with only one win in five matches. That came against Lethbridge, who ended up in last spot. All the other matches were 3-0 wins for the opposition.

Saskatchewan took first place with a perfect 5-0 record. UBC was second followed by Calgary and Victoria.