Barros beats'em at theblueline

Allyn Cadogan

Ross Barros is one of those pical Canadian boys you lavs hear about and never em to meet: He really did ow up with a hockey stick in

started skating when I as four. I've always played ockey. I can't see myself not

laying hockey."
The 5' 10" blueliner began is career as a forward, but was a skater, and somewhere ong the line one of his coaches him on defense. He's rformed admirably there ever

He toiled with the Junior A dmonton Movers for three ears prior to joining the Golden _{Bears.} In his final year as a Mover, with 35 points to his redit, he was named to the rovincial all-star team.

Ross appears to take his laying very seriously. Manager en Irving describes him as a real good team man." He's most invariably the first one n the ice at practices, and has en seen out skating and racticing his shooting up to two ours before the team was cheduled to work out.

"I still worry a lot about aking mistakes. I worry about iving the puck away in our own nd. Mistakes aren't so glaring in mior hockey, but they really

Barry Richardson

"I came to university hockey with a bad attitude. I played three years with a last-place team, and consequently I tend to get down on myself a lot."
"I don't think he's been

playing like he worries," coach Clare Drake comments. course a defenseman's first responsability is to defend, and I'm very pleased with Ross' play. He's been the most consistant defenseman we've had this season.

Last weekend in Calgary, Barros gave his finest performance with Bears, Until now a solid if unspectacular rearguard he suddenly changed his style and would probably have stolen the show if it hadn't been for Richardson's outstanding achievements in

goal.
"He's carrying the puck more now than he did at the beginning of the season, I like that, " says Drake.

Ross feels Drake is a good person to work with, "I don't shoot well and he's the first coach who ever tried to teach me how to shoot.

He also admits he prefers university hockey to the junior league. "The Movers got stagnant after a while, but I'm amazed at the talent here.

"I really enjoy working with Richardson, Bob Beaulieu is fantastic with the puck, and Steve McNight has a real natural

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talent for the game."

As a rookie, Ross has found the treatment pretty soft. "I was the first to be initiated by the team, but it wasn't too bad. They were a lot harder on the players they initiated later.

The third-year Phys. Ed. student, nicknamed "Rosie" by his teammates, has just completed six weeks of road trips with the team. He admits he enjoys the travel and meeting people, but prefers home games.

Bears host Victoria Vikings this Friday and meet league-leading UBC Thunderbirds Saturday and Sunday, games Ross is eagerly anticipating, "I missed playing against UBC when they were here before the Christmas break, and it was a real disappointment." He feels there's room for improvement in the team as a whole, however. 'When we have to play good, we will play good, but we're inconsistent, I think the games this weekend will decide who takes the league," he predicts.

Last-minute heroics power 'Cats to wins

If one were to jump to conclusions based on last weekend's action in Varsity Arena, it would probably be that the hockey Bearcats enjoy tearing their opponents to shreds in the dying minutes of the

Meager gatherings of fifty or so saw them down Ft. Saskatchewan Traders 8-3 Friday, and North Side Comets 7-4 Saturday.

Bearcats led Comets 6-3 as they skated into the final minute of play Saturday. Then Bob Poote made in 6-4 as he tallied a marker at 19:17, but Rob McVey retrieved the 'Cats three point lead as he dumped one in from John Devlin just 18 seconds later.

John Kuzbik scored twice for Bearcats that night with Randy Phillips, Gord Bauer, Ron Bryant and Darcy Lukenchuk tallying the singles. Bill Hughes, Bob Marinkovich and Mike Yakimchuk claimed the other North Side goals.

Friday night Rick Peterson, a slow starter in the scoring race earlier in the season, notched a hat trick with one second left on the clock. His goal came hot on the heels of Bauer's 18:18 tally and Jim Glasgow's marker which came at 19:00

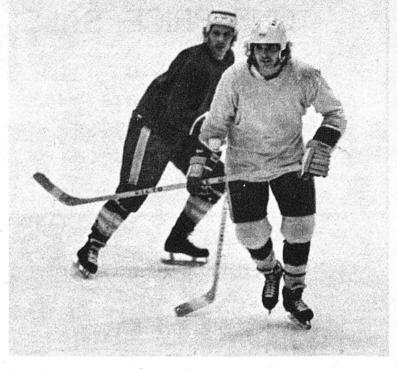
Peterson, who reaped a total of 7 points for the weekend with four assists Saturday night, got the scoring underway exactly into the period, followed by one a minute later from Barry Nabholz. Jeff Gillis replied for Ft. Saskatchewan. McVey and Traders' Steve

Patterson traded goals in the middle stanza, but Bob Markle gave the Bearcats a two-point lead.

Darryl Tetz made a valiant attempt to put Traders back in the game with his goal just seven seconds into the final period. Then Peterson struck again, and Ft. Saskatchewan was crushed by three goals in the last two minutes.

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Ross Barros, right, and Gerry LeGrandeur keep their eyes on the puck photo by Michel Ricciardi

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Saturday night, you could most certainly say he'd arrived. After two successful seasons with the senior Edmonton Monarchs, - he was named most valuable player each year - Barry moved to the Golden Bears in

1971-72. Last year he was chosen WCIAA first all-star goalkeeper and played on the Canada Student Games team in Lake Placid, New York. Barry is glad he made the jump to college hockey; he only wishes he'd done it sooner, '

think college hockey is as good or better than senior hockey.

When I played for the Monarchs, we almost always lost when we played the Bears.

'Age is probably the main reason more pro teams don't look at university players. The average age for a player here is about 22, and the pros see college players as has-beens who couldn't make the junior teams. But just look at the college players who are playing pro now. Attitudes about education are changing and I think more college players will go to the pros. University hockey is good hockey, no doubt about it.

Coach Clare Drake considers the team fortunate to have such high calibre goalkeeping, "With the closeness of the competition in the league this year, Barry's play will be one of the biggest factors at the end of the season. When you get down to the last few games, three or four key saves could make the difference.

We were a little disappointed in his play the first half of the season, but things turned around for him in the second period of the game at UBC, and he's been playing steadily ever since.

"He gave us six good periods in Calgary, We're glad to see him bound back to his form of last year. With the really good back-up goaltending we're getting from Craig Gunther, our goaltending should be stronger in that position than any other team in the league.'

Gunther, Bears' rookie goalie, says Richardson doesn't give him any formal coaching, but does give good sound advice from time to time, "It's so easy to get into bad habits, but I learn more from just watching Barry work than from anything."

"As for Barry's play, I will this; he's probably the fiercest competitor on the whole team. He's a really hard worker the most competitive goaltender I've ever seen.

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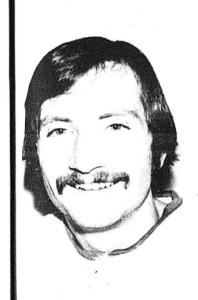
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But when he won over the ong in Foothills Arena last

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The thunder of bowling lls hitting the alley echoed rough SUB last Saturday as omen's Intramural Bowling ok to the lanes.

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