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Bears overtake Dinos

by Cam Cole

The Golden Bears pumped in 11 goals en route to 6-1 and 5-2 victories over Calgary Dinosaurs, but two defencemen stole the show.

John Simkin, who doesn't get enough recognition for his play on the blueline, and Brian Middleton, who does, each had impressive performances on the weekend. The sweep vaulted Bears into first place, one point ahead and with a game in hand on Dinos.

Middleton was the scoring star with six points (1 goal, 5 assists), but Simkin was a standout both offensively and defensively, enjoying his finest games despite an extremely painful right shoulder, injured last weekend against UBC.

Bears simply outthrustled the Dinos, winning 5 of 6 periods and holding a wide edge in play throughout.

Friday, penalties figures in every goal, and Alberta's power play was deadly, scoring on each of three opportunities in the opening period, and adding one more in the second. Bears other two tallies came during offsetting minors and Calgary's only marker was a power play effort.

Alberta opened up early with Clark Jantzie's first regular season goal at 3:49. Four minutes later, Howie Crosley was caught looking for the puck in his skates, and Dinos' Bob Laycock banged it in tying the score. Then, Craig Styles, who has accumulated 4 goals and 3 assists despite infrequent use, beat Bob Galloway on a 20-foot blast for what proved to be the winner.

Jim Ofrim, Bruce Crawford, Steve McKnight, and Middleton rounded out scoring, with Bears outshooting Calgary 41-20.

Early in Saturday's rematch, Bruce Crawford and Rick Peterson were in a high-speed, head-on collision at the Calgary blueline. Crawford lay dazed on the ice for several seconds while play carried on into the Alberta zone. The referee apparently hadn't seen Crawford's injury and while Dale Henwood was attempting to bring it to his attention, Calgary's Frank

Raddatz flipped the puck in the net.

It was Dinos' first shot on goal. Raddatz, however, retired into seclusion, drawing six minor penalties and spending the bulk of his "ice-time" in the penalty box over the course of the game.

Oliver Steward tied it at 7:17 on the power play, but Ron Gerlitz's high shot from center ice a moment later eluded Henwood and Calgary was ahead once more. It was just their second shot on goal, but Henwood shut them out thereafter.

Late in the period, Calgary looked as though they might get it going, but when the second period opened, the two collid-ees, Crawford and Peterson notched goals 11 seconds apart and Bears never looked back.

Brian Sosnowski and Clark Jantzie also tallied to seal the 5-2 win. "Muhammed Abby" Hebert scored a unanimous decision over Dino Tom Yates in the second period. It was the most exciting event of the latter half of the game. Aside from the game misconducts to Yates and Hebert (automatic with a fighting penalty), Calgary was assessed 37 minutes, Alberta 29 minutes.

Bears outshot Dinos 47-22. The wins were Alberta's 4th and 5th in a row.



Girl watchers were winners too, as Bears beat U of S twice at Varsity Gym last weekend. Pandas dropped both their contests to Huskiettes.



Pandas swim into second

The U of A swim team put in a fine performance at their invitational Golden Bear Relays held Saturday in U of A pool. The team finished in second place in the senior open section with a total of 96 points. This was a great improvement over last year's result of 62 points and fourth place. Jasper Place swim club won the meet.

The Bears crew was especially strong, as they won four of the mens relays, including the 400 yard medley, 800 yard free, 200 free, and 400 individual medley. Bears set meet records in all four events, as well as an Alberta record in the 200 free.

Pandas, up against strong competition from the swim clubs, did not win any relays, but placed at least fourth in all their relays to add to the U of A total.

Next swimming action takes place after Christmas, when the team travels to Winnipeg on January 11. Among those expected to do well in the meet are Ross Nelson, who broke the Alberta record in the 1,000 yard freestyle last weekend in the dual meet versus U of Manitoba, and John Starrat, who won the 200 fly at the C.I.A.U.'s last year.

Pandas place third

The Panda volleyball team placed third in the Invitational tournament held this weekend at U of A. Pandas won 6 of 10 games against the top flight competition in the round robin AA section of the tourney.

Opening against the U of C., Pandas chalked up 15-1, 15-8 victories before Calgary could get organized. The next set of games, against U of S, proved harder for the team. Pandas lost the first match 4-15, but bounced back for a 15-6 victory in the second game.

The two point difference in scores was to prove costly later in the day, as Pandas tied with Saskatchewan for the third place and the final playoff spot. U of S got into the playoffs on the basis of points scored in the match between the teams.

Pandas met Saskatoon Ptarmigans in the next match. They won the first game 15-5, but then let up and lost a close

14-16 contest. Next, they played the Saskatchewan Winter Games team and came up with convincing 15-12, 15-8 victories.

The last match was against the powerful Calgary Cals.

Although Pandas fought hard they wound up on the losing end of 10-15, 11-15 scores. Cals went on to win the tournament.

The Jr. Pandas did not fare as well. They placed fourth in the A section of the tournament, which was won by Phoenix B.



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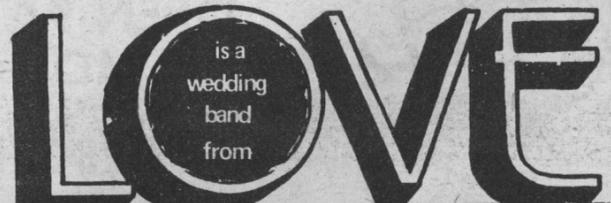
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