



# SPORTS



## Bears hockey team alive and well

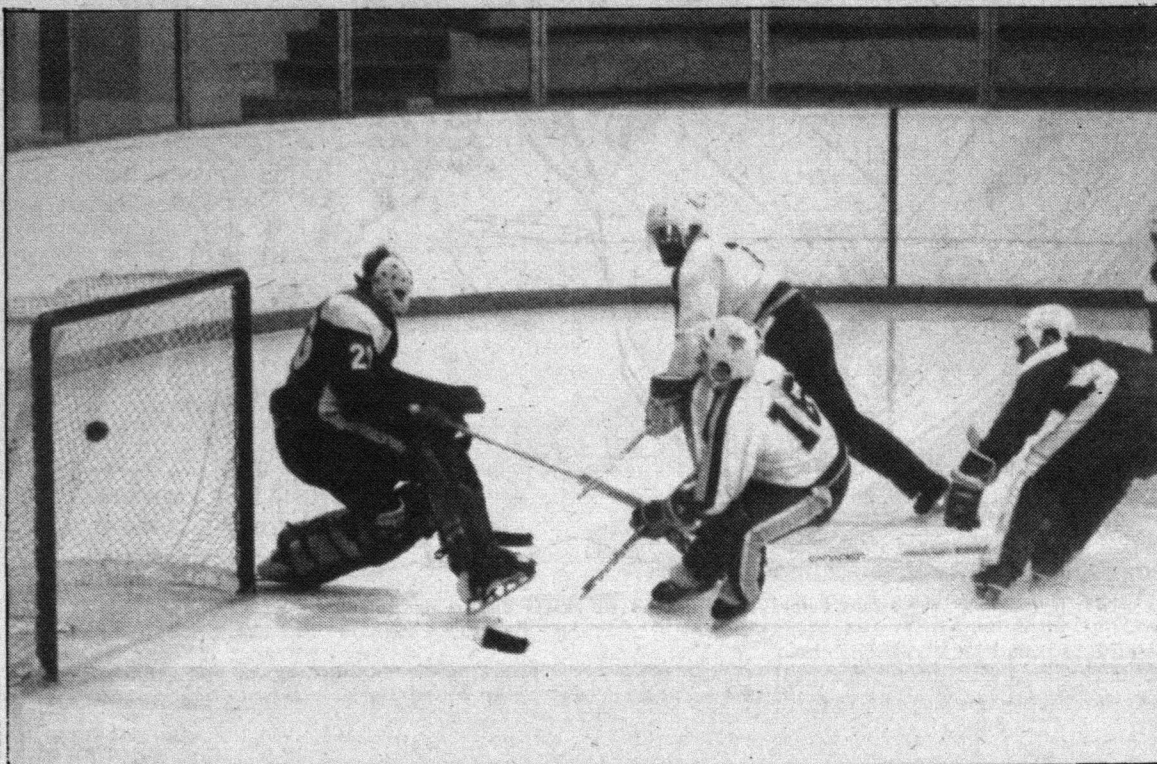


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The Bears found it much easier to score on Huskies' goalie Steve Amiss on Saturday, as this indicates. Perry Zapernick (no. 16) and Joel Elliot (background) look on.

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"I just couldn't resist." Terry Jones in his sports column on Saturday, January 16th.

I thought that man had done everything. I thought all the comparisons had been made. I thought all the statistics that Terry could dig up or invent about Wayne Gretzky had been dug up and invented. Boy was I wrong.

I really underestimated just how utterly absurd and stupid Terry Jones could be.

Terry Jones is now comparing *The Great Oneto* opera stars. In his column on Saturday Terry Jones wrote and I quote: "Pavorotti can't hold a candle to *The Great One*."

Who cares? Terry Jones has hit a new height in lows. I admit that Gretzky is the best player in the league today, but enough is enough. It appears that Jones spends his whole life in search of more people to heap accolades on "Mr. Waynederful". If he can't find anybody he doesn't care how badly he damages his credibility or that of the paper he'll still think up something new to write.

Actually though Terry Jones can no longer damage his credibility. His credibility as a writer no longer exists.

How can he expect to be respected as a writer when he turns out such drivel as he did on Saturday? Well, just as Terry couldn't resist I can't either. I can't resist talking about that particular column and showing just what kind of ding-dong is writing for the Edmonton Journal.

The logic he uses in the column is absolutely beautiful. He states that Pavorotti is nothing compared to Gretzky because Wayne gets more media hype than 'The Pav' and because people are willing to pay more money for tickets to see Wayne.

Terry, you could replace Trudeau with logic like that. For one thing there are far more hockey fans than there are opera fans so naturally the demand for the tickets is going to be higher and I don't have to be a marketing major to know that demand regulates price. If there is a higher demand for something Terry, then people are going to be willing to pay a higher price, I would also like to speculate, and I stress that this is only speculation, but I bet that if you went down to the New York Metropolitan Opera House on the night that Pavorotti was singing you would probably have to pay a lot more than 250 dollars to see him. Even if "The Great One" was playing in Madison Square Garden. You see Terry, certain activities are appreciated more than others in certain cities. I'm sure that if I went to Peking, China and set up a hockey game, the karate match would draw better.

Now the media hype. Well, the media are going to go where the crowds are, and basically this all ties in to the above paragraph.

It constantly amazes me just to what lengths this man will go to destroy himself. Terry Jones actually contacted the manager of the Westin Hotel and wrote that this man compares Gretzky's visit to a visit from the Royal Family. Again I say, who cares?

The conclusion to this entire episode is rather ironic. Think about it. After comparing Gretzky to Pavorotti and heaping on all the plaudits Terry failed to mention one thing. But in all fairness to Terry, he couldn't have foreseen the future.

Think of all those people who payed through the nose to see "The Great One". Well, there were no guarantees, and if the Oilers get obliterated 7-1 then that's just tough luck. Now, I wasn't there, but I have heard Pavorotti sing. He never misses a note and thus his performance is guaranteed. I'm willing to bet that he put on a terrific show and everybody got their 150 dollars worth.

How many points did "The Great One" get on Saturday? I guess it worked out to 250 dollars a point. Sorry folks.

by Andrew Watts

And they say it can't be done. Scientists all over the world say it is impossible to resurrect the dead. Well, all those dissenting people should have been at varsity arena this past weekend and they would have witnessed just that, courtesy Bears goalie Denis Potvin.

On Friday night after playing abysmally and losing 5-2 to the Saskatchewan Huskies the Bears dressing room was nothing short of a morgue inhabited by 20 virtually dead hockey players. The play of the team on Friday could not merit any credit in any area of the game save perhaps the goaltending of Terry Clark who was the victim of some very poor defensive play. After the game the players were physically and mentally dead. Enter game two and Denis Potvin.

Potvin backstopped the Bears to a 5-1 win on Saturday and brought back 20 hockey players from their deathly appearances of the night before. The difference was fantastic. Potvin, who is usually vocal in the nets was doubly so on Saturday....That combined with some excellent saves when the team needed them seemed to be the key to the resurrection.

"We were just so down after Friday that I thought if I was vocal and enthusiastic it might rub-off," commented Potvin after the game.



photo Martin Beales

Bears goalie Denis Potvin shows some of his form which led to a first star selection Saturday.

The enthusiasm did rub off as the Bears finished the first period with a 1-0 lead mainly on the goaltending of Potvin. In the second period the team came out flying and scored three goals in 1:21 to up their lead to 4-0. After that they coasted a bit later on but came back in the third period.

"We didn't want to let up but we did a little bit late in the second period," said Bears coach Clare Drake.

"On the whole though, the second period was the best we've played since Christmas," Drake said.

The Bears play in the first part of the second period was just how any team would love to play all the time. Their passing was crisp and sharp, they were poised in their own end and they routed the Huskies defensive core.

"In between the first and the second periods, we just talked about the basics and what we could do to beat them," Potvin explained.

The team certainly benefitted from that talk. At 1:35 of the second period Ace Brimacombe got his 12th goal of the season when he combined with Brad Scheider on a very pretty two on one. Schneider had been fed the puck by Jeff Marshall and he and Brimacombe passed beautifully. Just 27 seconds later Ace fed Schneider for his first goal of the season. Dan Henes also picked up an assist. The third goal of this trio was perhaps the prettiest as Ron Parent Wade Campbell and Denis Leclair performed a perfect three on two. Leclair came down the right side and fed the puck to Campbell in the centre who immediately fed the puck to Parent who was perched to the left of Huskies goalie Steve Amiss. It was 2:56 into the second period and the Bears were up 4-0.

In the first period Perry Zapernick put the Bears ahead at the 13:04 mark with a screened shot from the point. The second period saw the fastest three goals for the team this season and then at the 9:21 point of the third period Dick Kortie spoiled Potvin's shutout bid when he poked in the rebound after Dennis Fenske had showed good speed to cut around the Bears defence before being poked checked by Potvin. Later on, at 16:12 Jim Lomas shoed some speed of his

own as he cut in from the left side and slid the puck under Bob Dougall who had replaced starting goalie Steve Amiss. Thus the game ended and the resurrection was complete.

"That win was very big for the team because now we have the momentum on our side and I think we're going to beat them in Saskatchewan," finalized Bears goalie and first star of the game Denis Potvin.

On Friday the Huskies started first as Larry Goucher finished off a two on one with Dennis Fenske and beat Terry Clark at 6:34 of the first period. Jim Lomas tied the score at 11:12 of the same period.

The Huskies went to work quickly in the second period as Canada West leading scorer Willie Desjardins put in a rebound at the :14 mark. Just 2:34 later Randy Wiebe caught Clark going the wrong way on a 35 slap shot and the Huskies were ahead to stay. Ace Brimacombe got the Bears to within one but Kevin McNaught and Randy Wiebe with his second put the game away.

"It was one of the poorer games we've played all year," said a dejected Clare Drake after the game.

The Bears failed to take the body on Friday and were running into a great deal of trouble in their own end. When they were on offence they buzzed around a great deal but failed to get any really good shots at Amiss.

The win on Saturday was a good confidence builder for the Bears but they should not sit back now. Their next opponents are the UBC Thunderbirds and they must not take them lightly and they must win both of their games against them to remain in the hunt for the playoffs.

"We're playing well now, we'll be in the playoffs, you'll see," promised Denis Potvin. Let's hope he's right.

#### BEAR FACTS

Ron Parent suffered a separated shoulder on Saturday and his absence will hurt the team although it is uncertain just how long he will be out. Dan Peacocke may be ready to play on Friday against UBC. The three MVP's for the Bears on Saturday as picked by this reporter were: 1. Denis Potvin; 2. Ron Parent; 3. Rick Carriere



Answers to sports quiz

1. Bob O'Brien. The Argyle's through coaches like Daniel echter goes through fall fashions.
2. Roger Thompson.
3. John Payne
4. Texas Christian.
5. Terry Keeling
6. Jack Gotta.
7. Joe Blake
8. Seven, I hope.