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Bears nab another league title

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It's been over 5 months since Clarke Jantzie last took a turn on the ice for the University of Alberta Golden Bears. But thanks in large part to the left winger's play in the third and deciding game of the Canada West University Athletic Association playoffs against the UBC Thunderbirds, the Bears won their 18th league title since 1951 and their 12th under coach Clare Drake.

Jantzie, who suffered torn knee ligaments in an exhibition game against the Concordia Stingers at Varsity Arena on October 31 was pressed into duty in Sunday's deciding match after Dave Hindmarch suffered a groin injury and was unable to dress for the game.

The Bears won the opening game of the series 4-3, holding on to a 3-1 that nearly vanished. Jim Carr, Bryan Sosnowski, and Randy Gregg had scored for Alberta with Danny Lucas getting the first UBC marker in the second period. UBC came within one on goals by Marty Matthews and Jim Stuart but Hindmarch notched the winner midway through the third on a blazing slapshot that sailed over netminder Ron Lefebvre's shoulder.

The T'Birds however capitalized on defensive mistakes by the Bears to come away with a 5-4 overtime win on Saturday. Trailing 4-2 in the final period UBC turned an errant clearing pass by Don Spring into a goal when Tom Blaney beat Jack Cummings in the Alberta net. 19 seconds later Lucas fired his third goal of the game to send the contest into overtime. After both teams went scoreless in the 10 minute non-sudden death period, Peter Moyls came off the bench to score a power play goal for UBC at 13:03 with Ted Olson off for an elbowing infraction.

Despite the overtime heroics by Moyls UBC coach Bert Halliwell thought 2 other players were the key reason for the victory. "Two guys really won the game for us. Lefebvre and Lucas."



Send out an SOS

Bryan Sosnowski, nicknamed SOS, didn't need any help putting the puck past UBC goaltender Ron Lefebvre. Bears won the game 4-3, and the series and will meet St. Mary's in the semi-finals this Friday and Saturday.

"We might have stolen one," admitted Halliwell, whose club was outshot 52-35. "But its about time. In this rink we never start playing until we have our backs against the wall." Alberta scorers in the game were Jim Ofrim, John Devaney, Darrel Zaparniuk and Sosnowski. UBC took 13 of the 24 minors called in the game.

Jantzie, who had a goal and three assists in the 8-3 win on Sunday owes some of his success to Hindmarch, who sat out the game with an injury. "If it hadn't been for Dave getting hurt

I wouldn't have played," explained the third year veteran.

Despite coming back from a lengthy layoff and being thrust into a pressure playoff game Jantzie feels the circumstances helped him. "It just added a little more intensity for myself. Just as long as a guy plays well and feels he's contributing to the team win that what feels good."

The Bears led 2-0 after the first period on goals by Ofrim and Kevin Primeau. Alberta outscored UBC 4-2 in the second to take a 6-2 lead with 20 minutes

remaining. Devaney, Primeau with his second, Jantzie and Mike Broadfoot had the Alberta markers while Matthews had a pair for the T'Birds.

Devaney added his second goal of the game in the third while Mike Bachynski had his first goal of the year to give Alberta its highest offensive output of the year. Bill Ennos closed out the scoring with a late goal in the period.

Lefebvre, who played brilliantly for the T'Birds on Friday and Saturday, finally suc-

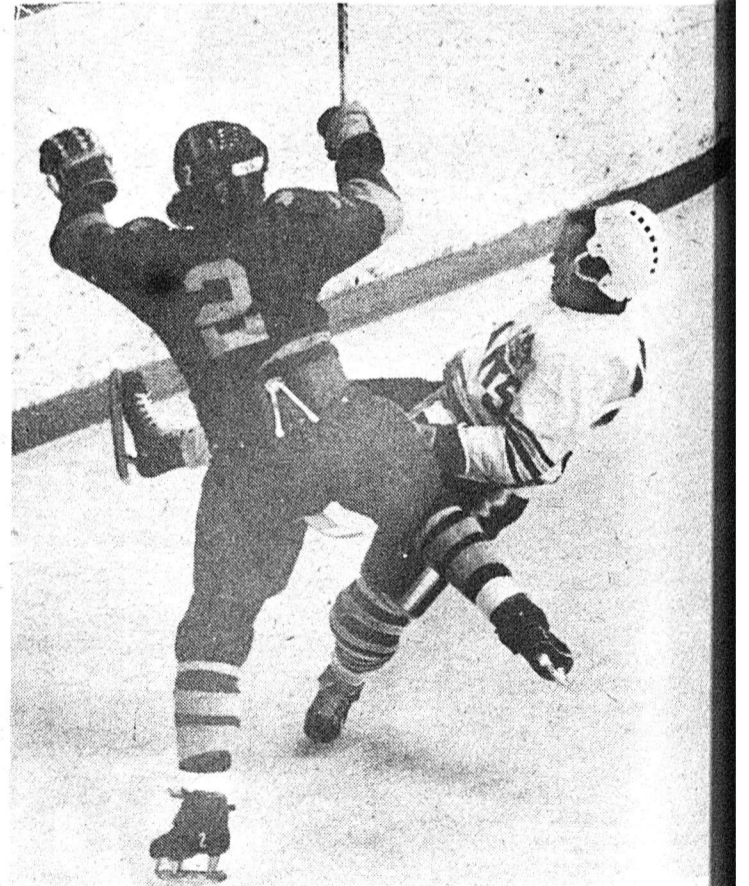
cumbed to the constant Alberta pressure, who again fired more than 40 shots in his direction while Jack Cummings faced only 28 in the Alberta net.

The Bears will now meet the St. Mary's Huskies in a two game total point series while UBC plays the University of Toronto Blues in a similar series, with the winners advancing in a sudden death showdown March 13. All games will be played at Varsity Arena March 11-13 and ticket packages are still available at the usual outlets.



Welcome back...
Clark Jantzie is all smiles after returning to the Alberta lineup in Sunday's 8-3 win over UBC. Jantzie had a goal and 3 assists.

photo Brian Gavriloff



Alley oop...
Ted Olson gets his helmet knocked loose after colliding with the T'Birds Doug Tottenham.

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