

# Face Off '88, Calgary, big parts of Bear hockey week

by Alan Small

The Bears are going into their biggest week of hockey so far this year hotter than a plate full of jalapeno peppers.

A pair of wins over the fifth place Brandon Bobcats 4-0 and 8-5 will give the Bears a good preparation for three games this week: Face Off '88 at Northlands Coliseum versus the NAIT Ooks, next Monday's showdown with the West German national team, and Friday's four-point game against the Canada West first place University of Calgary Dinosaurs.



The Dinosaurs were swept by the University of Saskatchewan Huskies last weekend, and coupled with the two Bear victories, this puts the Bears only three points out of first place in Canada West and the right

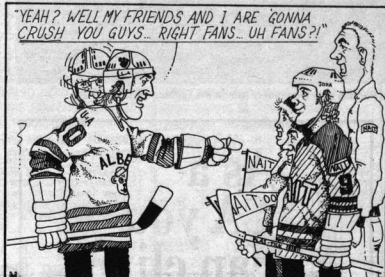
to have every playoff game in the cozy confines of Varsity Arena.

Face Off is a natural as well. An inter-city rivalry that has rapidly grown over the last three years between the U of A and NAIT, which pits one of the top teams in the Canadian Colleges Athletic Association (CCAA) and the Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union (CIAU) is the most recognizable hockey game in town after mentioning the Edmonton Oilers. They play for the Ronald McDonald House. Tickets can be had at the door. \$7 for reds and \$5 for blues.

The final big game this weekend for the Bears pits the U of A against the West German Olympic Team.

The Germans will be hoping that the Bears show more than a resemblance to the Canadian Olympic Team, whom they would have to face if they made it to the medal round. The task may be difficult for the West Germans, as they are lumped in with the Soviets, Czechs, and the Americans. Only three teams make the medal round, so the task may be a bit much for the West Germans.

**FACE OFFS:** Dave Otto scored four times in the 6-5 victory over Brandon this weekend. Sid Cranston, Stacey Wakabayashi, Parie Proft and Rob Glasgow also scored the win. In the first tussle, Wes Craig scored a pair while Glasgow and Curtis Brandolini added singles in the Darren Turner shutout.



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"Just one of those days I guess," Galenza said.

The T-Birds didn't exactly come out like the LA Lakers in the second game, as they only made 29 per

cent of their shots from the field and had only one player, Val Philpott, in double figures in scoring, with 11 points.

The Pandas put on a 11-4 run starting out the second half and coasted to their fourth conference win of the season.

of the fourth and final playoff spot this weekend with another sweep of the T-Birds in the second half of the home-and-home series.

"We can't rest on our laurels if we want a chance at the playoffs," Hillo said.

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