

Pucks ters drop two in Calgary

by Allyn Cadogan

U of A Golden Bears hockey team bussed south last weekend to drop two all-important games, 7-4 and 5-4, to University of Calgary Dinosaurs.

The losses moved Bears into third place in CWUUA standings behind British Columbia who took two and dropped one to Saskatchewan Huskies on the weekend.

The Sunday victory was quite an upset, as Huskies have been winless so far this season. They led 4-1 going into the third period, then BC scored three times to take the game into overtime. Saskatchewan rallied to take the match 6-5.

Friday Huskies kept the score to a low 4-3, and Saturday allowed Thunderbirds a mere two goal margin in their 5-3 victory. The games were played in Vancouver.

Bears' loss to Calgary Saturday night was something of a heartbreaker. The Alberta squad came out hitting and generally checking well. Calgary knew Bears meant business when Marcel St. Arnaud sank a shot at just 3:15.

Then near the midway point, Alberta slacked off just a little and Calgary took two goals. Shane Tarves tied it up when he tipped in a shot from Tom Wiseman at 8:32. Little more than two minutes later, Gord Engele intercepted a pass from Clarence Wanchaluk at the Alberta blueline and drilled it home.

Most of the Calgary goals were the result of mistakes made by the Alberta defense, but Calgary goalie Mike Priestner also came across with some truly remarkable saves to keep Bears' score down.

The game got chippy late in the period but Bears revived somewhat after coincidental minors were handed out to Brian Middleton and Calgary's Ron Gerlitz with less than two minutes to play.

Oliver Steward covered a perfect pass from St. Arnaud to make the score 2-2 at 19:37.

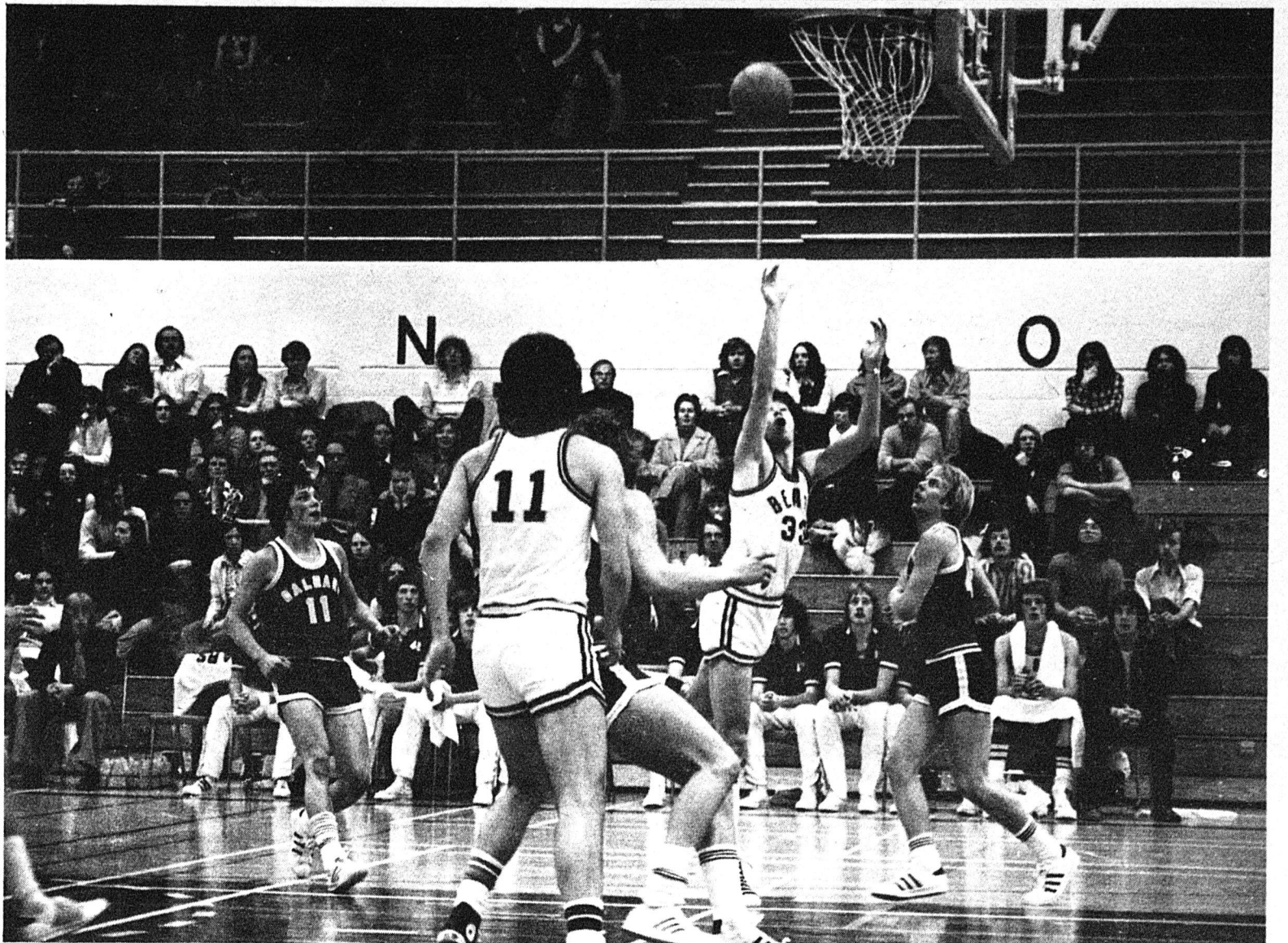
Both teams played excellent hockey in a second period that featured fast end-to-end action. One spectator commented that it was like watching a ping-pong game. St. Arnaud and Wiseman traded goals.

Bears took the lead again just four minutes into the final period when Steward sank a rebound from Bruce Crawford. Seconds later Wiseman got the equalizer when he went up the left wing all alone.

Alberta went into another slump and Calgary could do no wrong. They pretty well showed Bears what forechecking is all about, netting two more goals in the bargain.

Frank Raddatz scored the winner with goalie Dale Henwood down on the ice and way out of position after stopping the original shot from Greg Charlton.

John Young and Wiseman added the insurance markers, Wiseman's into an empty net. Bear coach Clare Drake had pulled Henwood for an extra forward at the 19 minute mark. Bears got an extra break when Charlton took an interference penalty eight seconds later, giving Bears a two man advantage.



For confidence, winning is better than mouthwash

by Peter Besi

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"It's good to win those close games," said Golden Bears coach Barry Mitchelson. "It gives the team a little more confidence."

After last weekend Bears should have enough confidence to challenge T.J. Lambert, Puddin Patterson and Euger Franklin in a meanness contest. (I realize that's an obscure reference but if you read Semi-Tough you'll understand it. Take my word for it, those guys are mean.)

The sources of all that confidence are Bears' latest victories, 56-55 and 74-70 over University of Calgary Dinosaurs Friday and Saturday nights.

While Friday's game was great for the fans it wasn't particularly well-played. "Kind of a ho hum thing," was Mitchelson's comment. Both teams made some bad mistakes, such as losing possession in the last minute with the score tied 55-55.

But since mistakes often result in exciting play most of the crowd was yelling for more.

The game started quickly with Bears' Mike Frisby tapping

the opening jump to Steve Panteluk and Panteluk going in for a basket after three seconds of play.

Aside from that first play however neither team was looking sharp. Both Bears' and Dinos' shooting percentages were lower than normal - 35% for U of A, 36% for Calgary. And both were turning the ball over to the opposition with alarming, to the coaches at least, frequency.

The turnovers were due partly to errors and partly to the pressing defenses that both teams periodically used. Dinos employed a man-to-man press while Bears relied on their 2-2-1 zone press which proved more successful in forcing mistakes by Calgary.

On the strength of their better defense Bears gained a six-point lead and held it for most of the first half. But in the last minute of the period Calgary came back from a 36-30 deficit to narrow the gap to one point, 36-35, with Bill Lathrop sinking a 30-footer as the buzzer sounded.

The second half had the fans screaming as neither team led by

more than four points throughout the 20 minutes. It was U of A leading by two points for a while, then Calgary tied it up and took a turn at holding a slim lead, then Alberta would to on top again.

With 12 seconds left to play the score was tied again, 55-55, and Bears called time out in Dinos' end. When play resumed Valeriot and Wally Tollestrup exchanged passes before the ball went in to Frisby who put up a hook shot with six seconds on the clock. The shot missed but Frisby had been fouled by Calgary's Lyle Leslie and was given two free throws.

Bears' centre sank his first foul shot and missed the second, but the single point was enough as Dinos couldn't get off another shot before the game ended.

For the first half of Saturday's game the teams played it as closely as they had the previous night. There was a different reason for the tight score though as both teams were playing a better quality of basketball. The mistakes were fewer and the shooting more accurate. Bears made 44% of their shots and Dinos hit 50% of

theirs.

The result was a 39-36 U of A lead at halftime.

The game stayed close in the opening minutes of the second half, with Bears holding a three-point lead as late as 10 minutes into the period.

But gradually U of A pulled away from Dinos. They used a 2-1-2 zone defense to cut down on Calgary's scoring while Panteluk, Frisby et al kept up the pace on offense until they held a 70-62 lead with 3:24 to play.

Calgary tried to get a last-minute rally going but they were too far behind and Bears hung on to win.

Panteluk led Bears' offense with a 22-point performance. Tom Solyom replaced Steve Ignatavicius, who was hampered by an ankle injury, and responded with 19 points. Frisby and Valeriot rounded out U of A's balanced attack, scoring 14 and 12 points respectively.

For Calgary Dom Lamont hit 11 of 23 shots and added a free throw to total 23 points. Lathrop scored 14, Leslie 12 and Mackay 10.

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First of all, Pandas can cope with a press better than Calgary, using a set play to break loose from the defense. And second, Calgary wasn't scoring much and since a press can only be properly applied after a basket, they weren't able to use it enough.

With Martin doing most of their damage Pandas ran away with their second straight win.

Martin continued her theivery on defense and scored 30 points, hitting 14 of 23 shots and adding a pair of free throws. Charlotte Shmyr scored 12 points and, along with Amanda Holloway, led Pandas' rebounders with 12.

Lynn Pullen was Calgary's leading scorer, with 14 points, followed by Moiya Pilling with 12.



CWUUA STANDINGS - HOCKEY

TEAM	G	W	L	GF	GA	Pts.
Calgary	13	10	3	68	49	20
British Columbia	12	7	5	56	46	14
Alberta	11	6	5	63	43	12
Saskatchewan	12	1	11	31	80	2