

Bears take gold medal at Quebec games



HIT ME AND I'LL CRY
... pity the poor ref trapped between puck and players

—Neil Driscoll photo courtesy Campus Squire

Victory over Thunderbirds gives Alberta squad the title

But they didn't. St. Dunstan's of Charlottetown pulled the most startling upset of the tournament, overpowering the X-Men 8-2.

GAIN FIRST PLACE

The loss put the Golden Bears in first place and, after an easy 11-1 triumph over the Yukon, the Bears were in first place in Section A and in the final against the UBC Thunderbirds from Section B.

The University of Saskatchewan fell to the wayside, upset by lowly St. Thomas University of New Brunswick.

Sunday afternoon, the Bears had fate in their own hands and they won the hockey gold medal for Alberta.

Before 2,000 fans in the huge 10,000 seat coliseum, Alberta took a 4-1 match from the Thunderbirds. The game was close until the last 20 seconds when the Bears popped in two insurance markers, one on an open net.

The game was close-checking and some brilliant defensive manoeuvres were thwarted by a last second poke check, or a good save by the goalies.

HARPER SCORED FIRST

At 12:10 of the opening frame Brian Harper had just got off the bench when he stole a stray British

spectacular in the other end.

The "big guns" line of Harper, Darrell LeBlanc and Gord Jones accounted for the last two goals. LeBlanc fired the clincher when UBC coach Bob Hindmarch pulled Kirk for a sixth attacker. Jones got the fourth.

Gord Jones led the Bears and the



BRIAN HARPER
... tower of strength

tournament, point-wise, getting 11 goals and 12 assists.

McMaster Marlins won the bronze medal downing the Manitoba Bisons 10-8.

The presentations following the game were Olympic-style. Golden Bear captain Brian Harper, surrounded by provincial flags, officials and photographers, mounted the top of the three-levelled stand to have the gold medal for Alberta draped around his neck. UBC's Al McLean and McMaster's Gary Spoor followed. Then every player from the three teams received a medal.

TO THE SHOWERS

Pandemonium in the Bear dressing room resulted in coach Clare



GORD JONES
... prolific scorer

Columbia pass, zoomed down left wing and stickhandled past goalie Russ Kirk.

Dave Zarowny put the Bears ahead 2-0 at 8:17 of the second period, backhanding the puck behind Kirk.

With one minute left in the period the Thunderbirds got back in the game. Doug Purdy put a slow slider through a maze of players in front of the Alberta net to make it 2-1.

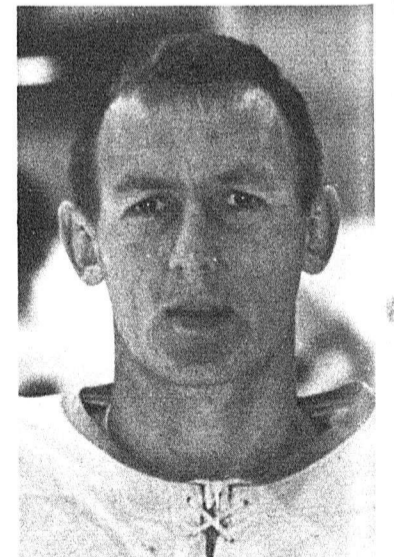
The Bears had held the margin of play up until this point but for most of the third period UBC carried the play.

Coach Drake said after the game, "They were outplaying us in that period. We started to panic."

Fine defensive moves kept the Bears ahead. Defenceman George Kingston, who played an outstanding tournament, blocked Al McLean's shot on a one-on-one rush.

GOAT BECOMES HERO

Bob Wolfe, the goat of Tuesday's game, became the dauntless hero turning aside several Thunderbird rushes. Kirk was just as



GEORGE KINGSTON
... defensive stalwart

Drake, assistant coach Brian MacDonald, and team manager Art Hooks being carried into the showers.

There were no corkscrews for the champagne but the players managed anyway. The Bears became hockey champions of Canada's own Olympics.

By DON MOREN

QUEBEC CITY—After their 8-4 loss to St. Francis Xavier X-Men, all the Golden Bears could do was hope.

Laval fell to Alberta 10-2 the next day.

Thursday, the Bears bombed the Manitoba Bisons 10-2.

On Friday, a small but determined squad from Prince Edward Island gave Clare Drake's squad a struggle but eventually, the Golden Bears pulled away 8-3.

Alberta had put themselves back in the race for the hockey championship at the First Canadian Winter Games. Then came the upset.

Le Rouge Et Or from Laval University handed St. Francis their second tie—Manitoba had tied the Nova Scotia team Monday.

TIE NO GOOD

Alberta was now tied with the X-Men but in the event of a tie, St. Francis would take Section A because they had beaten the Bears.

The Golden Bears had to keep their fingers crossed that Prince Edward Island would either tie or down St. Francis.

The suspense the next day was too much for most of the Bears—many stayed back at the hotel to await the result of the game.

Coach Drake didn't go either. As one team member put it later, "He paced up and down the floor. When he learned that PEI was ahead 6-1 with eight minutes to go, he muttered, 'They'll blow it, they'll blow it.'"

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