

# DRAKE'S BOYS BACK IN THE SWIM

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Alberta 11 Calgary 3  
Alberta 8 UBC 6

Clare Drake's defending CWUAA champions were starting to look like has-beens as they began last weekend with an 0-2 record.

Facing a rough schedule, travelling to Calgary Friday and returning early Saturday morning to host the equally well-travelled UBC Thunderbirds that same day, they needed a win in the worst way.

Not only did they get their wins, 11-3 over Calgary and 8-6 over UBC, they more than proved a point to all interested observers. There's no way Golden Bears can be written off as a lost cause in this year's competition.

For the first time this year, the home town crowd was treated to some truly exciting hockey action.

Two weeks ago in Vancouver, 'Birds came out hitting and skating hard and it won them a game. Saturday night they tried the same tactics, but Bears skated with them and returned hit for hit, and this time it was UBC that backed down.

"We were checking well," said coach Drake after the game. "We'll have to stick with it, make that the strong part of our game."

Thunderbirds out-shot Bears 17-10 in the first period, but Craig Gunther was exceptional in the Alberta nets and the period ended with a 1-1 tie on goals by Rick Wyrozub, his first of the season and Bob Sperling. Last year Wyrozub led the league in points and goals with 24 goals and 25 assists.

UBC team captain Brian DeBiasio gave 'Birds a temporary edge at 8:35 when he put Chuck Carrigan's rebound between Gunther's pads from about 10 feet out.

Less than a minute later, defenceman Brian Middleton skated in deep to sink Dwayne Bolkoway's rebound to tie it up again. And sixty-one seconds after that, Bolkoway took a pass from Ross Barros and walked in unmolested to put Bears ahead 3-2.

John Horcoff got his first of the evening at 16:09. Oliver Steward picked up the puck in his own end, carried it across the Alberta goal mouth and took it up centre ice into Thunderbird territory. He passed to Horcoff in the slot and Horcoff drove it home to end the period 4-2 Bears.

In the third period, 'Birds came back with a whallop. They scored their third at just 36 seconds and three and a half minutes later, they tied it up. And then they added two more for emphasis.

"I changed my lines for the third period," BC coach Bob Hindmarch explained later. "DeBiasio and Rich Longpre were going well so I put them on the same line and it clicked."

Coming at the tail end of a serious defensive lapse compounded by Craig Gunther's sudden goalkeeping slump, that sixth BC goal was especially embarrassing.

Gunther came about 20 feet out of the net to clear an iced puck, but unfortunately didn't

clear it anywhere near far enough. Sperling was all alone as he picked it up and slid it into the empty Alberta net.

DeBiasio, Yoshio Hoshino and Bill Ennos netted the other three markers.

Bears knew they couldn't lose this one though and pulled themselves together for the last six minutes. Bruce Crawford won a face-off in BC's end getting the puck back to Abby Hebert who drilled it in from the point.

Horcoff tied it up when he sank Steward's rebound at 17:49.

Thunderbird's Bill Gaston took a tripping penalty in the last four seconds of the period, forcing BC into overtime a man short.

It took Bears little more than a minute to net the goal that eventually proved to be the winner when team captain Jerry LeGrandeur tipped in a pass from Clarence Wanchulak.

Wanchulak potted the insurance marker at 8:08.

Hindmarch was unhappy about a trick Drake pulled from Tom Watt's book. Bob Beaulieu suffered torn knee ligaments late in the third period which left Bears with three defencemen.

When Alberta got the go-ahead goal, Drake called Gunther off the ice and sent in Dale Henwood to warm up. When the warm up was over, Gunther went back in goal with a slightly rested defense to help him out.

"It's a perfectly legal move," commented Hindmarch, "but I think it's a bad rule. I make a point of not using it, and I just didn't expect it of Clare. It makes a travesty of the game."

Friday night in Calgary, Bears could do no wrong. In all fairness, one cannot say Dinosaurs played badly except in goal.

Dinosaurs started off on the right foot with a goal at the seven second point of the first period. They scored again less than three minutes later.

Then Bears tied things up with two goals in twelve seconds from Marcel St. Arnaud and Jim Ofrim. Beaulieu scored near the midway point and Horcoff netted his first at 15:56.

Alberta was off and flying and Dinos never even got close again. Two more quick ones from LeGrandeur and Barros within fourteen seconds of each other ended the period 6-2 Bears.

LeGrandeur went on to score a hat trick. Horcoff picked up another goal to give him a total of four for the weekend. Wanchulak and Bolkoway got the other singles.

Tom Wiseman, Greg Charlton and John MacPhee scored for Dinos.

#### BEAR FACTS:

High point man for the weekend was defenceman Ross Barros with two goals and five assists. LeGrandeur picked up six points on four goals and two assists. Horcoff (4,1), Wanchulak (2,3) and Bolkoway (2,3) all had five points each.

Bob Beaulieu, who has been one of Drake's more valuable defencemen, will be out of action for at least four weeks with torn knee ligaments.



Dwayne Bolkoway scored his second goal in as many nights on this two on one break last Saturday night against UBC Thunderbirds in Varsity Arena.

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