

Huskies rebound to earn split with Bears

Weekend puck action leaves league lead up for grabs

By DON MOREN

SASKATOON—The gold glittered so brightly it tarnished. After humiliating the Saskatchewan Huskies 6-0 Friday night it seemed almost impossible the Golden Bears would lose 6-3 the next afternoon. It happened, and the weekend split at Saskatoon's ancient Rutherford rink failed to establish supremacy in western college hockey.

Five hundred roaring fans watched a rough, fast-skating contest, Friday evening. The first



GARY LINK
... hairline fracture

period went scoreless. Both teams checked closely and it wasn't until the second period the Bears started their scoreboard slaughter.

Dale Rippel opened the scoring for the Bears at 7:02. Rippel got out of the penalty box to join a swarm of players around the Huskies net and banged in a loose puck.

A minute later Dave Zarowny sent a clearing pass to Merose Stelmashuk. Stelmashuk fired a hard wrist shot that bounced off goalie Jim Shaw's side into the net.

HUSKIES DEFLATED

Those two quick goals deflated the Huskies. The Bears were flying now and the Huskie defencemen were letting Alberta swarm in around Shaw.

As George Kingston of the Bears put it later: "They couldn't keep us clear of the net because we were forechecking so well".

Gord Jones scored the third Bears goal on a crazy shot from outside the blueline that slipped past Shaw. Jones said after the game, "He (Shaw) looked away for a minute and it went between his pads."

The Golden Bears capped their most solid performance of the season with three more goals in the third period. Defenceman George Kingston scored just after a face-off to the left of Shaw. LeBlanc fed back to Kingston, who flipped it through a screen of players into the net.

Brian Harper's goal at 5:46 made even more obvious the lack of defensive support Saskatchewan's goalie was getting. Harper swooped behind the net, attempted to backhand the puck just inside the net but was blocked off by Shaw.

Harper was still alone, got the puck again and slid it past into an open net.

SECOND FOR RIPPEL

Rippel got his second of the night through sheer determination. He was tied up by a Huskie defenceman but managed to break loose to fire a high wrist shot past a partially-screened Shaw.

Ed Lepp felt the 6-0 result was a matter of getting the breaks. "We just couldn't put the puck in the net," he said. The Alberta side felt the game was more than just the breaks. Clare Drake, Golden Bear coach, felt the goals were good, hard-earned goals.

The Bears suffered a setback in their hopes for the Quebec Winter Games. Gary Link suffered a double hair-line fracture of his wrist.

Saturday afternoon's performance was a nightmare for the Bears. They controlled play until midway through the second period but strong netminding by Jim Shaw kept them from piling up a big lead. Jack Nicholl scored on a slapshot. Gerry Braumberger backhanded one into the net at 12:24. The lone Huskie goal of the period came when Murry Osborne broke into the clear.

QUIT BACKCHECKING

The Bear forwards were still sharp from the night before offensively but they quit backchecking. Wally Kozak and Doug Wass fired two quick goals within 30 seconds around the thirteen minute mark and right there the Bears ran out of string.

The Huskies kept the puck in the Bear end and the screenshots the Bears had used so effectively the night before became a Huskie weapon. Dave Dunn put the Hus-



JIM SHAW
... busy weekend

kies ahead 4-2 at 8:17 of the third frame. Braumberger put the Bears back in the game with a goal at 14:32, but Ed Hobday's goal 22 seconds later put the game in the bag for the Huskies. Murray Osborne scored on an open net at 19:33. Jim Shaw deserves a good deal of credit for the win. The Bears peppered him with 39 shots.

Despite the weekend split the Bears need only sweep two games from Manitoba Feb. 24 and 25 in Edmonton.



HUSKIE GOALIE JIM SHAW GETS DOWN TO BUSINESS
... and finds lots of company there

Basketball

double header

Confident Bear team heads east for weekend duel with Bisons

By LAWRIE HIGNELL

The Bears travel to foreign territory this weekend for a basketball double header, but few are their worries.

The Bears face the University of Manitoba Bisons, present holders of last place in the WCIAA. The Bisons have yet to win a game this season and only need two losses this weekend to complete a perfect season—zero wins.

The Bears are so confident of the two approaching victories that they have taken a week off from practices after a tough three weeks of play.

Prior to last week, the Bears had played six games in a month, against the league's two top teams, winning two and losing four.

Despite the Bisons' losing trend, they hold one of the league's top scorers in Eric Bartz, who has hooped more points than either of the Bears' leaders, Ed Blott and Warren Champion.

Bartz was rated fourth in the league while Champion was sixth and Blot eighth, according to figures released January 22.

Pandas win at Manitoba

WINNIPEG—The Panda basketball team won their first league game of the season, as they split a doubleheader over the weekend with the U of M Bisonettes.

After losing the Friday night match 43-39, the Pandas overcame a 14 point deficit Saturday, to win 55-50.

Poor shooting and many fouls made the difference Friday, as the Bisonettes scored 15 points from the foul line.

The Pandas were losing 26-21 at the half but never fell more than six points behind through the whole game.

Bev Richard was the Pandas' top

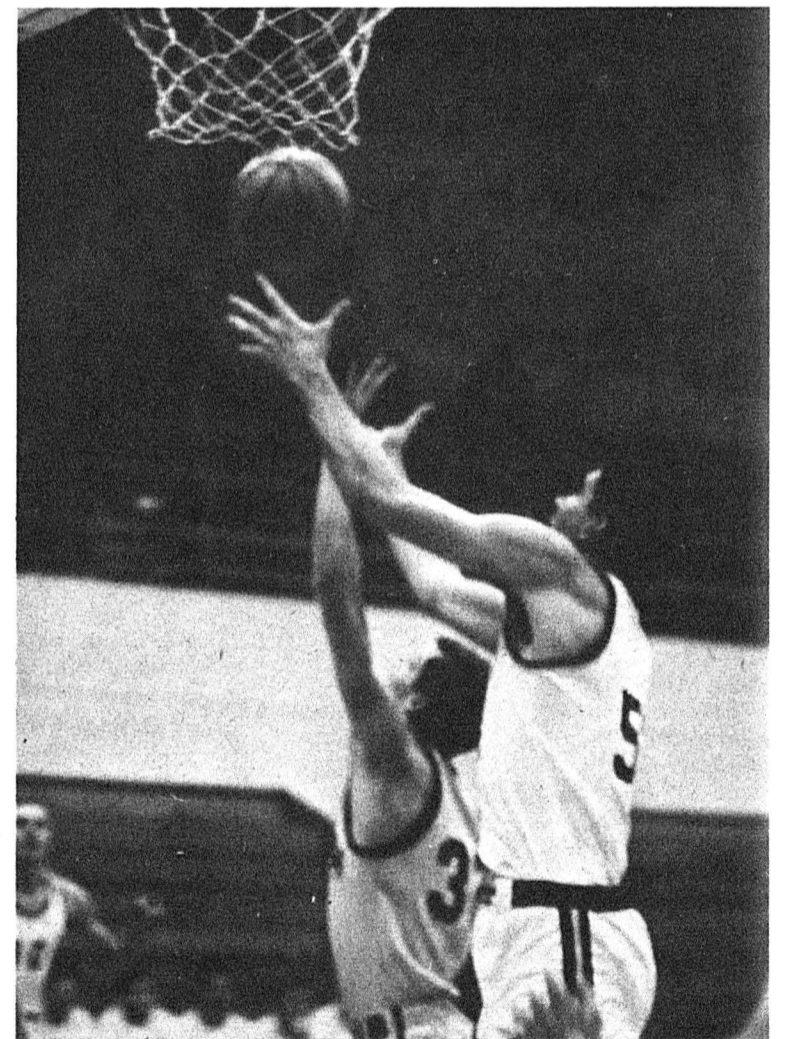
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The Bears still have a mathematical chance of at least tying for first place in the WCIAA final standings, but it will require some victories by some doubtful teams.

The Bears presently have lost five games while league leading Calgary Dinosaurs have lost four

and the second UBC Thunderbirds have lost three.

The Bears will be with a full team this weekend, except for Murray Shapiro, who is out for the remainder of the season with a partially severed Achilles tendon, suffered in Calgary three weeks ago.



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