



Although he has not yet regained his all-star form of last year, Rick Wyrozub appears to have come out of the scoring slump that has been plaguing him recently. He shared top point honors for the weekend with Clarence Wanchulak. Both had a total of five points, two goals and three assists each.

Saskatoon Follies...

University of Alberta hockey Bears finally put it all together to come up with two well-deserved wins, 11-1 and 5-4, over University of Saskatchewan Huskies last weekend in Saskatoon.

"I feel that these were our two most consistent games of the season," said Clare Drake, Bears' head mentor.

After thoroughly trouncing the hapless Huskies Friday night, Bears took a little longer getting going Saturday. By the end of the first period, they were somewhat surprised to find themselves on the wrong end of a 2-1 score.

Ed Slywka and Wayne Knowles took advantage of power play situations to give Saskatchewan a 2-0 lead. Then Bears' Rick Wyrozub hit home with the first of his pair to narrow the margin.

Bears had trouble with their shooting throughout the game. "We were shooting at

the goalie a lot," commented Drake. "We were missing the net, hitting the posts; and the Saskatchewan goalie, Doug Spitzig, was playing a lot better than he did Friday night."

Marcel St. Arnaud equalized the score early in the middle period. Then defenseman Ross Barros put Bears in the lead for the first time with an unassisted goal, only to have Rick Jackson tie it up again in the last minute of the period.

"Our men were getting frustrated," said Drake. "We outshot Huskies 51-20, but we couldn't score. Bears didn't give up hope, though. They just kept firing away."

Clarence Wanchulak finally found the mark little more than halfway through the final period. Wyrozub scored the winner just two minutes later.

"I don't think we were overconfident Saturday night,"

said team captain Jerry LeGrandeur. "It was just our inability to put the puck in the net that kept the score low."

"Getting those two early goals against us really helped Huskies get up, too," added Wanchulak.

Friday night Bears simply could do no wrong. They skated well, checked well, shot well.

"The team played strong offensively and defensively," Drake summarized. "We were shooting accurately and we got some beautiful goals."

LeGrandeur and St. Arnaud scored twice each while Dwayne Bolkoway, John Horcoff, Bruce Crawford, Bob Beaulieu, Oliver Stewart, Oliver Morris and Wanchulak netted the singles.

Morley Johnson finally put Huskies on the scoreboard at 19:16 of the final period.

Bearcats split over weekend

U of A Bearcats crippled by injuries to key personnel waged battle against Camrose Lutheran College Vikings Friday night at Varsity Arena. Final score was Bearcats 5, Camrose 4 in a real entertaining contest before a house of about 60.

The following Saturday Bearcats lost a 7-6 heartbreaker to Hinton Hawks. Sunday saw them come back strong to wallop Edson Colts 9-3.

In Friday's game the first period ended in a deadlock. Barry Nabholz, quickly opened the scoring for the 'Cats by shovelling the puck under Camrose goalie's pads. The lead was short-lived as Minner replied for Camrose in 26 seconds. The initial frame was highlighted by wide open hockey and aggressive hitting.

Bearcats struck early in the second period when John Devlin, coming off a recent bout with stomach ailments, collected a Jim Ifrim pass and tucked it neatly in the net. Larry Wall put the Cat's 2 points out in front on a picturesque solo effort sliding the disc neatly into the side of the net. Camrose rallied back with a marker by Dunlop on a deceptive shot midway through the period. Devlin and Larry Wall put a quick two goals worth of daylight between the clubs, Devlin's second of the night, was a shorthanded goal on a deflection of another Ofrim pass in the last second of the period.

Sloppy defensive play combined with Bearcats playing shorthanded, resulted in the third Camrose tally. Lychak beat goalie Gunther on a screened slapshot. Minner tied the contest with his second goal on a deflection midway through the last period. Bearcats regained their lead in the see-saw encounter when Craig Styles beat Camrose goalie Olsen with a crisp wrist shot on a breakaway play.

The remainder of the third period was highlighted by end to end action each net-minder keeping busy but holding his own with Bearcats holding their tight lead to the end.

The following Saturday, defenseman Larry Wall took to the wheel of the old Bluebird and pattered and clanked the Bearcats to Hinton.

Hinton Hawks coach Gerry White said his team was well prepared and that it had been building up for the game expecting a hard-skating

contest. White, a former Bearcat himself said he was surprised at the Hawk's victory. "Bearcats outplayed us in the first 2 periods but we skated with them in the third. I was pleased with our final efforts."

Bearcats did outplay Hawks, outshooting them 38-22, but hot goaltending by Hawks' Marcotte kept his team alive. Good shooting just didn't complement Cats fine passing game and they blew their only meeting this year with Hinton.

Period one ended in a 2-2 tie. Bearcat goalie Miles Goodwin looked shakey from the start and never quite steadied himself the rest of the game. Erratic and confused Bearcat defensive positioning allowed Hawks some easy waltzing rushes and two easy goals by Kitaguchi and Klaver. Brian Sosnowski and Larry Wall put in the first two Bearcats Goals.

Second period saw John Devlin give Bearcats an early lead but Hawks came back quickly with Rusk and Bish turning the tables in Hawks favor. Big Jim Kozachowski pushed his way deep in Hawks territory and slid in goal four for Cats underneath Marcotte to tie it again.

In the late second and early third periods came the demise of the Bearcats. Boyd put one past Goodwin and Bish and Rusk each got their second for the night to cap Hawks scoring. Try as they might Bearcats only got two more past Marcotte. Ofrim and Devlin finished it off for Cats and the team skulked off with their third loss of the year.

Devlin topped Bearcatt scoring with two goals an; an assist with Ofrim getting one goal and two assists. Larry Wall had a one and one game and Randy Phillips finished off with two assists.

Sunday morning Bearcats looked like they were all recovering from a case of the 'night before' growlies. Recovering or not they had enough oomph to make it almost a no-contest game regaining some of the lost pride of the night before.

In gametime Colts took the early lead when a deflected shot by Shantz beat Uke Poplawski. John Devlin flicked in a rebound less than a minute later to even the score. Jim Kozachowski fired home a perfect slapshot to the top corner to end first period scoring.

In the second period Larry Sloan picked up a perfect centering pass from Barry Nabholz and slid in the third Bearcat goal. Fourteen seconds later he picked up another perfect pass from Craig Styles and broke away beating goalie Odland. Only 21 seconds later Poplawski was beat on the short side by a slapshot on 2 on 1 rush. These rushes

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Swimmers excel in BC

The U of A swimming team defeated the UBC Thunderbirds in a dual meet held in Vancouver 26-27 January. The score was 109-66 on Saturday and 96-50 on Sunday for a final score of UA 205, UBC 121. The Bears won 12 of 17 events.

The top performer of the meet was George Smith, formerly of Edmonton, now swimming for UBC. Smith was seriously injured in a motorcycle accident three years ago, but his four wins indicated that he is close to his former Olympic team level. Otherwise, the Bears showed the effects of not having a campus pool for training.

The top swimmer for Bears was John Starratt, who collected three individual wins, plus swimming on two winning relays. Stewart Nelson set an Alberta Record in the 500 m freestyle and won two events.

THE WINNERS: 400 medley relay, UA, 4:14.7; 200 freestyle, Stewart Nelson - UA, 2:07.0; 200 backstroke, John Starratt - UA, 2:27.4; 100 breaststroke, George Smith - UBC, 1:11.6; 100 butterfly, Doug Jamison - UA, 1:02.1; 100 diving, Rob Edmunds - UA, 5:50.0; 500 freestyle, P. Kell - UBC, 25:40.0; 400 I.M., George Smith - UBC, 4:58.3; 800 free relay, UA, 8:46.3; 200 I.M. George Smith - UBC, 2:15.6; 100 freestyle, John Starratt - UA, 56.4; 500 freestyle, Stewart Nelson - UA, 5:39.8; 200 butterfly, John Starratt - UA, 2:18.2; 100 backstroke, Tim Haak - UA, 1:06.0; 200 breaststroke, George Smith - UBC, 2:37.4; 400 free relay, UA, 3:47.7; 3 m diving, Rob Edmunds, UA.

The final dual meet of the season will be held in Edmonton on this Saturday when teams from Manitoba, Calgary and Vancouver will meet the Bears. The following week the Western Finals will be held in Calgary.

SPORTS NOTES



LEAGUE STANDINGS

MEN'S BASKETBALL

	G	W	L	F	A	Pts.
Alta	14	13	1	1118	894	26
Vic	14	9	5	917	873	18
UBC	14	8	6	948	888	16
Cal	14	7	7	971	950	14
Leth	14	4	10	904	1015	8
Sask	14	1	13	894	1131	2

SENIOR HOCKEY

Cal	15	12	3	79	55	24
Bears	13	8	5	79	48	16
UBC	14	7	7	62	57	14
Sask	14	1	13	36	96	2