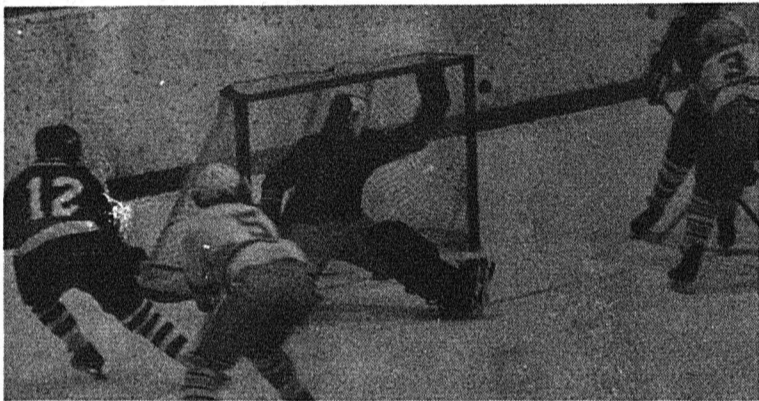


Bears at last find groove

by Cam Cole

Leon Abbott's Golden Bears, finally hitting their stride in the last pre-season match, netted their first meaningful victory of the exhibition schedule, a hard-hitting 6-1 decision over the Toronto Blues at Varsity Arena Friday.

The victory was a big one for the Bears, coming off three consecutive exhibition-game losses, including a 6-3 defeat at the hands of the Blues on Thursday. That game was lost, as were the Denver contests the week before, mostly by sheer incompetence around the opponents' goal, something the Bears were able to eliminate Friday.



Kent Ruhnke (12) failed to beat Alberta goalie Craig Gunther here, but scored almost every time he had the puck the previous night.

If there was ever a time when statistics were for losers, it was in the opening encounter between the teams Thursday. For starters Bears outshot the Blues 41-23, including a 14-8 margin in the third period when the Blues pulled away, slipping 3 of their 8 shots past starting goalie Dale Henwood.

Then there were faceoffs, a total of 68 of them in Toronto's end of the ice surface, compared to 27 on Bears' side of centre, and that statistic is an excellent indication of where most of the game was played.

The score is what counts and Toronto came out well ahead there, mainly due to the presence of scoring ace Kent Ruhnke, who figured in five of the six Blues' scoring plays, notching two goals himself and assisting on three others.

The Bears controlled play fairly consistently in all three

periods. In fact Toronto's first shot on goal didn't come until six minutes had elapsed, but the Blues made the most of their chances. Not so the Bears.

Henwood made a good save to stop Ruhnke's low shot at 15:01 of the first period, but Larry Hopkins was free to slap in the rebound. The goal came on Blues' fourth shot.

John Horcoff, enjoying his best series in a long while, tied the game at 1 late in the period, scoring on his own rebound.

Ruhnke, on another rebound, put the Blues ahead at 7:48 of the middle session, but Kevin Primeau tied the score again with a well-placed wrist shot a minute later.

Toronto coach Tom Watt shrugged off Ruhnke's 5-point evening. "That's his style," said Watt, "he's a goal scorer."

Aside from being satisfied with the efforts of Hulme, who blocked 37 shots, Watt had special praise for semi-midget defencemen Pagnello and Charlie Hughes, both of whom measure all of 5'6" and 160 lbs.

"I thought they did a whale of a job," laughed Watt, "I keep telling them they should have been issued riding crops and silks and playing for the Ontario Jockey Club."

Bears' netminder Henwood, after another frustrating evening, said, "That's the third time in a row I've felt we got beaten by a lesser team."

Lorne Behm, UA assistant coach disagreed. "I definitely felt we were the better team in Denver, but I don't think we can say we're better than Toronto until we prove it on the scoreboard."

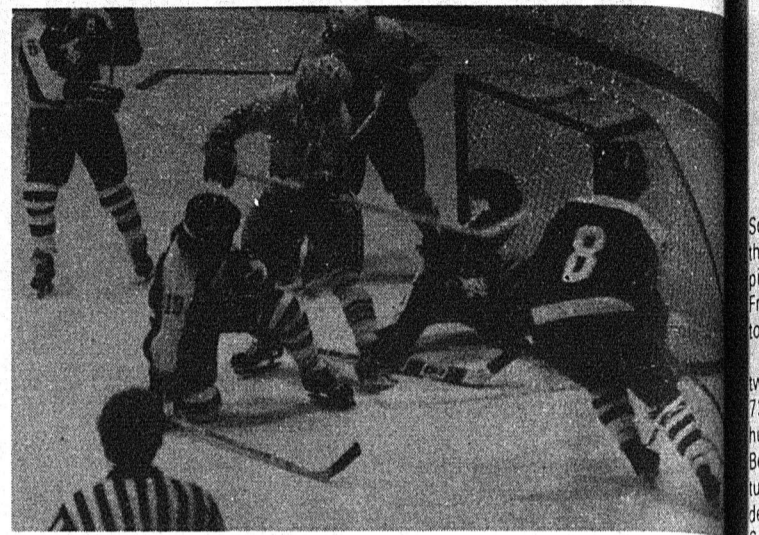
The Bears did just that Friday, outthrusting and more important, outmuscling the Blues throughout the game, but especially in the third period, when Alberta scored 3 times to salt the game away.

Head coach Abbott agreed, that it was particularly important for the Bears to win Friday's game decisively, with the regular season beginning next weekend.

"I was happy that we kept the pressure on in the third period. We stayed on top of them, and it was just a matter of time before we put it together."

A crunching body check by defenceman Kevin Bolton produced the loose puck which John Horcoff blasted past Blues' Mark Logan for Bears' first goal, the only tally of the opening period, as steady goaltending by starter Jack Cummings held Toronto off the board.

Bryan Sosnowski, nursing a sore groin, scored on a powerplay from a wild scramble in front of Logan in the second period, but Toronto



Bryan Sosnowski scored Friday, from this scramble in the Toronto crease. Photos by Brian Gavriloff

defenceman Dave Rooke reduced the deficit to one goal, when he charged past Bolton midway through the session, beating Cummings high on the short side.

The decisive goal was scored by Clark Jantzie, with Pagnello in the penalty box at 19:08. The big winger spun around and fired the puck past Logan, who didn't appear to be ready for the shot.

The third period was all Bears. Jantzie (powerplay) and linemate Oliver Steward scored

in a forty-second interval halfway through, and Bears' sixth goal (their fourth powerplay marker) was by Dan Hutchinson two minutes later, converting the rebound of defenceman Bill Andreassen point shot.

Andreassen assisted on four Alberta goals.

Cummings was replaced the ten minute mark of the first period by veteran Craig Gunther, who handled 7 Toronto shots. Bears outshot the Blues badly once again, 40-22.

Hoop Pandas win WIT

by Darrell Semenuk

The U of A Pandas did the impossible in Calgary over the weekend. They captured the

teams in their division. The started off by trouncing the University of Calgary junior varsity squad 85-25. Next it was a 58-35 win over the University of Lethbridge. Then they made the impossible happen. They beat the Huskies from the University of Sask. for the first time in over 10 years, with a 60-50 upset.

Amanda Holloway led the way with 20 points while Kate Johnson had 14. After the emotional game they had a slight letdown but managed to defeat the Regina Cougettes 60-59 in the semi-final.

The Pandas were up by 12 points at one juncture in the second half when their starting guards fouled out. The Cougettes smartly put on a court press forcing turnovers and got back into the game of to lose in the final minutes.

Miracle number two took place in the final game against the U of Manitoba Bisonettes with the Pandas coming out on top of a 73-64 score. Amanda Holloway again led the Pandas throwing in 17 points while Nicole Robert had 13 and Deena Mitchell 10.

Coach Debbie Shogan doesn't recall how long it's been since they have defeated the Manitoba squad, but it could be close to 10 years also. She says the Pandas "really put together" over the weekend.

And so they had. The Bisonettes won the WIT last year while Saskatchewan took it the previous times.

The Pandas have until next weekend to savour the victory then they will embark to Winnipeg for the Bisonette tournament.



Does the A stand for Amanda, Panda?

WIT tournament with a victory over the defending champion Manitoba Bisonettes 73-64.

To reach the final the Pandas defeated each of the three

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Bears' final game on Saturday night was for second place, and they overcame the hot hand of Phil Letham and the poor eyesight of the referees in posting an exciting 77-71 victory over the much improved University of Lethbridge Pronghorns.

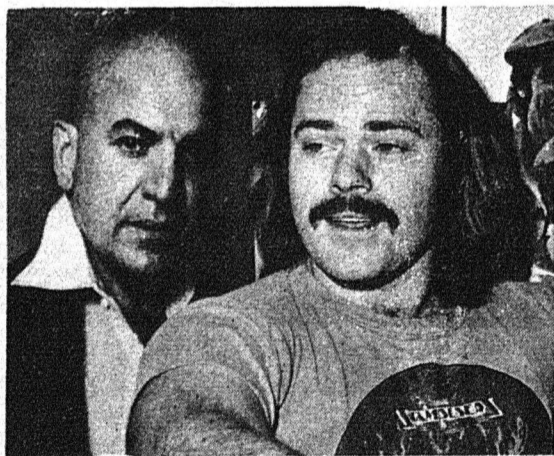
Letham scored 22 points, hitting from way out and often with two Bears hanging on to him. Doug Baker officially had 22 points but was denied two points on an obvious goaltending violation. Bain McMillan fired in 17 points while Randy Meyer, who more than adequately filled in for the injured

Keith Smith, pumped in 13 points.

Smith suffered a bad charley horse in the Saskatchewan game and didn't see any action against Lethbridge.

Tri-U Tidbits: The four head coaches got together and picked an all-star team composed of Tom Bishop, Ian MacKay and Ken Rucker of Calgary, Roger Ganes of Sask, and Golden Bears' Bain McMillan... the Pronghorn's Phil Letham was chosen as the most valuable player... Bears next game is at home Nov. 7 when they take on U of Manitoba... game time 7:00 p.m.

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