Sports



So Winnipeg is in the Grey Cup as the "Eastern" representative. Geography is obviously a subjective matter.

After all, the Calgary Dinos beat the University of Western Ontario in the Central Bowl to make it to the Vanier Cup. They beat a team from Halifax, who beat a team from Quebec in the Atlantic Bowl to get there.

Go figure.

Things aren't much better in the States, either. The AFC is okay, but somehow the Dallas Cowboys should be in the West, and the Atlanta Falcons should be in the East. Of course, the NFL's a little confused right now anyways. New Orleans beat Denver 42-0.

Go figure.

The NBA had things in control, until expansion. They managed to get the Miami Heats (or whatever) into the Midwest Division of the Western Conference.

NHL expansion freaks should take note, before they get too gung-ho to add teams. They should also take note of the combined record (3-30) of the NBA's expansion franchises.

That's not hard to figure. So much for the geography esson.

As a B.C. boy, I have a complaint about the local coverage of yesterday's football game. Howcome it is that when a B.C. player kicks somebody, it's objectionable, but when it's an Esk kicking a Lion, it's normal frustration? Couldn't have anything to do with the same thinking that makes Kevin McClelland into a "grinder", but makes Tiger Williams into a "goon"?

Okay, so there's a little geography lesson left.

Too bad that referee George McCorry couldn't have learned that lesson before Friday's hockey showdown with the Dinos. McCorry, one of the league's better zebras, turned in a sadly sub-par performance, which helped keep the Dinos close. That's not to say that Mc-Corry was deliberately favoring the Dinos, but just that he consistently missed the instigator, which favored the Bow **River Bad Boys.** One last little note on geography. How do you think that Kirk Gibson won the MVP? Talent? I think not. It seems that the Los Angeles writers decreed that since the Dodgers won the pennant, they have a sacred right to the MVP award as well. In the AL, at least, sanity ruled. Jose Canseco was a most deserving unanimous selection as MVP. On the other hand, the Chicago Cubs are in the NL East, while the Chisox are in the AL West. Go figure.

Dinos win sour game in Cow town

by Randy Provencal

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Calgary - Many times in hockey, the final outcome is decided not by the players on the ice but by the referee. Such was the case Saturday night as the visiting Bears lost a 3-2 squeaker to the University of Calgary Dinosaurs.

With just over two minutes left in the game and the teams locked at two goals apiece, Bear forward Wes Craig took a questionable hooking call, eventually leading to a Dino game winning powerplay goal.

"I can't believe it," said a frustrated Bears coach Clare Drake following the game. "Of all the board rattling and clean hits and then for him to call that. I just wish the players could have decided the game."

But the coach admitted his team wasn't without chances to score on Dino goalie Grant McPhail, who stood on his head early on to turn aside 44 shots for

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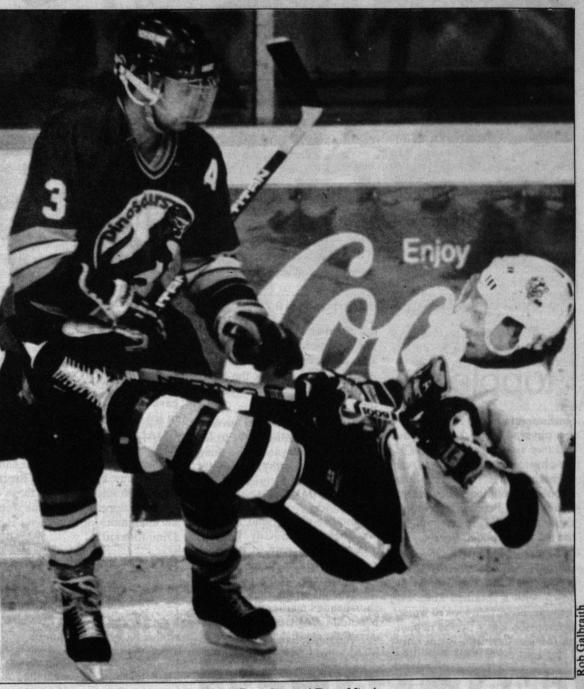
the game, good enough for first star. "Our powerplay wasn't as sharp as it has been, that's for sure," Drake said.

While the powerplay notched both Bears goals - all three Dinos goals also came with a man advantage — it couldn't seem to click when it was needed most.

"It seemed like we were getting lots of shots through, but we couldn't get at the rebounds," defenceman Guy Paradis said. "No doubt about it, though, we worked hard," he added.

After Steve Wheatcroft put Calgary up midway through the first with a powerplay goal, Paradis tied the game six minutes later with his third in two nights.

The fast-moving play slowed down midway through the second, which could have been attributed to a hard-hitting match in Friday's 8-7 Bears win over Calgary.



Doug Quinn of the Dinos dump diminutive Bear forward Dave Hingley.

"It was a very physical game last night and we had most of the guys from last night's game in tonight's lineup," coach Drake said of his fatigued team.

"I think last night's game was a little faster but a lot more physical because of the smaller rink," Paradis added.

Indeed, the game was physical. Bone-crunching checks were commonplace from the opening faceoff but no special orders were given to his players, Drake said.

"We always have games like

that against Saskatchewan and Manitoba," Drake said.

"Coach always stresses that we get good, clean body checks. We're told never to turn away from the puck," Paradis noted. "Calgary's the same way, so there's going to be a lot of body contact in that kind of game."

The Bears took the lead 1:50 into the final frame, as Doug McCarthy took a pass from Craig, who also assisted on Paradis' goal.

Only 102 seconds later, Calgary's Terry Houlder tied the game at two, and the game stayed redirected by Tony Fairfield past John Krill for the Dino victory.

Bear defenceman Howie Draper saw it as possible interference on the Bears goaltender. "I think one of the players kept him (Krill) from getting access to the other side of the net," he said.

Draper, as did other Bears, had several defensive gems on the night, something he feels the team is striving for.

"Recently we've had kind of a string of mental breakdowns in our own end. We're trying to bring that back up" to an acceptable level, he said. "We came out tonight with a little more of a consolidated game."

Hockey Bears knock off #1

by Alan Small Alberta 8 Calgary 7

The hockey Bears nearly received their second consecutive conference coronary on Friday. After three Calgary goals within 1:58 seconds narrowed the lead to one goal, they had a chance for another late in the third period when Bear forward Dan Wiebe was sent off for decking Dino backup Grant McPhail.

The third period turned out to be a free-for-all. The Bears outscored the Dinosaurs 5-3 in the final frame, but the Bears nearly blew a four goal lead.

"I didn't think we played all

that well in the third period," said Bear forward Stacey Wakabayshi, who was named the game's first star.

The turning point in the contest were three minors assessed to Calgary late in the second: a bench minor for too many men and a double minor to defenceman Ryan Fox. A strength all season, the Bear power play came through, as they converted all three opportunities. Wes Craig scored two goals during the advantage while the other was scored by Wakabayshi.

The game was more physical than most, despite the fact that 15

that way until Doug Quinn took a shot from the point that was

Calgary 3

Bears 2

1. Cal. Wheatcroft 8 (Bracko, Houlder)

2. Alta. Paradis 3 (Craig, Thibodeau)

Penalties: McCarthy, A 6:55, Bozek, A

7:51, Gordon, A, Logan, C 10:08, Fioretti, C 12:17, Bierd, C 15:45,

Penalties: Gordon, A, Wheatcroft, C

Game 2

1st Period

8:44 pp

14:17 pp

Sharpe, C 19:18

goals were scored.

2nd Period

No scoring

2:22, Craig, A, Bracko, C 7:27, Krill, A 10:00, Kardash, C 19:33

3rd Period

3. Alta. McCarthy 8 (Craig) 1:50 pp 4. Houlder 4 (Bracko, Fioretti) 3:32 pp 5. Cal. Fairfield 3 (Quinn, Bracko) 18:28 pp Penalties: Ingalls, C 1:29, Paradis, A 2:23. Morrison, A double minor, Klassen, C 10:01, Logan, C 11:52, Yewchuk, A 13:25, Calgary bench (served by Fairfield) 16:01, Craig, A 17:38

Shots on Goal:

24 14 8 - 46 ALTA 8 10 10 - 28 CAL Goalies: Krill, Alta, McPhail, Cal

"I've never seen them hit that well before," said Dino forward Mark Fioretti. "We weren't very disciplined. They took advantage

of our mistakes."

"That's the way Canada West hockey should be," Bear defenceman Darwin Bozek said about TOPPLED - p 12