

Bears sweep Dinos for No. 495

by Martin Coutts
The Golden Bears hockey team swept a two game series from the hometown Calgary Dinosaurus this past weekend to keep pace with the Saskatchewan Huskies in the Canada West standings.

The Bears won 5-3 on Friday and 7-5 the following night to raise their record to seven wins and three losses at the Christmas break.

The Huskies also moved to 7 and with a pair of victories against UBC in Vancouver. The Dinos dropped to 4 and 6 after 10 games, while the Thunderbirds remain in the basement with just two wins in ten starts.

The weekend results suggest that a two-team horse race is shaping up between the Bears and the Huskies. The winner earns the right to host the Canada West playoffs next March.

By sweeping Calgary for the second time this season, the Golden Bears moved Coach Clare Drake ever closer to the illustrious 500 win plateau. His total now stands at 495, and the milestone victory looks likely to come on the road; either in Saskatoon (where a victory over the Huskies would make it especially sweet), or in Vancouver.

The two wins also moved the Bears up two notches in the latest national hockey rankings. Alberta is now ranked sixth in the country, while Saskatchewan jumps from third to second, behind the University of Toronto Blues.

After dropping three of their last four games (all were against Saskatchewan), the Bears accomplished what they set out to do in Calgary - they got back on the winning track. But in both games, they made it harder than it should have been.

On Friday night, Breen Neeser, Ron Parent and Darrell Turnbull staked the Bears to an early 3-0 lead. Damian Steier got one back for Calgary to make it 3-1 after one period, but Craig Dill and 'Ace' Brimacombe made it 5-1 for Alberta early in the middle frame.

The Bears could have buried Calgary at that point; instead, they nearly let the Dinos back into the game. Doug Hendricks and Darren Halasz both connected for the home team before the period ended, leaving the Bears just two goals up heading into the final 20 minutes.

However, Drake's troops rebounded to shut out Calgary the rest of the way behind the steady goaltending of Ken Hodge, who turned aside 34 of 37 Dinosaur shots. The Bears had 30 shots of their own and took 10 of 17 minor penalties.

In Saturday's game, the Bears again failed to put the game out of reach, and this time they nearly gave it away. After building up a 5-2 lead early in the third period, they found

themselves reeling as the Dinosaurus tied the game with a three goal outburst in a span of 3:29. But, after perhaps showing a little bit of their inexperience in the letdown, the Bears displayed some character by rebounding for the win. At 15:12, Jeff Marshall's slapshot from the left point broke the 5-5 deadlock and at 19:50, Jim Krug fired the insurance goal into an empty net. Other goal getters for Alberta were Parent with two, and singles going to Turnbull, Brimacombe and Dill. The Bears outshot Calgary 43-28 and took 15 penalties for 63 minutes. The Dinos were tagged with 11 for 36 minutes. 55 of the 99 total minutes were assessed as a result of a four player altercation at the game's final buzzer.

On an individual level, three Bears had five point weekends—Parent, Dill and Krug. Parent earned Canada West Athlete of the Week honours for his 3 goal, 2 assist effort. The team's scoring leader now has 9 goals and 9 assists for 18 points in 10 games. Dill's 2 goal, 3 assist outing included the game winning goal on Friday night and an assist on

Marshall's game winner on Saturday. Krug picked up four of his 5 points in Saturday's game. And, at the other end of the rink, Hodge added to his fine effort on Friday by also picking up the win on Saturday. He replaced starting goalie Terry Clark with 13 minutes to play and the Bears leading 5-4.

Bear Notes: Turnbull's two goals were the first markers of the regular season for the rookie right winger... Brimacombe now has 47 career goals for the Bears, which ranks him fifth on the all-time team list and only one goal behind former Bear Rick Wyrozub... Saskatchewan beat UBC 7-1 on Friday and 5-3 on Saturday... Kevin McNaught had a hat trick for the Huskies in the first game... Brimacombe was named to the Canadian tour roster of the Olympic Challenge Series... Hodge, Neeser, Turnbull, Rick Swan, and Ray Plamondon each received \$1000 bursaries from the Henry Singer Memorial fund... the fund was initiated by Edmonton Oilers owner Peter Pocklington....

Canada upsets USA in international volleyball

An innocent-looking Craig Buck of the USA appealed to the referee. It was no use. The referee spotted Buck's fingertips on a spike that was going out of bounds.

It was the third game of the final in the Canada Cup of Volleyball. Buck's fingers were too long on that occasion; Canada got the point and went on to win 15-10, and eventually the match 3-2.

A capacity crowd was on hand for the Saturday finale. And they didn't leave disappointed.

The USA started strong, beating Canada 15-6 and seemingly growing more confident.

However, Canada took the second game 15-12, sparked by the smart play of Glenn Hoag. Hoag was effective in blocking serves and hitting around the USA blockers; he used the brush-off and tipped over the wall of Mike Blanchard - Steve Salmons.

Canada took the third game 15-10, as the USA's frustration grew.

The USA stormed out in the fourth game, taking a 13-2 lead. However, Canada gained a psychological edge by gutsy dives and selective hitting by Tom Jones. Canada regained their composure, narrowing the USA's lead. USA won, but by a close 15-11.

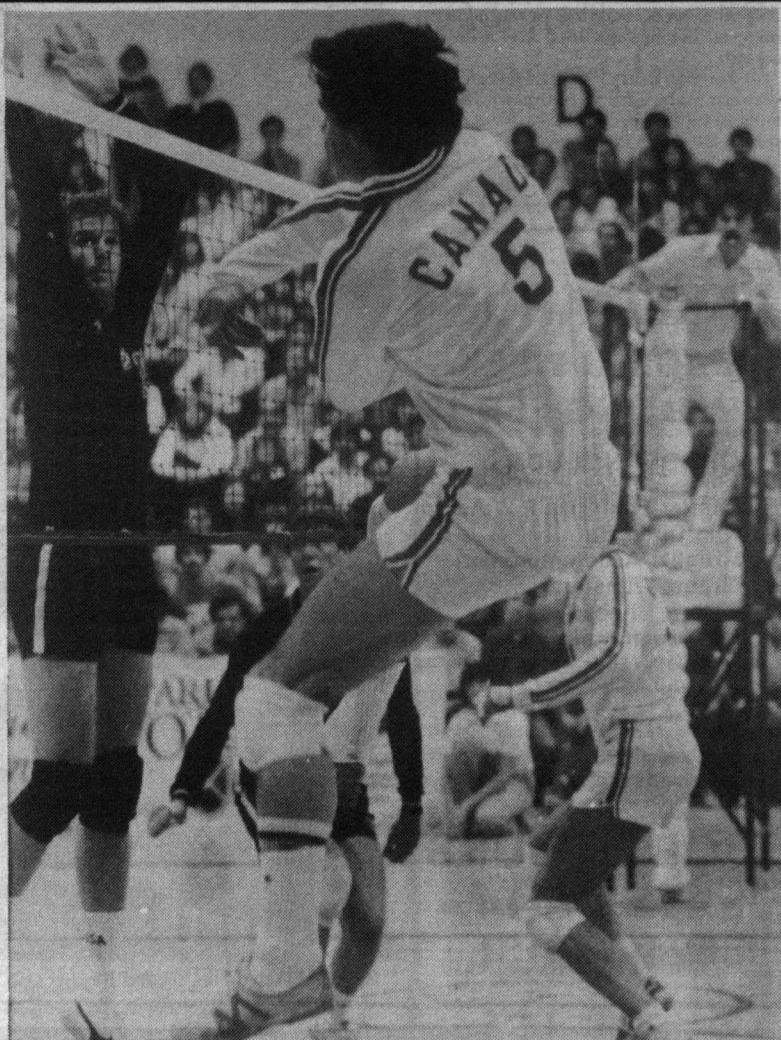
In the fifth game, Canada took an 8-2 lead, changed sides, and continued their inspired play, winning the deciding game 15-7.

Buck was outstanding in the final, making numerous saves and his usual powerful spikes. Salmons also had a good game along with Karch Kiraly. Setter Chris Marlowe was steady and questioned the referee on a number of calls.

The MVP of the tourney was Canada's Paul Gratton. Edmonton's Terry Danyluk was effective in finding the open spots for spikes. On the all-star team from Canada were Hoag and Jones.

Buck and Kiraly were selected from the USA. Al Taylor from Alberta and Japan's Yasunori Kumada rounded out the all-star selections. Japan took third.

Overall, the tourney drew good crowds all week and was well-organized. Canada's win was important, especially considering past matches in which the USA has had the big edge in the win column.



Paul Gratton (5) was named Canada Cup MVP.

Montana visit Saturday

The staff at the Old Spaghetti Factory may be getting more than the usual Saturday night rush this weekend.

The Golden Bears take on Montana Tech and fans will receive a voucher for a free spaghetti dinner. What's the catch? Well, if the Bears win, everyone in attendance will be able to redeem the voucher, which is good for six weeks (until January 20, 1983).

If the Bears lose, then the 2,500 hungry fans can always try their luck at coach Brian Heaney's house.

Obviously, Heaney wants a win. However, Montana Tech will be tough, as they are currently 5-1 in the Frontier Conference and are considered two point favorites.

Coach Heaney says his basketball team is vastly improved over last

season and that the home crowd will make up the two point disadvantage.

"The Free Meal Deal" has been successful in Winnipeg and in Ottawa.

"The promotion filled the house and the fans got their dinners," says Athletic Services business manager Dean Hengel. Hengel was referring to the Old Spaghetti Factory's giveaway at a Jets hockey game and at an Ottawa 67's junior hockey game.

"The fact that this (Saturday's) promotion is new for Canadian colleges, that should spark a lot of interest," says Hengel.

One fan who is making a point of being at the game is the Factory's general manager Bruce McBride.

"You bet I'll be there," says McBride, who will head straight to the Boardwalk should the Bears win.

A bit of advice: Don't all come at once.

Pandas move into top ten

The basketball Pandas moved into the nation's top ten by virtue of a successful outing in eastern Canada. Pandas were 3-1 on the road swing: they wriggled past Guelph 59-57, trounced McMaster 62-32, beat Lake Superior State Soo Lakers 62-50, and lost 68-56 to Laurentian.

Laurentian is ranked number

three in the CIAU rankings this week while the Pandas occupy the eighth spot in the top ten.

U of Saskatchewan is ranked ninth. Pandas coach Debbie Shogan said last week that her team deserved to be placed ahead of Saskatchewan, so someone must have heard her.

Handy Capps miss Fargey/McIntosh

The Chemistry Club Handy Capps finished a less than dazzling season with a brave effort in a losing cause against the Old Scona Alumni.

The Handy Capps dropped a 5-4 heartbreaker to finish the Div. III intramural hockey season with a 1 and 4 record. The team's hopes for a winning season were dashed when all-

star forward Kent Fargey missed the first two games of the season.

Greg Patterson and Prathavan Vankatraman (or 'Pro', as we call him) tried to pick up the slack, but the Handy Capps dearly missed Bob McIntosh, who was lured to France in the off-season.

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