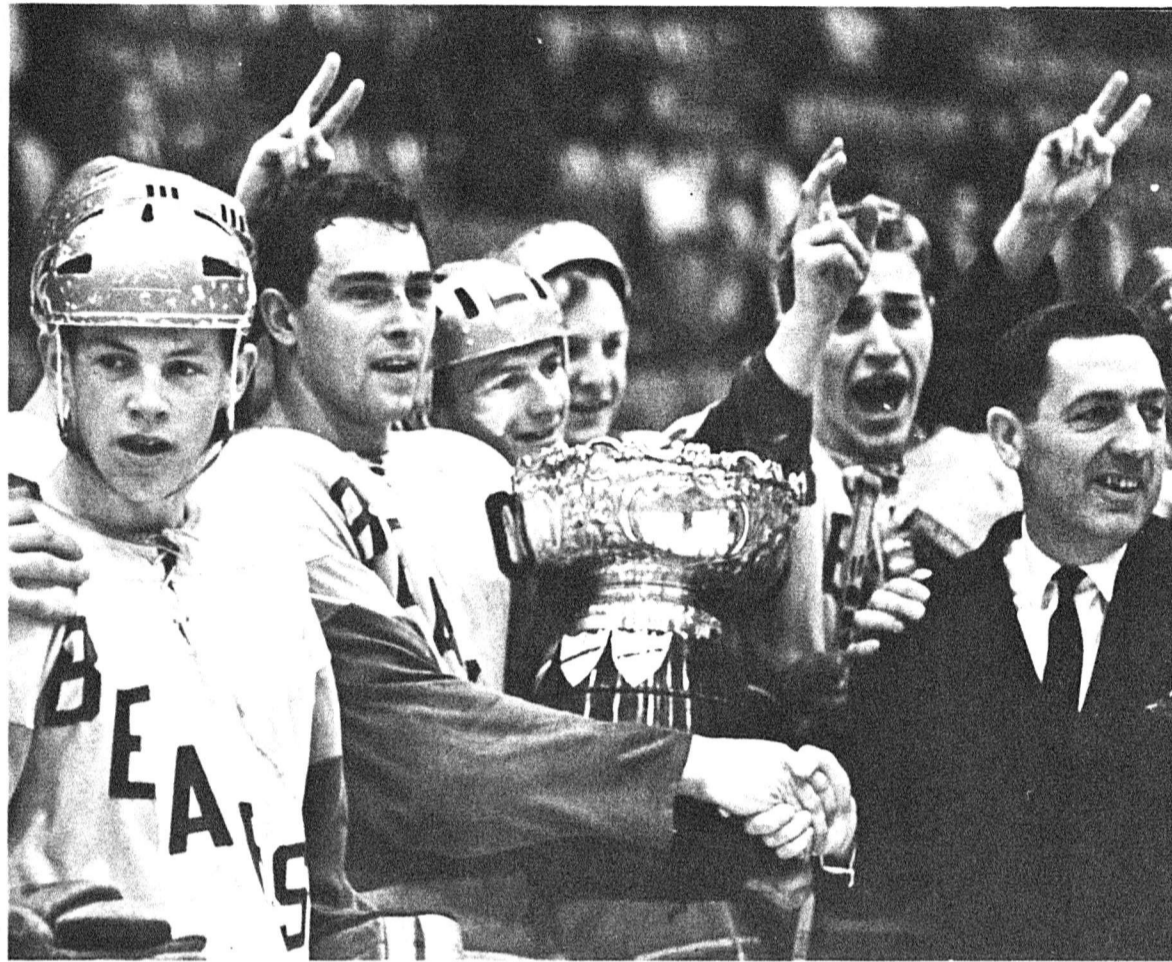


# Bears in Saskatoon to tangle with sled-dogs



LAST YEAR'S NATIONAL COLLEGIATE CHAMPS  
... how will Drake's Bruins fare this year?

## Drake expected to stand pat with two goaltender system

By BOB ANDERSON

It promises to be a busy weekend for Clare Drake and his hockey Bears.

The Bears put their two-game winning streak on the line in Saskatoon this weekend when they tangle with the University of Saskatchewan Huskies.

Bears trail Huskies by two points in the league standings, and would like nothing better than to sweep the series.

The Huskies have a veteran club, with nine players returning from last year's second place finishers. And they have lots of scoring power too. Their top line of Murray Osborne, Ed Hobday and Al Popoff accounted for six of the ten goals that the Sleddogs scored against Calgary last weekend. Popoff alone fired four in one game.

The Huskies also have a potent second attacking unit made up of veterans Wilf Chaisson, Dave King and ex-Bear Steve Kozicki. The three piled up ten points in the Huskies' opening victories against the UBC Thunderbirds.

### QUESTION MARKS

The only question marks on the Saskatchewan roster appear to be on the blueline and in the nets. Only Ron Pearpoint and Dave Duun, both two-year veterans, have returned while rookies fill the other defensive spots. Duun is a doubtful starter, though, having suffered a broken nose in the Dinnie games last weekend.

In goal, the Huskies have rookie Mickey Cugnet a relatively unknown talent. However, such comments were made about the Bears' Dale Halterman last year and all he did was become the league's all-star netminder.

The Bears will skate out onto the freeze at Rutherford Rink Friday night with virtually the same lineup that beat the Bisons twice last weekend. This means that Wayne Wiste, Jack Gibson and Don Falkenberg will skate together, with Oliver Morris between Milt Hohol and Bill Clarke. The third unit will



DON DARLING  
... expected to start

feature Gerry Hornby centering Tom Devaney and Bob Reddick. This line clicked for the winning goal in last week's second game. Don Darling, who didn't make the Winnipeg excursion, will likely be the extra forward.

The defence pairings will be the same with Gerry Braunburger and the robust Mike Ballash working together and Mel Baird and Jim Seutter forming the other combination. Don Manning will be the fifth defenceman. Ballash has been having a great year so far and with his solid hitting should slow the fast-skating Huskies down to a walk.

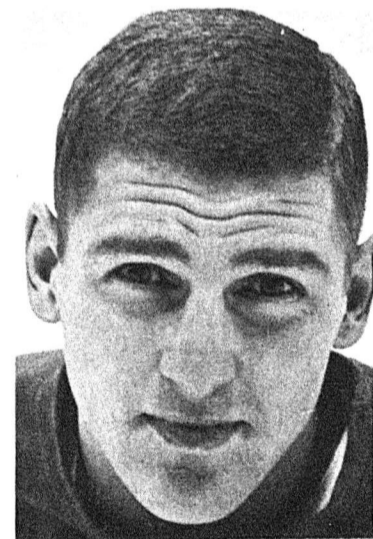
Drake will likely continue to platoon his netminders with Halterman getting the call Friday and Bob Wolfe ready to step between the pipes for Saturday's encounter.

For a few of the boys, the series with the Huskies is crucial in more ways than one. Some are fighting for their jobs. Devaney, a big disappointment thus far, has a lot to prove as does Darling whose poor play in Calgary earned him a place in Drake's doghouse last weekend. Darling has been known to put the puck in the net in the past, but he has been unable to find the range while with the Bears.

Reddick, although he scored the winning goal against the Bisons in the second game, didn't really impress with his over-all play. Nor did Morris, an ex-Ponoka Stamper. However, both have been working hard in practice this week and should be ready.

### WCIAA STANDINGS

	GP	W	L	F	A	Pts.
Calgary	4	3	1	13	15	6
Saskatchewan	4	3	1	22	14	6
Alberta	4	2	2	12	10	4
Manitoba	4	2	2	16	9	4
UBC	4	2	2	20	15	4
Winnipeg	4	0	4	5	25	0



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## Golden Bear soccer squads doing well in city indoor loop

University is being represented by two soccer teams in the Edmonton and District Indoor Soccer League.

The Golden Bears coached by Stuart Robbins of the phys ed faculty, and the Bearcats, coached by Keith Brind, play in the First and Second Divisions, respectively.

The Golden Bears are holding their own with a record of two ties and a loss. The team has acquired some much-needed experience with the acquisition of a few British players studying here on campus.

The Bearcats are having a rather tough time of it but are hoping for some better results soon.

The matches are played in the Kinsmen Field House on Tuesday evenings and Sunday afternoons. Admission is 50 cents per person.

In upcoming games the Bears face the Shamrock Rovers at 2 p.m. this Sunday and the Ital-Canadians at 8:30 p.m., Dec. 10. The Bearcats meet SFC at 1 p.m. Dec. 8.



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