

# sports

## Bears gamble way to top spot

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Alberta 5 UBC 4  
Alberta 3 UBC 2

The University of Alberta Golden Bears finished league play at the Xmas break in benevolent fashion, taking a pair of games from the UBC Thunderbirds and helping themselves to first place in the process.

On Friday night rookie Dave Hindmarch, the son of former long time T'Bird hockey coach Dr. Bob Hindmarch, netted 3 goals and an assist to lead the Bears to a narrow 5-4 win. It broke a T'Bird five game winning streak.

Hindmarch accounted for the first three Alberta goals with Darrell Zaparniuk adding one in the second period to give the Bears a 4-3 margin after two periods.

Ross Cory tied things up for the 'Birds at 7:05 of the third on a

good solo effort. Brian Sosnowski got the winner a little more than a minute later on a rebound from a John Devaney shot. Goaltender Ron Lefebvre for UBC was nothing short of brilliant as he faced 52 Alberta shots while Jack Cummings at the opposite end of the ice looked at only 22. Other UBC goals went to Marty Matthews and Tom Blaney with two.

The T'Birds surrendered three power play goals while the Bears played flawless when short handed. UBC took 10 of 14 minor penalties while Alberta had the only major. T'Bird coach Bert Halliwell felt that that statistic may have been the difference. "We made a lot of mistakes and we made more work for ourselves ... we were missing our best penalty killer (Rob Hesketh) because of a pulled groin he suffered in practice and that hurt us tonight."

On Saturday night, a game



**Collision course;** Bear John Danko collides with a UBC player in one of the more spectacular moments of Saturday's game.



Dave Hindmarch fired three goals Friday night to lead the Bears to a 5-4 win over the UBC Thunderbirds.

for first place, Bear coach Clare Drake took a slight gamble in starting backup goalie Ted Poplawski in the nets. His confidence in the 22 year old rookie was redeemed as Poplawski turned back 30 shots in a 3-2 win over the 'Birds.

"Whenever Ted has played he's played really well," commented Drake after the game. "When you're looking at a big game you might go with experience but Ted has played quite well whenever we've called on him."

Poplawski had all Friday night to think about his task. Drake had told both goaltenders that either of them might start so both were kept in suspense until Saturday. "I found out I was going to start about 5:00 p.m.

today," (Sat.) said Poplawski.

Pressure situations affect some people differently than others, and Poplawski wasn't immune to the pressure in the biggest game for him this year. He not only had to cope with the UBC shooters but with cramps. "I kept getting cramps in my toe. I don't know if it was from nervousness or what ... But it really makes you feel good knowing the coach has confidence in you."

UBC broke the scoring hiatus in the second period when Marty Matthews beat Poplawski with a quick shot to the far corner. Kevin Primeau tied things up with his 6th goal of the year after a faulty clearing pass ended upon the winger's stick. He walked in all alone and beat Lefebvre from close in.

After Jim Ofrim had given the

Bears the lead with a power play goal early in the third Steve DeGroot tied things up with a slapshot after the Bears failed to clear the puck out of their end.

But 22 seconds later Dave Zaparniuk gave Poplawski the Bears all the breathing room they needed when he beat Lefebvre on a partial breakaway as the defenceman draped all over the back. For Zaparniuk it was his fourth goal of the year and he doubled his season goal total last year.

**Bear facts:** Bears have a break from league play in January 7,8 when they visit Calgary. They have 4 exhibition games scheduled in December against the U of Toronto Blue Devils and the U of St. Louis Billikens.

### CWUAA hockey standings

	G	W	L	F	A	Pts
1. Alberta Golden Bears	8	6	2	35	28	12
2. UBC Thunderbirds	8	5	3	36	22	10
3. Saskatchewan Huskies	8	3	5	33	41	6
4. Calgary Dinosaurs	8	2	6	27	40	4

### Pandas splash to victory

In the University of Alberta Swimming Meet held over the weekend in the West Pool, the Pandas swept every individual and team event.

In the 400 medley, Julie DeGroot, Carol Anderson, Cathy Gulayets and Leslie Mann combined for the win. In the 400 style Wendy Bowton, Julie DeGroot, Sandi McEachern, and Cathy Rowe claimed the title for the Pandas.

The Pandas showed steady improvement in individual performances against the Calgary team. The four Dinnies managed six points to the Pandas' 86.

The Pandas' strong showing in this event is a good indication that they'll be the team to beat at the conference this year. Rookie Anne Nelson, with a provincial and international record is a valued addition to the team. Cathy Gulayets, Julie DeGroot and Carol Anderson are promising swimmers from the age group program, will be top performers for U of A in the coming events.

Returning Pandas members Hughes, Sue Hunt, Wendy Kruger, Leslie Mann, Les McKeller and Pam Woodhouse proved the strong base of experience necessary to carry the team to the CWIAU National in the Spring.

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