

## Early goals knockout hustlin' Huskies

by Alan Small  
Bears 6 Huskies 2

Although the Golden Bears hockey club is pretty good on the ice, after this weekend's series with the Huskies, they also showed they could join the circus dodging bullets.

The Bears led after one period by a score of 2-0, but Bear goalie Darren Turner had to come up big on three occasions early in the first period when the Huskies kicked the play. The Huskies dominated play throughout the opening period but goals by Stacey Wakabayashi and Adam Morrison put the Bears up by a couple.

"They outplayed us," Bear head coach Clare Drake said of his team's first period. "They kept us in our own end."

"They came out flying," Bear defenceman Parie Proft said of the Huskies. "We got some lucky breaks. It is a game of luck."

Proft was the dominant player of the three game series, scoring nine points in the three games. His goal in the third period with only five minutes gone virtually cemented the victory.

"He was outstanding," Drake praised. "It was the best combination of three games he's played all year."

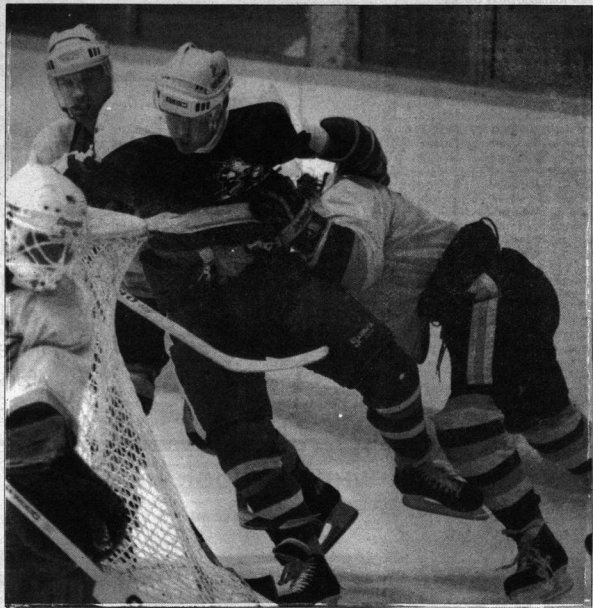
Wakabayashi scored his second goal of the game 44 seconds later to put the Bears up by four. They coasted the rest of the way.

The Bears followed up the lacklustre first period with an outstanding second, outshooting the flatlanders 16-5 in the middle frame.

It almost seemed destiny that the Bears would win the series. The play was just about even, but the Bears came away with an easy four goal victory. It almost seemed the Huskies were snafaked.

"In the third period, (Huskie forward Danny) Leier walks out of the corner, shoots and it hits the knob of Turner's stick," Huskie coach Brent McEwen said. "That typified the kind of game it was."

"I think the effort was there by our guys," McEwen said. "We just didn't score."



The Huskies were no pushovers for the Bears in the CWJAA semi-finals.

Photo Rob Galbraith

The only two goals scored on Turner were on similar plays. The Huskies made it 4-1 when Larry Korchinski slapped a rocket off both goal posts, while Ken Morrison concluded the afternoon's scoring with another slap shot to the stick side of Turner, who had a sensational game, coming off a shaky start in game one of the series. Adam Morrison scored his second goal of the game late in the second, while Jeff

Helland capped off a pretty give-and-go with Jack Patrick early in the third stanza.

It was an impressive come-from-behind series win for the Bears, as a Ken Lovsin goal in the second overtime of game one gave the Dogs the upper hand in the series.

"We got a game here," McEwen said. "It comes down to a final game, we think we could handle them."

The Bears hunt for the Canada West title continues this weekend in Father David Bauer Arena, when they take on the Calgary Dinosaurs in Cowtown. The Dinosaurs fended off the Manitoba Bisons in a pair of 5-4 wins last weekend, the second one being in double overtime. The winner of the best-of-three series goes to the CIAU championships in Toronto at the end of March. The loser doesn't.

### 5-3 win tied up battling series.

## Proft shines on Bear backline



Sid and Dennis Cranston high five over Stacey Wakabayashi.

by Randall Smathers

In a team sport like hockey, it is sometimes difficult to determine who he best player on the ice is. That was not the case on Saturday night, as Bears defenceman Parie Proft dominated both ends of the rink. Proft led the Bears to a 5-3 win over the Saskatchewan Huskies, extending the best-of-three semi-final

to a deciding game. "I'm having fun. It's playoff hockey, and you can't have more fun than playoff hockey. It gets you really pumped," said Proft.

One of the Huskies tactics for disrupting Proft's play backfired. "They're vapping at me. Trying to get me off my game," said Proft. "I'm just using that as positive en-

ergy, keep going at them."

Proft's defence partner on the powerplay, Brent Severyn, was less diplomatic. "I feel they've got no class, actually. They're always doing cheap stuff, picking on guys like Sid (Cranston) and Turk (Darren Turner), the smaller guys. It's a bunch of bullshit it's what it is. It makes a guy mad, but it's the playoffs and you've got to take that and hopefully come out on top."

Severyn's development this year has taken a lot of the load off Proft, especially offensively. Both players were picked to the Canada West first all-star team. Severyn was a little surprised at the honor. "Guys like Parie Proft, Sid Cranston, Stacey Wakabayashi... and Brent Severyn? One of those names just doesn't seem to fit in there. At least I know I'm doing a half-decent kind of job, and that makes me happy."

Proft got assists on the first two goals of the game, setting up first Stacey Wakabayashi, and then Rob Glasgow. He also got the game-winning in the second period. The fifth-year defenceman also had big nights the rest of the weekend, ending up with nine points in three games.

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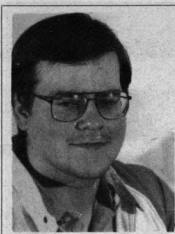
in the league, and he's playing that way," said coach Clare Drake of Proft's work after the second night.

"He had a great game again tonight." The Bears were justifiably confident after Saturday's game. "It took some digging down," said Proft. "I felt we had a good game (Friday) and if we dug a little deeper the bears would start coming our way."

Sunday's game was Proft's last home game as a Golden Bear. He is headed to Europe after graduation, to play there. He has international experience with two Spengler Cup teams and one season with the Canadian Olympic squad. However, like the bulk of the team, Proft has not been looking past Saskatchewan. "When you mention it (leaving the team), I get a few tingles, but I was too caught up in the game. I never even thought of it."

Proft said he enjoyed his role as one of the team leaders. "We've got fifth year guys that are all good leaders. Every guy has taken that role at one time or another this year."

Jack Patrick, Dave Otto, Jeff Helland, Dennis Cranston, and Darren Turner are all in their final year of eligibility as well.



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### Short track O's best bet

Many of the Olympic events were witnessed for the first time by most of the spectators at the Olympic Games in Calgary. In case you have booked your airplane ticket to Albertville, France, here is the judges' scores for the Olympic events. The first mark is for technical merit, while the second is for "presentation."

**Bobsled** — 5.5 4.0 It takes a lot of skill for this sport. The best place to watch it is about a metre away as the sled flies past your face. TV doesn't capture the speed of this sport. Unfortunately, when you are a metre away, you don't get to see the athletes for very long.

**Biathlon** — 5.8 2.0 A very athletic sport. TV helps this sport immensely as you see the skier glide down scenic back trails.

**Cross-country skiing** — See biathlon.

**Curling** — 4.0 3.5 You don't have to be a fine-tuned athlete to win the event: TV speeds up this game by placing commercials at the beginning of ends when all that happens is the peeling of guards.

**Hockey** — 4.3 5.0 The play was second rate compared to the NHL, however, it was the only sport to have a comparison to Wider ice takes away from hitting and allows more figure eights, Boring.

**Alpine skiing** — 4.7 1.5 Pretty dull after showing favorites like Tomba, Zurbriggen, Percy, and Schneider. All the other skiers are a blur. Has the same problems as bobsled. Almost too fast to watch in person.

**Luge** — See Bobsled.

**Ski jumping** — 5.0 3.0 Wasn't great to watch in person after thrill of watching first few jumpers. It does take a lot of skill and courage though. It is a great TV sport but TV should have put more emphasis on jumpers with talent rather than Evel Kneivel clones like Eddie Edwards.

**Freestyle Skiing** — 3.2 1.1 A sport for the hot dogs that ski hacks like myself are envious of when they brush snow in your face. Aerials are neat, but ballet is dumb and moguls will be if they don't give the boat to the judges. Let's make it a race instead.

**Speed Skating** — Long track 5.7 2.0 Although they go fast, it doesn't look that way because they have long straightaways. Racing against clock is dull for television and in person.

**Short track** — 5.7 6.0 Best sport of the Games. Good athleticism fast sport, and a lot of exciting falls. Great anywhere, and southern USA fans will love similarity to stock car racing.

**Figure Skating** — 5.6 0.0 A dumb sport. Too arty for me but since Canada won three medals in it, it's hard to be critical. Ice Dancing is stupid. Even Toller Cranston said it was a joke.