

# Bear magic keeps streak alive

by Darrell Semenuk

Golden Bear coach Clare Drake continued his magic act this weekend, juggling his lines again and came out of the two night stand with two convincing wins over the University of Saskatchewan Huskies, 7-0 and 7-2.

"I'm going for Scotty Bowman's record," chuckled Drake after Friday's game. Saskatchewan never made a game of it in either contest and the Bears coasted to their 10th and 11th consecutive wins.

Kevin Primeau, who fired two goals on Friday (he now has 11) feels the line juggling can be a blessing in disguise. "I think its good. Every given combination can work well. I'm used to it, he's been switching every second weekend."

The Bears led 2-0 after the first period and 5-0 after 40 minutes. Besides Primeau's pair Jim Ofrim also added two markers with singles going to Ted Olson, Frank Clarke and Brian Sosnowski.

Jack Cummings picked up his first shutout of the season blocking 28 shots, Alberta fired 35 at Pat Walsh in the Huskie net.

Coach Dave Smith was less than happy with the performance of his troops who the week before had lost 2 one goal games to the Bears, the first one going into 4 overtime periods. "It was a sleepwalk as far as I'm concerned," said Smith. Drake saw the game a little differently. "I thought we really checked well and put the pressure on them. We tried some different things in our checking system. It worked out real well. I thought the game was closer than the score. The margin on the play shouldn't have been 7-0."

The second game was nearly a carbon copy of Friday's match. The Bears again went ahead by 2 goals after the first period, on goals by Jim Carr and Dave Hindmarch, and led 5-1 after 2 frames.

Olson, Sosnowski and

Clarke accounted for the Alberta markers in the middle stanza that saw the Huskies outshot 20-12. Olson added his second goal of the game, in the third period (his 5th in 7 games) followed by a power play marker by Darrel Zaparniuk. Pat Rooney and Mitch Bozak replied for the Huskies who were outshot 56-26 in the game.

Smith was resigned to the fact that the Bears were just too strong for the Huskies Saturday night. "I think the Bears played well tonight. I'm not all that dissatisfied. The Bears were the best club tonight."

The two losses virtually eliminated the Huskies from playoff contention, dropping their record to 4-12 while Alberta raised its season tally to 14-2.

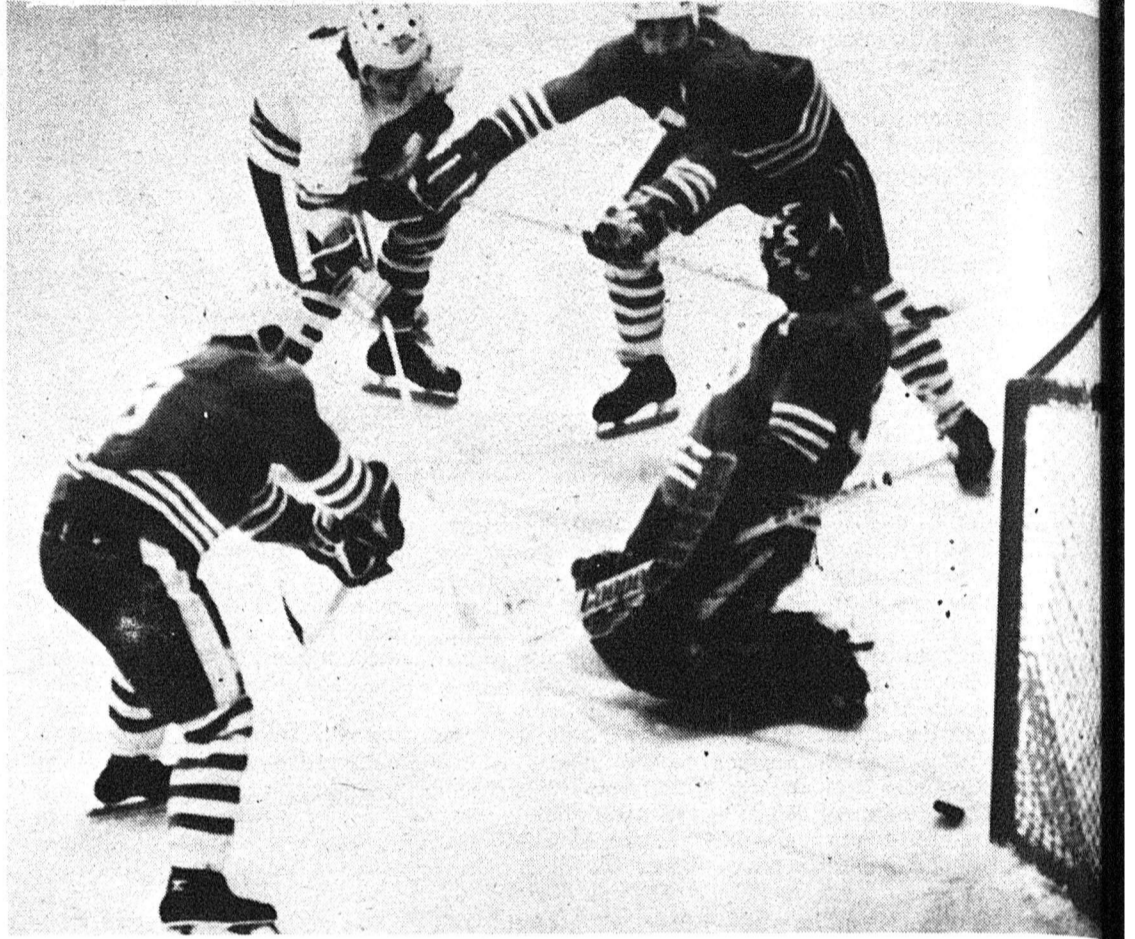
"We thought we might be able to make the playoffs if we had the goaltending," said Smith. "It would be a pipe dream to think we could make it. Let's be realistic. We're not there. We have a chance to determine who finishes 2nd and that's about all."

Defenceman Frank Clarke was the offensive spark plug for the Bears collecting a goal and 3 assists. He had a goal and an assist in Friday's game for a 6 point weekend.

Clarke feels his slow start in terms of point production is nothing unusual for him. "I started out slow last year too. I don't really get going until Xmas." Clarke had 3 goals and 20 assists last year.

Drake was happy with the wins but expected more of a battle from the Huskies. "It wasn't a classic tonight but we played consistent. I think Saskatchewan was lethargic. It looked to me that they weren't pushing too hard and we played along with them. You can't be too critical when you win 7-2."

Ted Poplawski, who played in Saturday's game now qualifies for official league statistics and leads all goaltenders in the CWUAA with an average of 2.00.



Jim Carr failed to score on this shot but the Bears had little trouble denting the armour of the Huskie goaltenders, winning 7-0 and 7-2.

## First place out of reach

by Robert Lawrie

Any thoughts the University of Alberta Pandas had of finishing first this year were dispelled last weekend by the University of Victoria Vikettes. The talented Vikettes swept the weekend series from the Pandas taking both games, 68-48 and 52-40.

On Friday night the Vikettes attacked the running game of the Pandas by playing a slow deliberate offence and a 2-1-2 zone defence. The Pandas remained close in the first half only down 30-24 largely due to the outside shooting of forwards Amanda Holloway and Lori Chizik.

The second half saw the Vikettes start to dominate inside with forward Ronni Hind putting in a strong performance for Victoria. The Pandas, due to poor passing and shooting soon fell

behind with the closest point spread being 11 points.

Lesley Godfrey of the Vikettes was largely responsible for beating the Panda press by feeding off for many easy baskets and dropping in 14 points herself. Shelley Godfrey, Leslie's sister, led the Vikettes with 16 points. Amanda Holloway led the Alberta scorers with 13 pts and Lori Chizik, who was hobbled by a sprained ankle, dropped in 11.

The first half of Saturday night's game emphasized defence. The Pandas pulled their usual full court press back to half court which took away the strong play of Leslie Godfrey. The astonishing fact was that the Pandas did not score until Karen Johnson dropped a basket at 8:08. The Pandas at this point though were only down by 4 as they had held the Vikettes to just 6 pts.

The Pandas played strong defensively and got some scoring support from the backcourt consequently the teams were tied at the half.

In the second half the Pandas were unable to get many good shots and often when they did they missed. Amanda Holloway could not find the range and was held to her lowest total of the New Year, scoring just 8 pts. Karen Johnson led the Pandas with 10 points. The Godfrey sisters, Leslie and Shelley, again played well scoring 13 and 16 points respectively. Marg Mainwaring added 10.

Coach Debbie Shogan reflected "the loss of mobility Lori Chizik really hurt us. Shogan also had special praise for the strong play of Leslie and Shelley Godfrey of Victoria.

## Swimmers finish strong

A select team of swimming Bears and Pandas started off slowly but finished strong last weekend at the Olympian Long Distance Meet held at Coronation pool here in Edmonton.

On Saturday the swimmers had their difficulties adjusting to the long course pool. Glen Carlsen, Doug McNeill and Mark Polet all failed to achieve personal bests in the 200 meter freestyle. Mary Hughes put in a valiant effort in the 400 individual

medley but failed to make her goal of a national qualifying time.

There were some bright spots however. Roger Barron exploded in the 200 free to place second in his heat. Ron New swam strong in the same race as well. But Anne Nelson stole the spot light from everyone. She placed second in the two most grueling races in swimming, the 200 fly and the 400 individual medley. The times she recorded make her an excellent prospect to place well in the C.I.A.U. nationals, to be held in March.

On Saturday the rest of the team followed Anne's lead and produced a string of solid performances. Butck Skulsky, after a disappointing 400 free, showed perfect pact in the 200 breast to place a comfortable third. "That race really built up my confidence," he said later.

Mark Polet, the other "odd man" of the team, also started to put it together in the 200 backstroke with a fourth place finish. Mary Hughes and Helen Mosley placed high in their heats in the 200 breaststroke, and Ron New again churned out a respectable time in the 400 free. Doug McNeill topped off the days proceedings with an excellent split in the 400 free relay, which placed him second overall.

## Ski team wins

The U of A Nordic Ski Team won the top two events at the Camrose Nordic Tournament last Saturday. Joan Osness won the Senior Women's 7.5 km race with a time of 31:33. Tony Lambert took the Senior 'A' Men's 15 km event by a scant five seconds with a time of 57:57.

Other Panda skiers were Claire Rolf, second in 35:13, Charlotte Smith, fourth in 38:02, Cheryl French, fifth in 39:13, and Jean Watt, eighth with 41:37. In the Senior 'B' Men's 15 km race, Paul Marklund was fourth (62:16), Jim White ninth (65:38), Art Whitney tenth (67:48), and Roy Merritt sixteenth (71:58).

## Pandas remain in third after 2nd V'ball meet

After the second Canada-West Tournament of the season the Panda volleyball team retained 3rd place behind UBC and University of Calgary. The tournament was held this past weekend at the U of A.

Coach Val Hunt was pleased with the team's performance. "Except for our first match against Calgary, the Pandas gave their best team performance of the season." Bev Hamilton, tallest member of the team at 5'11", turned in her best effort so far this year and boosted the team in the hitting and blocking departments.

The Panda's performance was all the more pleasing considering they used a different system of offense than in previous tournaments and prac-

tices. "When our primary setter was injured we switched to a 2-setter system and the team just clicked," said coach Hunt. Mary Davis and Debbie Ophus were the relatively untried setters who rose to the occasion.

Final standings at the conclusion of this tournament were:

### Lashuk slated to return

The director of athletics at the University of Calgary, Dennis Kadatz recently announced the decision of head football coach Mike Lashuk to return to the U of C following a one year study leave.

Mr. Lashuk will be studying sports psychology at the University of Oregon in Eugene, commencing July 1, 1977 and will resume his coaching position upon his return.

1. UBC Won 8 Lost 0
2. U of Calgary won 5 lost 3
3. U of Alta won 3 lost 5
4. U of Sask won 2 lost 6
5. U of Vic. won 2 lost 6

The Pandas travel to Vancouver Feb. 11-13 for their third and last Canada-West tournament.

"We expect to make an announcement regarding an interim head coach within the next few weeks," stated Mr. Kadatz, adding that Coach Lashuk would have a great deal of input in making an appointment which would not change the present football program.

An associate professor of physical education, Mr. Lashuk has completed eight years head coach at U of C.