

Bears take rollercoaster ride

by Shaune Impey

Well, it finally happened. The Golden Bears' hockey team suffered their first overtime loss of the season, dropping a 5-3 decision to the visiting Calgary Dinosaurs this Saturday in Varsity Rink. Friday evening, the Bears had blitzed the Calgary squad by an 8-1 count.

For the league-leading Bears, who have managed to stretch at least one game beyond regulation time in each of the last four weekend series, the loss was only the second of the year against nine victories (four in overtime).

After walking all over the Dinosaurs on Friday, the Bears appeared to go into hibernation for Saturday's contest. Coach Bill Moores' squad couldn't put pressure on Calgary and only a pair of goals in the last seven seconds by veteran Jim Lomas prevented the teams from hitting the showers after sixty minutes.

Jerry Bancks was the best player on the ice for either team as the Dinosaurs center scored three times, including both overtime markers. George Gonis and Paul Blayney were other Calgary shooters to beat Alberta netminder Brad Hall, while rookie Rob Daum notched his first of the year to round out the Bears scoring.

Although the Bears outshot Calgary 44-33 overall, many were from long range or bad angles and presented little difficulty for goalie Jerry Farwell.

The Bears seemed to take the Dinos too easy after the cakewalk on Friday evening. A game in which the Calgary team just went through the motions, particularly towards the end of the second period and in the third period when the Bears capitalized on some defensive lapses by the Dinos and scored several suspect goals on goaltender Terry Krycza.

Greg Skoreyko and Joel Elliott scored twice while Lomas, Rod Tordoff, Terry Lescisin and Steve Gagnon tallied once each for the Bears.

Randy Joevenazzo was the only Calgary player to officially beat netminder Hall.

With the Bears leading 1-0 early in the second period, the Dinos scored a goal but didn't realize it. Winger Gary Cummins whistled a slapshot just inside the post that never slowed down as it ripped through the twine of the net. The only witnesses were the viewers in the press box above the goal and Hall who said "the puck was definitely in because I know the sound of the net when I get beat".

Calgary mentor George Kingston stated, "It was very important to come back from our standpoint. Only in a tight game like this can we see the character of some of the kids."

Moores, conversely, was less than excited about the loss, saying, "We're trying to strive for consistency but it's hard to get from an inexperienced team." Next action for the Bears is this weekend when they travel to Saskatoon to try and tame the tough Saskatchewan Huskies.



photo Jim Connell

En garde Canadian ice-devil, prepare to lose!

It's the water

For the Canadian Olympic hockey team it was a shock. For the approximately 1500 interested viewers it was a surprise. For the Golden Bears hockey team it may have been their finest hour (and two minutes and twenty-eight seconds).

The Bears, their ranks bolstered by six members of the Calgary Dinosaurs, outhustled, outskated, outplayed, and outworked a supposedly much superior hockey squad enroute to a 5-4 victory.

The winning goal came at the 2:28 mark of the first overtime period (sudden death as opposed to the Canada West rule where the first period is played in its entirety) off the stick of rightwinger Jim Lomas. He rapped home a Chris Helland

rebound to produce the well deserved victory.

Olympic (and former Bears') coach Clare Drake said his team was "a little sluggish" and "didn't get exceptional play from any one area". He cited a four week period from October 16 to November 11 when the team played no games and went on an extensive training program as one of the reasons the team's game timing was off. It may have been the wrong thing for us at this point in time but I think it will help us in the future."

The Olympic team's next games come up later this week as they tangle with the American team in an attempt to avenge a pair of earlier defeats at the hands of the southerners. Games go Wednesday, Friday and Saturday in the Calgary Corral.



photo Brad Keith

Bears had problems pressuring Calgary goalie Jerry Farwell.

Mat men meet : Bears bow out

by Krus Shenad

Devastating is the key word to describe the defending Canada West Wrestling Bears. Two weeks ago they captured 6 to 11 weight classes at the Rocky Mountain tournament in Calgary by compiling an impressive 81 point total. Their nearest rival was the U of C with 40 points.

In spite of winning six out of 11 matches, Barry's team lost to Lakehead U last weekend. Lakehead is ranked in the CIAU top three.

Still, the meet was not entirely disappointing, because Al Harmon, Earl Binder, Scott Tate and Pierre Pomerleau pinned all their opponents.

The grapplers are facing injury problems early in the year with last year's captain, "Fingers" Yurick, recovering from knee surgery and "Horse"

Reynolds suffering from cracked ribs. Fortunately, however, the depth seems to be prevalent this year for the first time, as veterans Glenn Purych, Adrian Marr, Geoff Owen and Shaun Homstrom proved by easily winning their weight classes in Calgary.

Barry was especially pleased with the performance of his rookies in Calgary. Vern Fleury pinned all five opponents at 142 pounds and was perhaps the outstanding surprise to date. Tom Rozak is also a pleasant addition to the team's roster as he easily won the 220 pound division.

The only obstacles that stopped Al Harmon and Manc Landry from winning their weight classes were Ron Moncur and Bob Eklund, Calgary's defending CIAU champions.

If the Bears can capitalize on their bench strength, they will be powerful this year. At Christ-



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Bears did not suffer serious defeat to Lakehead but scoring system helped.

mas, three Bears stars will join the lineup: Scott Tate, Jr. Pan American and Canadian Champion, Pierre Pomerleau,

C.I.A.U. Champion and Sid Thorowsky, bronze medallist in the 1977 Jr. World Championship.

The U of A will be travelling

to Vancouver this Friday to face UBC and SFU in a dual meet. SFU always presents a challenge and will let the Bears know where they stand in the nation.