

# Defence shines as Bruins take two from Dinnies

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"Well," a tired and sweaty but obviously satisfied Bryon Baltimore quiered in the Golden Bears' dressing room late Friday night, "is the defence still the weakest part of this team?"

The sophomore rearguard was referring of course to the strong showing he and his fellow blueliners Steve Carlyle, Brian Middleton, and Len Brulotte had made in helping to defeat the visiting University of Calgary Dinosaurs by a 6-2 count just a few minutes beforehand. On Saturday night these four, along with Paul St. Cyr, played only slightly below their previous night's form as the Bears coasted to a 5-1 victory over the same Dinnies.

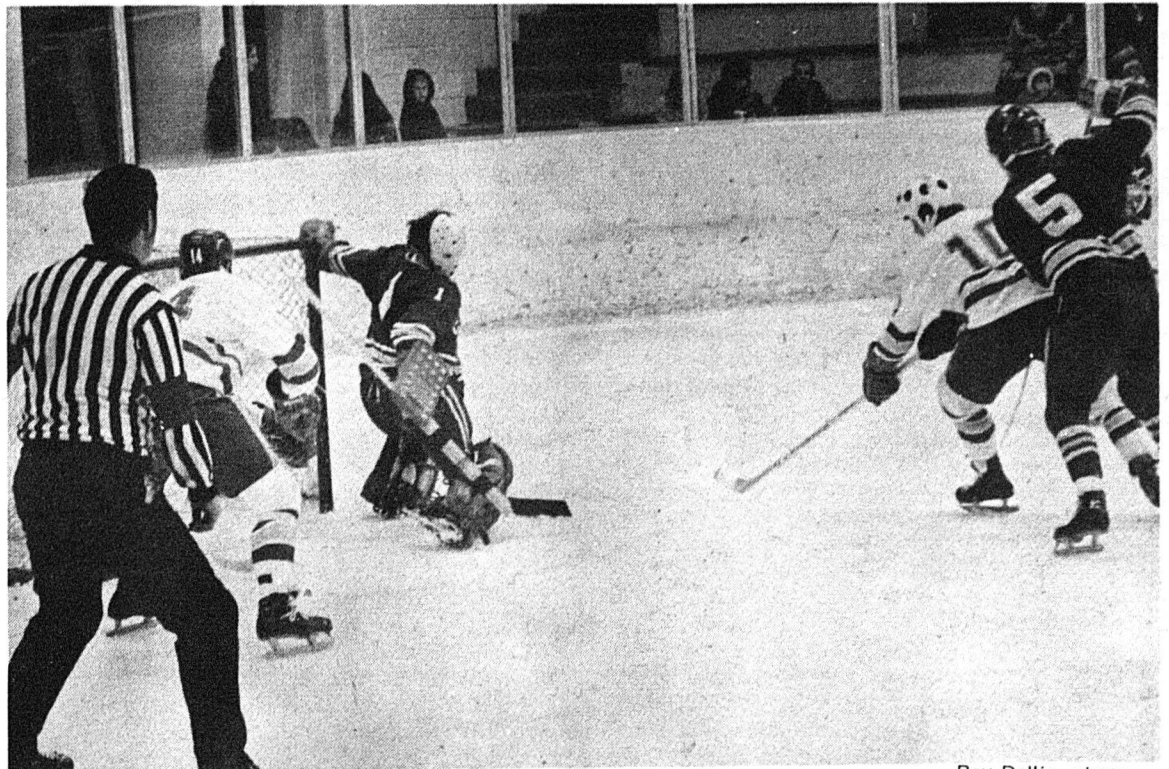
While it must be conceded in the interests of fairness that Calgary did not display the form which might have been expected from their largely veteran team, and that one weekend series definitely does not a season make, Baltimore certainly had a point. For although the defence hardly played faultless hockey over the weekend, their efforts were far and away their best so far and undoubtedly satisfactory for this stage of the season. By and large they eliminated a number of the glaring mistakes which have been in evidence throughout the exhibition schedule; they covered their men in front of the net, talked to each other, made crisper, more accurate passes, and generally handled themselves with some measure of confidence. The brilliant Carlyle was, of course, simply tremendous; opposition forwards simply didn't have a chance against him on one-on-one situations. And Baltimore himself may have been the most pleasant surprise of all. During the pre-season games he appeared at times to be awkward, confused, and unsure of himself, but on Friday and Saturday nights he skated well, passed with accuracy, and used his good size to considerable advantage, dishing out good body checks at both ends of the rink. Coach Clare Drake has already stated that if the Bears are to enjoy a successful season they will need an aggressive performance from Balty on the blueline.

And while defence provided surprising strength, the forwards continued to display their offensive might. On Friday night, big Jack Gibson

maintained his familiar role as leading Bear goal scorer, counting twice on backhands from in close. The first came with only five seconds left to play in the first period and tied the score after Calgary winger Steve Richardson had opened the scoring only 26 seconds into the game on a low screened shot which Bear goaltender Barry Richardson saw only after it was too late to make any effective move for the puck. Gibson was in alone on Dinnie netminder Dave Margach, but missed the net with his shot and then crashed into the end boards; getting back up on his skates very quickly, "Jake" picked up the puck behind the net, brought it out front, and fired it past Margach. His second marker, early in the second stanza, came on a pass from the point from Brulotte and gave the Bears the lead which they held for the rest of the game. Also in the middle period, Clarence Wanchulak scored on a good slapshot while playing the point on a Bear powerplay, and Dave Couves deflected a low point drive by Brulotte high into the Calgary net for the fourth Bear goal.

The lone Dinosaur goal of the period and their last of the game was on outright fluke, with Steve Richardson again scoring. The Dinnie forward dumped a soft shot in the direction of the Bear net as he crossed the Bear blueline but goalie Richardson played the puck very carelessly in attempting to sweep the puck away with his stick without the standard goalkeeping precaution of backing up the stick with the body. Unfortunately the usually reliable Richardson must have been casting covetous glances in the direction of some attractive feminine form sitting in the stands somewhere, for he fanned completely with his stick and the puck slid gently across the goal-line. It was hard to tell who was the most surprised Richardson or Richardson!

But if that goal is worth forgetting, then the two scored by the Bears in the third period are equally worth remembering, for one won't see prettier goals anywhere, even at an Oil King game, and everyone knows they play the best hockey this side of the N.H.L. On the first goal, with the teams playing four aside, Carlyle picked up the puck beside the Bear net, carried it the length of the ice, cut around the two Dinnie defenders that he had fooled into anticipating an attempt to split



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ALWAYS HUSTLING, ALWAYS HARRASSING OPPONENTS

....Dave Couves(10) unleashes shot at Dinosaur net

them, and then fired a low, hard backhand past Margach on the far side. It was a picture goal, a great individual effort, and certainly not one to be easily matched. Not unless your name is Bill Moores that is.

Flying into the Calgary end at top speed Moores took a good pass from linemate Gerry Hornby, mesmerized Calgary defensive stalwart John Jenkins with some fancy stickwork that made the Dinnie defender look like he was collecting participation points for the Engineers "Z" team in intramurals, and then proceeded to teke goalie Margach halfway into the bus waiting outside Varsity Arena to carry the Calgary players back to their rooms at the Riviera Hotel before depositing the puck safely in the back of the Calgary goal.

In Saturday night's game the Dinosaurs again managed to open the scoring, this time on a beautifully timed breakaway pass from defenceman Terry Brown in the Corner beside the Dinnie net up to Frank Richardson at centre face-off circle, catching the Bear defence momentarily napping. Richardson took the pass in full stride for the clear breakaway and gave Golden Bear goaltender Jim Coombs little or no chance with a good move on the deke. It was an excellent play all around, about the only one the disappointing Dinnies made on the ice all weekend, although an obviously awe-struck Alberta coed was overheard mentioning between periods that the Dinnies did make some sharp passes and dangerous offensive thrusts at their party at the Riv after Friday night's game. However, she also mentioned that they couldn't score there either!

Naturally the hockey Bears are a more serious minded lot, confining their activities to either studying or playing hockey. For the rest of Saturday night's game they did a reasonably good job of the latter. The defence overcame the temporary lapse to play another strong game, Coombs turned back what few chances they did allow and the forwards found

the range for five goals in two periods. Marcel St. Arnaud tied the score in the first period from a wild scramble in front of the Dinnie net, capping a great forechecking display by the "Horse" and linemates Randy Clark and Dave White.

In the second session the Bears counted four unanswered markers to sew the game and the series up. Cal Botterill and Randy Clark both capitalized on sloppy Dinosaur defensive play around their own goal, Carlyle scored on a good wrist shot from the point on a powerplay with Rob "Weasel" Wright in the penalty box for some gross violation of hockey etiquette, and Moores finished off another pretty passing play with Hornby.

The third period was a rather boring twenty minutes of play as both teams appeared willing just

to play out the clock with only the minimum of exertion.

So after the first weekend of W.C.I.A.A. hockey action the Bears find themselves sharing first place standing with U.B.C. which predictably crushed University of Victoria Vikings in two games. In other league action, the Saskatchewan Huskies and Winnipeg Wesmen split a pair of games and the Brandon Bobcats served notice that they will probably be a force to be reckoned with this season by halving their series with the always powerful Manitoba Bisons. The Golden Ones will get the golden opportunity to continue atop the league and fatten their scoring statistics this coming weekend when they fly to Victoria to play two games against the weak-sister Vikings.

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aggressive 1-3-1 zone, the Bears prevented Quance from utilizing the short hooks that are his prime method of scoring points.

The contest was the third straight WCIAA loss for the Dinnies who earlier were defeated in a two game set by the University of Victoria. This fact was undoubtedly important in producing the determined effort that the Dinnies displayed in Saturday's game.

The main factor, however, was the 25 point performance of guard Garry Elliot. Elliot, who sat out Friday for discipline reasons had an early hot hand as he scored 16 of his points in the first half. His effort enabled the Dinosaurs to build up a 34-26 halftime lead.

The second half saw the Bears tie the count at 38-38, but the northern cagers were unable to establish a lead. For the remainder of the game the score see-sawed and with 34 seconds remaining the Dinnies led 55-53. On thier last offensive drive the Bears missed a shot and subsequent foul sent Bill Lathrup to the line where he put the game away with two free throws.

Dan Quance with 10 points followed Elliot in the Dinosaurs offensive attack. For the Bears, Marty Lyons hooped 24, with Bob Morris and Tom Solyom each adding nine points.

An account of this two game series without mention of the superb play of Marty Lyons would be an unforgiveable oversight. Lyons was the dominant figure in the weekend competition; his 39 point performance led all scores, but more impressive was his skill as a rebounder. Battling the taller Quance, Lyons plucked off 18 rebounds Friday and 12 on Saturday.

His ability to control the game at certain intervals was equally inspiring. In Friday's contest the Dinnies came within three points of catching the Bears, but a basket by Lyons, followed by an elbow swinging rebound he stole from the grasp of Quance, enabled the Bears to initiate another offensive pattern which produced a score that ended the Calgary surge.

In Saturday's competition the Bears trailed 34-26 at the half, but Lyons came out and pumped in the Bruins first 10 points and 12 of the first 14. This outburst tied the score and provided an entertaining final few minutes.

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