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Eskimos, Bears sling at Keg

If you drop around to the Keg 'n Cleaver tomorrow (Wednesday) evening, you'll probably notice that the shapeliness of the legs on the cocktail-bearer aren't up to standards.

Don't be alarmed. The cocktail "waitress", and the waiter at your table, and probably the dishwashers and "hostesses" as well, will be members of the Edmonton Eskimos or the Golden Bears

football teams, and the purpose of their temporary employment at the Keg is to raise some money (through wages and tips) for a very good cause.

Throughout the football season, and for a good while before, the Golden Bears have carried, as all clubs do, a number of players who might fill in for injured starters, or find a regular spot if a weakness is apparent in a given area.

But many of the players, though they work five days a week in practice, and may dress for home games, have never had the benefit of a Bears road trip, since CIAU rules allow only 28 players for away games.

Eskimo players like Tom Wilkinson, Dave Cutler, John Konihowski, and Tom Towns, as well as members of the Bears, hope to raise enough money to allow ALL the Golden Bear players to make the trip to Vancouver for the last game of the CWJAA regular season on November 7th.

All you have to do to make it a successful venture is to show up at the Keg, on 8220-105 Street, and enjoy a fine eating experience at reasonable prices.

Regular prices and regular hours. See you there.

Bears no danger to Pioneers

by Cam Cole

Denver 5-Bears 4 (O/T)
Denver 5-Bears 3

What everyone wanted to know was how a university team from Canada (in this case, the national champions) would do against a traditionally strong U.S. college hockey club.

Unfortunately, they'll have to wait till another time for the answer, because the Bears' two losses to Denver University Pioneers last weekend are no indication at all.

True, the Pioneers came out ahead on the scoreboard in both cases. And, yes, they were well deserving of the pair of victories.

But Bears, who were cautiously optimistic of their chances en route to the Mile High City, were guilty of turning in, overall, probably their worst two-game effort in the past couple of years, skating and shooting so poorly for the most part, that they would have been hard pressed to beat last year's Saskatchewan Huskies.

There was little in the Bears' performance to inspire coaches Abbott and Behm.

The team's shooting, in particular, was horrendous. As a whole, under 50% of shots taken by the Bears were on goal, but the Bears' attack reached its peak of futility in the 5-3 loss Saturday, when Alberta enjoyed an immense territorial advantage in play, but could only get 38 of 81 attempted shots on target. By contrast, Denver scored five times, taking only 55 shots, but hitting the net on 33 of them.

Bears' power play was equally ineffective. While Denver capitalized on two of three man-advantage

situations, Alberta scored just once in eight powerplay opportunities Saturday, and actually only averaged somewhere between one and two shots on goal per two-minute Denver penalty.

The Pioneers' hustling, non-positional style of hockey was very different from the rather defence-oriented, strict positional hockey the Bears usually face in Canada, and the change seemed to upset the Albertans, who were coughing up the puck in their own zone with alarming frequency.

Nor was it only the rookies making the mistakes, though theirs were the costliest. Experienced veterans were inexplicably making mental errors (and poor passes) they wouldn't normally make.

Surprisingly, Bears' steadiest player of the series was not a returnee, but rookie rearguard Randy Greg, whose puck handling and alertness were a rare highlight of Bears' lost weekend.

Another ray of hope was Alberta's spirited comeback in the series opener Friday.

After two sluggish periods, the Bears found themselves down 4-1, as goaltender Dale Henwood was having trouble with the puck in the Alberta goal, and his opposite number, ex-Edmontonian Jim Bales was enjoying great success stoning the Bears at the other end.

In the third period, the Green and Gold did an about-face. Henwood was unbeatable, and consistent pressure finally netted Bears goals by Randy Lemay and Jim Ofrim, and the tying marker by Clark Jantzie at 18:52, his second of the game.

Two other Edmonton natives, Alex Belcourt and Jim Miller, as well as Gordon Gibson and Jim Anderson had tallies for the Pioneers.

Nearly everyone but the public address announcer thought the game was over when the third period ended, and the 3543 noisy Pioneer fans had to scramble back to their seats when sudden-death overtime was announced.

The extra session was fairly evenly played until the seven-minute mark, after each team had weathered a penalty, when the Pioneers caught Alberta in the middle of a defence change, and took advantage of the lack of a centre red line by passing to Chad Campbell, standing all alone at Bears' blueline.

Campbell's breakaway was foiled with a fine save by Henwood, but Mark Falcone easily potted the rebound, spoiling Alberta's come-from-behind effort.

Bears' heroics in the third period Friday made them doubly confident they could handle the Pioneers in the rematch, but it was not to be.

After a well-played but scoreless first period Saturday, Alberta went quickly in the tank, partly due to officiating, but mostly on glaring defensive lapses by the Bears.

An unquestionably mistaken interference call on first-year defenceman Ken Yaremkevitch early in the second period gave Pioneers a man advantage which DU's Lindsay Thomson capitalized on less than a minute later.

Then, a giveaway by Bears' Blair Burgess in the Alberta zone resulted in Denver's se-

cond goal, a screened shot by Craig Roehl which slipped by Alberta netminder Craig Gunther.

57 seconds later, Dave Robinson walked in all by his lonesome and banged in his own rebound, after Gunther made the original save.

That three-goal outburst really won the game for the Pioneers, even though Bears nearly made a game of it with Darrell Zaperniuk's powerplay goal in the second period, and Oliver Steward's quick backhand early in the third, reducing Pioneer's lead to one goal.

The chance slipped away for good, though, when Bears' Frank Clarke handed the puck to Falcone, who beat Gunther on the ensuing breakaway.

DU's Thomson made it 5-2 a couple of minutes later, and Jantzie, on an unassisted effort, rounded out the scoring.

Pandas cruise to victory

by Darrell Semenuk

They didn't exactly wear out the scoreboard Saturday night when the Pandas had their first taste of action against T.B.A.

Despite hitting on only 25% of their shots, the Pandas came away with a 48-26 victory over the reinforced city team coached by Brian Edgar. One of the reasons is that T.B.A. shot an even worse 20%.

Pandas out rebounded their weaker opponents 34-27 and held an even bigger edge in turnovers, giving up the ball 36

times compared to 49 turnovers for T.B.A.

The Pandas started off cold, missing their first 8 shots and falling behind 6-0. They quickly tied things up with Deena Mitchell driving to the hoop for 2, Amanda Holloway laying one up with an assist from Karen Johnson and then Karen herself hitting for 2. From then on it was just a matter of waiting for the Bears game to start.

By her own admission coach Debbie Shogan thought it wasn't a very good basketball game. She commented on what was obvious to the 200 or so fans who took in the game. "We need to work on our shooting, we're 10 to 15 percent below what we should be." (shooting pct.)

She was happy about one individual, and that was rookie guard Karen Johnson, who is probably the best athlete on the squad, and in Shogan's words "has good floor sense".

Karen had 6 points on the evening as did the always steady Deena Mitchell. Nora Way led all scorers with 14 points, hitting on seven of twenty. Only five players shared in the scoring for T.B.A. with ex-Panda Cathy Moore leading the way with 12.

The team wasn't even listed as T.B.A. in the one page program because the person making up the program thought they were joking so they were reborn as the Edmonton All-Star, a misnomer if ever there was one.

Pandas led 20-14 at the half and it possibly could have been by more if not for a few missed layups.

Coach Shogan promised they met again at mid season. Pandas would win by 40 points. Even if they called themselves the Alberta All-Stars. Pandas travel to Calgary this weekend for more exhibition action in the WIT tournament, involving five other teams.

Soccer Bears 1/3 of the way there

The Golden Bears Soccer Team took a big step towards a possible CWJAA Soccer Championship on Saturday when it defeated the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon, by a score of 4 goals to nil. The game was played in poor conditions, with wet snow on the field, which made accuracy, control and turning very difficult. But the Bears mastered the conditions very well, and also managed to come out of the game without any serious injuries.

Coaches Gerry Redmond and Geoff Salmon were very pleased with the result after the game. The only note of caution was the fact that all the Bears' goals came in the first half, and both coaches were a little disappointed that the Bears couldn't score in the second half. However, as Redmond pointed out, "A win is a win, and the Huskies to their credit never give up."

During the pre-game meeting at the hotel, the coaches had asked for an early goal and the Bears got off to their best start of the season with a goal after only 30

seconds! Frank Tassone passed from mid-field to Matteo Piscopo on the right wing - the first move of many for the Italian Connection - who beat two defenders before crossing the ball to Doug Potiuk who scored from 10 yards with a good shot.



Doug Potiuk

Only 5 minutes later Potiuk struck again. A good pass from Glenn Murphy in the center-circle found Potiuk on the edge of the Huskie penalty area, and he turned and gave the goalkeeper no chance with another good shot.

Five minutes later the Bears had their third goal when Doug

Potiuk cut inside and passed to Ian Franks about 20 yards out from the goal, who scored with a well-placed shot. Franks also earned the admiration of the crowd with his ball control in the difficult conditions and according to coach Redmond, "Played a real Captain's role in our victory today."

After 30 minutes the Bears were unlucky not to score again when Glenn Murphy ran into meet a corner from Matteo Piscopo and headed the ball just wide of the far post. Just before half-time, veteran Tom Schmidt, in his last season with the Bears, scored with an excellent drive into the far corner on an errant clearance from another Piscopo corner-kick. Coach Salmon was very pleased that the four goals had come from a forward, a mid-field player, and a defender. "This is the sort of attacking philosophy we must have," he said afterwards.

Both coaches felt that all the Bears played well and that the team has some real depth. Doug Potiuk was obviously a stand-out, with 2 goals and an assist and the coaches feel that he is a key figure in the Bears' chances against U.B.C. (the

National Champions) and U. Victoria next weekend. Piscopo also posed questions for the Huskies defenders, aided by the ever-alert Terry Kindrat, Defenders Schmidt, Geoff Bird, George Lovell and Bill Mc-Conkey had matters under control at the back.

But both coaches reserved most of their praise for little Frank Tassone, also in his last season for the Bears. "Frank was asked to fulfill a special role in the game for us today, and he did all that was asked of him. He's a great competitor and an asset to any team," said Coach Redmond, while Coach Salmon also praised Tassone's qualities in complimentary, but unprintable terms. It is obvious that Frank Tassone will also be an important factor in the Bears' future Tournament chances.

Now the Bears have four days to prepare for their biggest challenge: to beat U.B.C. and U. Victoria in the C.W.U.A.A. tournament to be held here this coming Friday and Saturday.

In other CWJAA soccer action on the west coast, the University of Victoria defeated the defending national champion U.B.C. by a score of 4 goals to nil.