

Horns not a pretty sight in Bear shutout

by Ajay Bhardwaj
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The Lethbridge Pronghorns should have stayed away from Varsity Arena on Friday night. They should have mailed the Bears the two points. But they did show up and so did the Bears. And it wasn't a pretty sight as the Golden Bears mauled the Pronghorns 13-0.

"Lethbridge looked a little sluggish tonight... it was a combination of them not skating too well and our guys (playing) with a lot of enthusiasm and (making) some good offensive plays," said coach Clare Drake. Stacey Wakabayashi opened the scoring 3:19 into the game when the puck took a funny bounce off the end boards. Lethbridge goalie Dave Clearwater was caught out of position for what proved to be the game winner as Wakabayashi went to the backhand and put it upstairs.

But it was Sid Cranston, the game's third star, who stole the show. Cranston scored twice and added five assists to do the bulk of the scoring. He agreed with Drake saying, "they (Lethbridge) didn't seem like they were too prepared for the game and we came out and played disciplined... and capitalized on our breaks." Drake had high praise for his offensive leader (for the game and for the year). "Sid Cranston had an exceptionally good game as his points attested to," said Drake. Defenceman Parie Proft continued his fine offensive play scoring once and adding four assists to earn second star status. "It's the second half of the season and there's no more time for learning, we have to perfect things... there can't be anymore let ups," said Proft. "We're getting ready for the playoffs." It seemed as though Proft was talking about making war preparations.

If Cranston and Proft were lighting up the scoreboard, then Darren Turner was shining in net for the Bears. Although he faced only 17 shots, Turner did make some great saves when he was called upon. "That's the job out there," said the senior, who was the first star. "What you gotta do is keep your head in

the game which is tough to do in a game like this one."

Drake emphasized that the Bears played well defensively. "The last two weeks we've worked on the defensive part of our game in our end... our objective is to keep the other team down to eight shots a period," said Drake.

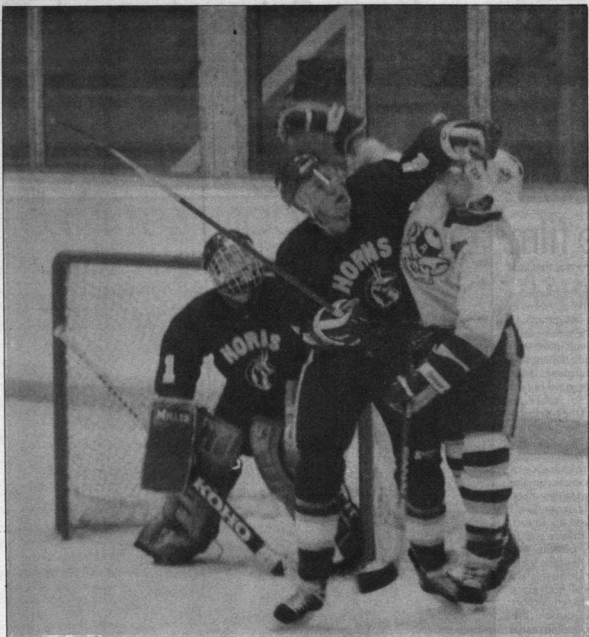
The Bears played well physically to help the defensive part of the game. "It slows the other team down," said Proft, "and against a team like Calgary (who the Bears play on Feb. 5) you get to slow them down because they're so quick. That's the way we'll be successful." Bears' defenceman Brent Severyn, arguably the most physical player on the team, had a robust game along the blueline. "They're a chippy team, and a dirty one too," said Severyn. "You have to keep going into the corners physically."

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The Bears held period leads of 5-0 and 9-0. They reached double figures at the 4:31 mark of the third period when Todd Stokowski scored. The Bears tormented Lethbridge goalie Dave Clearwater with 36 shots on goal, many from close range. The Pronghorns were never in the contest.

BEARTRACKS: Due to poor weather conditions and poor opponents, only about 120 people were in attendance... Forward **Jeff Helland** was clipped under the mouth for a couple of stitches during the 2nd period. "It (the cut) was done by a guy I know," said Helland... The Bears continued to set a torrid pace on special teams scoring twice in 7 chances on the powerplay and killing all of the 7 man-advantage situations for the Horns.



The Bears swept the Pronghorns in two games, by scores of 13-0 and 11-2.

Photo: Dave

were drafted by NHL teams, why haven't any of the Canadian teams shown any interest in any CIAU players? There are plenty of talented players in this league.

Over the past few years the one knock on juniors is that they were thrust into a starting role for a team in the NHL too early. They have not been allowed to develop and, instead of becoming a dominant player like they were expected to be when they were drafted, these juniors often become borderline players. But if a player were drafted from a university team he would be developed, physically, mentally, and technically in all aspects of the game.



There have been a few CIAU players who have gone on to play in the NHL. Randy Gregg and Mike Ridley come to mind immediately. But compared to the number of players playing in the NHL from the NCAA, it seems as though the CIAU has not received much attention from the NHL. Chris Chelios and Joe Nieuwendyk are two NCAA players who have made good in the NHL.

Arguably, Gregg and Ridley are as good as Chelios and Nieuwendyk. But there are more players coming in from the NCAA than from the CIAU. The knock against CIAU players is that they are too small or too slow or not too well developed technically. However, according to one NHL scout the draft is a crapshoot after the fifth round anyways. So the NHL teams should give these players a chance even if they are drafted in the later rounds.

So maybe the NHL should give CIAU players a little more respect and draft them.

Golden Bears lose Trojan War

by Carolyn Arney

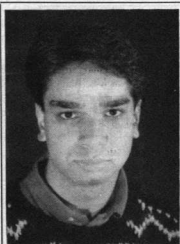
On Saturday the Bears swam against the University of Southern California Trojans and were defeated 71-24.

In spite of the apparent mismatch, the Bears put in some excellent swims. Coach Dave Johnson was quite satisfied with the meet. "It was a very positive experience. We need the exposure to teams of this calibre to develop into the quality team that we are capable of becoming."

Johnson was especially pleased because several swimmers qualified for the CWUAA Championship and that both Scott Flowers and Harry Taylor won their best events.



Flowers won the 400 m free in 3:57.00, Taylor won the 800 m with 8:04.20 and placed 2nd in the 400 m free with 4:01.74. Dave Goodkey took a 2nd and 3rd in the 200 m free (1:53.71) and 100 m free (53:12) respectively. Scott LeBuke earned 2nd in the 200 m Individual Medley with 2:09.51. Third placings were turned in by Sam Sim (24.91) in the 50 m free, Darwyn Rowland (2:20.59) in the 200 m backstroke, and Tom



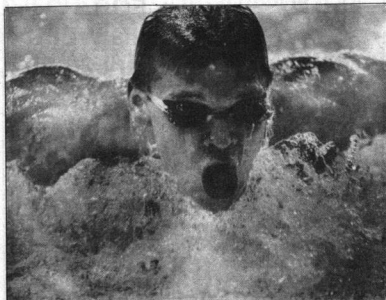
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NHL doesn't look at CIAU

I'm tired of hearing about the North Dakota Fighting Sioux or the RPI Engineers and their great hockey programs. Sure they turn out good players along with the rest of the NCAA hockey schools. And they will continue to develop fine hockey talent for a long time to come.

However, it seems to me that in the search for the best available players, the NHL has looked everywhere extensively but one place. It has looked to Sweden, Finland, the Soviet Union, even West Germany and Scotland, of all places; it has looked to the Junior leagues, the Senior leagues and even obscure leagues like the ACHL (Atlantic Coast Hockey League). But the NHL has ignored the CIAU.

That the NHL has ignored the CIAU is largely the fault of the Canadian teams. Most CIAU players now in the NHL or bound for the NHL have been drafted by American teams. Bret Walter, a Golden Bear forward, is headed for the Rangers. Rob Glasgow was drafted in the 9th round by Hartford. If these two forwards



The Bears were beached by USC 71-24.

Photo by Rob Galbraith

Evans (4:07.19) in the 400 m free.

Executive Manager John Hogg for the Bears was very pleased that the Trojans could come to the U of G this weekend. "It fits right into this season's program," Hogg said. Post-Christmas competition for the Bears began with UBC, the Washington Huskies and, this weekend, the Trojans. Next weekend the Bears will swim in the CASA Winter Nation Championships, followed

by a duel with the U of Calgary which are the current national champions.

This progressively difficult schedule will prepare the Bears for the CWUAA Championships in late February. This year will be the first year that swimmers must qualify to swim in the Western Championship meet. According to Hogg, "the qualifying times are difficult to obtain, especially for the men."