



**JACK GIBSON BLASTS SHOT IN BEARS' 4-3 WIN OVER CALGARY EARLIER IN SEASON . . . will scene and result be repeated this Saturday?**

## Tie ends Bear-Monarch series

**Bears 4, Monarchs 4**

SHERWOOD PARK — Bill Clarke just sat there in the dressing room and held his head in his hand.

The Bear veteran had just missed two glorious scoring opportunities in the dying seconds that would have given his mates their first exhibition win over the Edmonton Monarchs this season.

As it was, the two clubs battled to a 4-4 tie in a game that had its exciting moments in the new arena here before 1,000 on-lookers.

Clarke rattled a shot off the cross bar at the 19:20 mark with Monarch goaltender Jim Knox beaten, and then missed a wide open net on Bob Devaney's rebound with four seconds showing on the clock.

"It's not just bad luck," he

fumed after it was all over. "Just bad hockey on my part. They should have gone in."

Linemates Bob and Tom Devaney also missed good chances in the third period, as the Bears had things all their own way.

Ron Tookey, Jack Braun, and ex-Bears Jim Seutter and Milt Hohol tallied for the Alberta Hockey League Monarchs, while Clarke, Bob Devaney, Mike Ballash, and Harvey Poon replied for the Bruins. Poon's marker gave the Bears a 4-3 lead with three minutes left. Tookey squared matters 20 seconds later.

The result left the Monarchs with two wins and two ties in the four games played between the clubs this season.

Dale Halterman for the Bears and Barry Richardson and Knox for the Monarchs each blocked 36 shots.

## Gymnastics

VANCOUVER — It's amazing what a change of scenery will do for an athletic squad.

Sunshine and green grass will bring out the best in any performer.

The University of Alberta gymnastics team came out on top in a meet with UBC here this past weekend to atone for a losing performance the week previous in Billings, Montana.

The Albertans ended up with 126 points to UBC's 91 and notched four more first place finishes than the coast squad.

Coaches Geoff Elliott and F. Tally were not especially pleased with the overall performance and indicated that difficulties still have to be ironed out in preparation for the WCIAA championships in Victoria on February 21.

# Puck Bears, Dinosaurs set for crucial battle

By Bob Anderson

Unlike their namesakes, the Dinosaurs of Calgary are very much alive these days.

Alive, that is, in the race for first place in the Western Canada Intercollegiate Hockey League.

However, since the Golden Bears also have designs on said spot, the road to the top could turn out to be a bit rough for the Calgarians.

The clubs clash in the Stampede City Saturday with the winner taking first place and with it the right to home ice should it get by its semi-final round.

Bears edged George Kingston's crew 4-3 at Varsity Arena back in November in league play after the southerners had won three and tied another in four exhibition encounters.

In the November contest, a late goal by Milt Hohol in the last minute of the first overtime session was the margin of victory after the locals had blown an early 2-0 lead.

"There's no doubt about it," Bear coach Brian McDonald reflected yesterday. "If we've had an important game this season this is it."

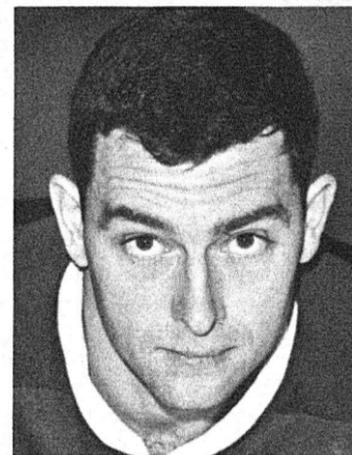
McDonald will go with virtually the same lineup that disposed of Winnipeg Wesmen and Manitoba Bisons here last weekend.

However, the return of captain and act defenceman Gerry Braumberger will mean that either Harvey Poon, Dave Couves or George Repka will sit this one out.

"I plan to dress five defencemen," McDonald said, "something I haven't been able to do on road games this season."

WCiHL rules permit a club to dress 15 players plus two goaltenders, but McDonald has dressed only 16 on road games so far because of financial reasons.

Line combinations will remain intact with Bill Clarke, and Tom and Bob Devaney forming one unit (they combined for eight goals between them on the weekend). Gerry Hornby will centre



**GERRY BRAUNBERGER**

. . . back in action

Sam Belcourt and Jack Gibson, while Couves will work between Oliver Morirs and Don Falkenberg.

Although he hasn't come right out and said it, McDonald will likely go with Dale Halterman between the pipes. The three-year veteran was outstanding in the previous Calgary contest, and has turned in two solid performances against Manitoba, here and in Winnipeg.

Halterman has a 3.28 goals against average in seven games while Bob Wolfe, the other netminder, has an average of 2.00 in six games and has collected two shutouts.

On the other side of things, the Dinosaurs haven't exactly been impressive in recent games. They were downed 5-2 by the Bisons two weeks ago, were upset 2-1 by the Wesmen on home ice a week ago and barely got by the Manitobans 6-5 in overtime last Saturday.

However, with the advantage of home ice in Foothills Arena and the rabid Calgary fans, the Dinnies will make things tough.

At least three busloads of Alberta fans are expected to take in the game which gets underway at 8:30 p.m.

Meanwhile, the WCiHL has announced that admission will be charged for the semi-final series between the Bears and the Bisons slated for Varsity Arena Feb. 20, 21 and 22 (if necessary). Tickets will cost students \$1 per game and adults \$1.50.

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