



Bob Anderson ... one man's opinion

Success has not visited Dale Halterman too often in the past year or so.

The pudgy puck Bear netminder, in his third year with the club, will be the first to admit that his play all season and up to this point this season has been spotty at best.

Halterman, who two years ago was probably the biggest reason that the Bruins won the Canadian College Championships in Montreal with a rookie squad, tailed off the following year and was plagued with inconsistency.

It's significant that this tailing off coincided with the then coach Clare Drake's decision to platoon Halterman with Bob Wolfe who was returning after a year off.

Both goaltenders were unhappy with the decision, but still managed to finish one-two in the netminding race.



Dale Halterman

"A goalie needs work and more work to remain sharp," says Halterman, "and one game a week just isn't enough to keep the fine edge."

"If we had been playing a 40-game schedule or so, then it would be great to have a rest once in a while."

When the end of last season came, both Wolfe and Halterman were thinking about quitting if the other came out for the club.

There were no hard feelings on either side, but rather a keen desire to play as much as possible.

Nevertheless, both men came out for the team earlier this fall, and as expected, each won a goaltending berth. But what wasn't known was whether rookie coach Brian McDonald was planning to switch goalies on a game-to-game basis, or whether he would name a number one man.

McDonald alternated the two throughout the eight-game exhibition schedule as well as in the first two league games in Brandon and Saskatoon.

Wolfe allowed three bad goals against Brandon University, while Halterman was solid in the Saskatchewan contest.

McDonald finally hinted last week that he may be thinking about a one-goalie system when he said that he would go with the man who was "hottest at the moment."

Hence, Halterman got the call Friday night against the University of Calgary Dinosaurs in one of the key games of the year.

The Vermilion native responded with an utterly fantastic game, robbing Dinnie snipers at almost every turn. His best sequence of stops came early in the second period when two consecutive penalties forced the Bears to play shorthanded.

Then there was the save with one minute left in regulation time and the score tied. Calgary winger Dave Smith walked in all alone, only to be foiled by Halterman on a quick shot to the corner.

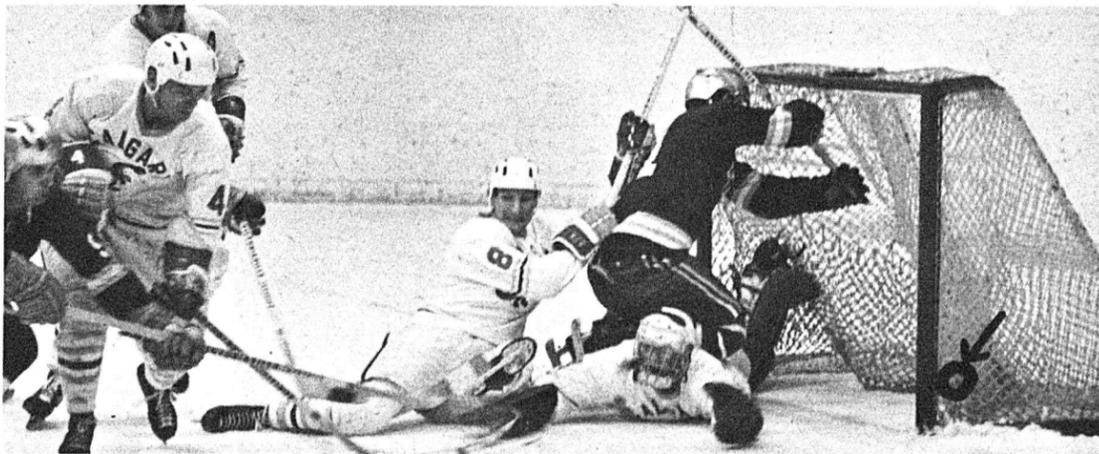
One game doesn't necessarily tell the whole story. But if Halterman gets his confidence back and keeps on playing well, it could be a long wait on the bench for Bob Wolfe.

Bruins clamp halter on Dinnies



Bear Oliver Morris (9) eyes rebound off Dave Margach (1)

—Chuck Lyall photos



... then moves in to stuff puck into cage for goal that tied game 3-3

By BOB ANDERSON

CALGARY 3, BEARS 4 (OT)

Milt Hohol has done it again.

And for that matter so have the hockey Golden Bears.

Hohol exchanged his goat horns for a hero's role and the rest of his teammates came up with their second overtime victory in three starts nipping the Calgary Dinosaurs 4-3 Friday night at Varsity Arena.

The Bears defeated Brandon Bobcats last week also in an extra session.

Friday's win left the Albertans at the head of the pack in the Western Canada Intercollegiate Hockey League with a record of 3-0. Calgary is now 2-1.

It was only poetic justice that Hohol should fire the winning goal at 9:10 of the overtime session and thus redeem himself in the hearts of the 2,645 onlookers.

The fiery three year veteran had incurred their wrath throughout much of the game—while taking

three minor penalties plus a totally senseless misconduct call in the second period which forced Coach Brian McDonald to juggle his line combinations.

But Hohol was in perfect position to pick up a lead pass from Al Cameron and made no mistake in stuffing the puck past Calgary goaltender Dave Margach from close range.

The game was probably the most exciting contest seen in Varsity Arena in a long time. Both clubs had glorious scoring opportunities go by the boards, and it's surprising that an overtime session was needed at all.

Both Margach and Dale Halterman of the Bears came up with outstanding performances. Halterman, named by McDonald to start in goal instead of Bob Wolfe, was particularly great with the Bruins shorthanded. Indeed, he was the one person who prevented George Kingston's Dinnies from ending matters with but 50 seconds left in the contest.

Calgary winger Dave Smith found himself in the clear at the Bear blueline, but Halterman sprawled across the goalmouth to kick out his labelled drive to the corner and send the game into overtime.

Margach, too, came up with a hot hand in the dying moments, stopping Sam Belcourt twice while far out of the net.

Jack Gibson got the winners off on the right foot early in the first period, as he knocked in Bill Clarke's rebound after the shifty Bear centre had made a nice move to shake himself loose at the Calgary blueline.

The goal came at the 7:04 mark and climaxed a Bear power play with Calgary rearguard Darryl Maggs off with a major for butt-ending.

Oliver Morris, with the first of two markers, made it 2-0 midway through the second. Once again it

was Cameron who set things up, this time with a long lead pass at the Dinosaur blueline. Morris made no mistake from ten feet.

The Dinosaurs got a break with but three seconds remaining in the period when sloppy Bear clearing allowed Frank Richardson to tip in a John Kinsman shot from the point to put the Dinnies right back in the game.

Ex-Bear Gordon Jones, evened things up at 8:51 of the third session, also on a power-play to send the game into overtime.

Bob Beaulieu, who had scored both the tying and winning goals in Calgary's winning effort against Brandon last week, gave the Dinnies the lead with one minute gone in the ten-minute extra frame.

Morris brought the huge crowd to its feet four minutes later, knocking the puck past a sprawled Margach while being crashed to the ice by a Calgary defenceman.

Enter Hohol and it's all over. Margach was kept busy throughout the evening blocking 46 Bear thrusts, while Halterman handled 30. Bears were assessed eight of 15 penalties.

Elsewhere in the WCIHL, Brandon won its first of the year, stopping Saskatchewan Huskies 5-2, while UBC Thunderbirds hammered Victoria Vikings 13-1.

The game was the last league fixture for the Bruins until January 9. The club has two exhibition encounters scheduled against the Edmonton Monarchs on Saturday at Varsity Arena and next Monday at The Gardens.

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Winnipeg	2	0	12	6	4	1.000	½
UBC	2	1	24	12	4	.667	1
Calgary	2	1	13	11	4	.667	1
Manitoba	1	1	16	12	2	.500	1½
Brandon	1	2	14	14	2	.333	2
Sask.	0	3	6	15	0	.000	3
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