

# Bears put GPAC on ice

by Shaune Impey

It was once said "the more things change, the more they stay the same."

The Golden Bears' hockey team picked up right where they left off last season as they swept their home opening series this weekend in Varsity Rink.

This year's edition of the Green and Gold, which has more rookies than veterans for the first time in several years, came out shooting from both hips as they gunned down three different opponents from the neighboring Great Plains Athletic Conference (GPAC).

On Friday night the hapless Winnipeg Wesman were the victims as they blasted 11-1 by the high flying Bears. Winnipeg opened the scoring midway through the first period on a breakaway goal by Craig Robillard. Veteran Dale Ross replied for the Bears just twenty-three seconds later and from then on it was strictly no contest. Greg Skoreyko, showing no effects from recent injuries, led the slaughter with three goals while Chris Hellend, Danny Arndt, Terry (sorry about the spelling last time) Lescisin, Michael Broadfoot, Joel Elliott, and Brad Schneider contributed singles. Ross also picked up three assists as did rookie blueliner Dunc Babchuk. Alberta out shot Winnipeg 45-19 and the teams split eight minor penalties.

Saturday's game was a near replay of Friday's contest as the Bears scored four times in each

of the first two periods enroute to a 9-0 whitewashing of the Lakehead University Nor'westers.

The Arndt-Lescisin-Helland line did most of the damage collecting twelve points. Arndt, who is a rookie in name only, had three goals and a pair of assists with Lescisin scoring once and adding three helpers. Helland had three assists.

Newly appointed Captain Larry Riggin provided the offense from the blueline with a goal and three assists. Elliott, Lomas, Skoreyko and Broadfoot scored once each for the Bears. Ted Poplawski and Brad Hall combined for the shutout as the Bears outshot Lakehead 50-19.

The toughest test for coach Bill Moore's Bears came on Sunday afternoon as the battle weary squad tangled with the Manitoba Bisons.

The veteran Bison team - they have 17 returning players - played a tight game and combined with the fact it was Alberta's third game in three days led to a scrumbly contest and some weird goals.

The first strange one was scored by Manitoba midway through the first period to open the scoring. Defenceman Daryl Eirarson's screen shot hit Poplawski's pads, went up in the air over the goaltender's head and bounced off his back into the net. Goals by Lomas and Hellend however, on close in rebounds, gave Alberta a 2-1 lead after twenty minutes. Garnet "Ace" Brimacombe upped

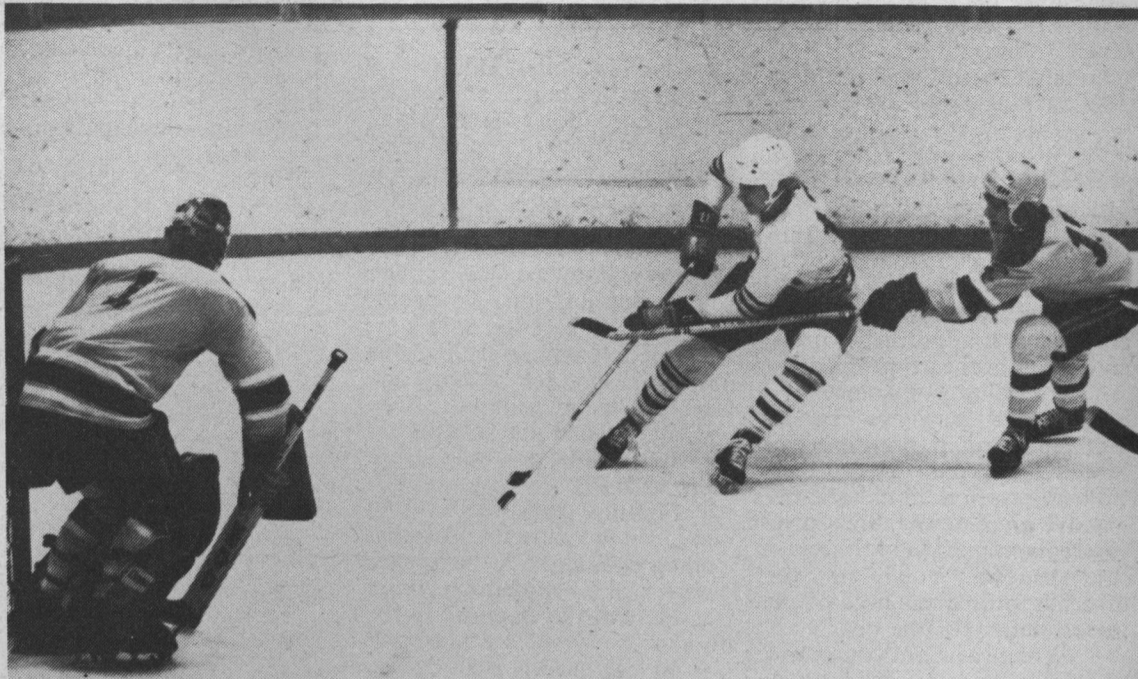


photo Rick Lawrence

Manitoba provided Bears with toughest opposition. Still, Bears won 4-2.

the margin to a 3-1 with what proved to be the winning goal at 14:39 of the second period. Ace moved out from the Manitoba corner of the rink and using Skoreyko as a decoy fired a hard wrist shot over the shoulder of the Bison netminder. Manitoba came within one again by scoring late in the period. Rick Loeb outmuscled Bears' defenceman Bruce Rolin in the corner and his pass was fed by Kelly Durnin to Bob Lafreniere breaking into the slot who beat Poplawski with a hard slapshot.

The third period featured good goaltending at both ends of the ice and it took another

strange goal to clinch the victory for the Bears. Dunc Babchuk made a rink long rush from behind his own net and slid a one-handed shot into the Bison goalie who steered the puck into the skates of one of his own defencemen who then proceeded to direct the puck into his own net.

Alberta outshot Manitoba 29-28 and sat out five of nine minors.

Moore said he was quite pleased with the weekend performances especially since he had been "a little leery about Manitoba because I knew they were better than Winnipeg and

Lakehead."

He also stated that "we're starting to move the puck more fluidly" and that the "team coordination" is starting to come around.

Manitoba coach Andy Bakogeorge said he wasn't too disappointed because "it was our first game of the year (no exhibition games) and we had the chance to win."

For the Bears the next action is this weekend when they continue their interlocking schedule with the GPAC in Brandon and Regina.



Stirling Reg Sampson finds Ma's car useful for "just a few errands".

photo Debbie Jones

## Xmas comes early

by Bob Kilgannon

How can you describe it? Snowing? Yes, it was snowing. Blowing? Yes, it was blowing, and cold too. That was the weather Saturday in Saskatoon as the Golden Bears lost their second straight game, 23-6 to the U of S Huskies.

The field was horrendous . . . The game started almost an hour and a half late to allow snow removal. They used a front end loader that worked on the field's sides, but in the middle the loader took most of the turf with the snow. That left the field in a real mess before the game even started.

Once the game finally got underway the weather and field conditions, along with the Saskatchewan Huskies, conspired to turn it into a miserable day for the Golden Bears. Not until their last possession of the first half did the Bears have the ball in Saskatchewan territory, and even then they only got as far as the Saskatchewan 52.

The defense came up big however, allowing the Huskies only 13 points. First Jim Manz scored on a one yard plunge at 7:19 of the second quarter. A couple minutes later, halfback Gene Wall broke for 68 yards and a touchdown on an excellent run. During the first half the defense stopped the Huskies time and again in their own end of the field. Linebacker John Urschel recovered a fumble, Gord Syme intercepted a pass, and cornerback Robin Lawrence recovered another fumble, all of which snuffed out Saskatchewan drives.

Defensively the Bears continued to handle the Huskies in the second half, allowing only a

25 yard field goal by Paul Hickie in the third quarter. Saskatchewan's other points came on a fumble by Sean Kehoe that linebacker Cal Maj returned for the major score. The play was an attempted screen pass to Kehoe who did not appear to have control of the ball before Maj picked it up. All in all, a very questionable call by the officials.

The Golden Bear offense was plagued throughout the game by turnovers and inability in any one drive, to move the ball for more than a couple of first downs. Forrest Kennerd started at quarterback, but had trouble and was intercepted twice before giving way to Jamie Crawford early in the second quarter. In defense of Kennerd it must be noted that he had to deal with a flu bug as well as the weather and field conditions.

Crawford, a rookie pivot from Montreal, played quite well considering the conditions, his rookie status, and inexperience. He led the Bears to their only touchdown, a five play 70 yard march. Crawford himself scored a two yard dive. The attempted two point convert failed.

The victory for the Bears came on Friday night when they

learned that the Calgary Dinosaurs defeated the Manitoba Bisons 24-12. The loss by Manitoba means that the Golden Bears will represent the U of A in post season football action for the first time since 1972. Manitoba and Calgary can still tie Alberta with 4-4 records. However, the Bears get the playoff nod by virtue of a better record against the other too.

The last regular season game next weekend in Vancouver will decide first place and home field advantage for the playoffs. The Bears must defeat UBC by more than one point (the amount that UBC beat the Bears by earlier in the year) to finish first and gain the right to hold the playoffs here. Should they lose UBC would finish first and host the playoff game between the two teams.

### Bear Facts

The Bears were plagued by turnovers Saturday with eight, six interceptions and two fumbles.

Ingo Hentschel hurt his knee quite seriously in the second half. The extent of his injury will not be known until Tuesday after he undergoes exploratory surgery.

## Vvvroom, screech!

by Debbie Jones

The family living in the large house with cast iron gates on the western outskirts of Edmonton may have been perplexed Sunday - with good reason.

For three hours an odd assortment of cars screeched to a stop outside their house. The young occupants would jump out, run to the gate, and salute. After waiting for a few minutes, they would consult a piece of paper, then roar off again.

The owners of the house were not to know that they were just another on a long list of misleading clues, blind alleys and checkpoints, as members of the University of Alberta's Co-Rec Car Rally vied for first place.

The theme of the event was "The Wild West," and one of the instructions was to "get out and

salute General Custer at the iron gates," then "wait for a reply."

Eleven cars participated in the Intramural department-sponsored rally.

First place winners in the 50-odd mile competition were Steve Dawe's "Plan B" Weasels. Team Toyota, with Harvey Brauer and Maya Woen came in second; and "Car 6", with Bob Kitz and Anna Fodchuk, placed third. Despite being "Car No. 1," the Gateway representative placed fourth - and just missed winning a meal at Shakey's Pizza, which donated three prizes.

Organizers Jay Granley, Margo Methuen and Carol MacNaughton were pleased that the rally was such a success, and that everyone enjoyed the three hour event.

### Yardsticks

	Saskatchewan	Alberta
First Downs	11	8
Yards Rushing	325	91
Yards Passing	8	156
Total Offense	333	247
Passes Attempted/Completed	1/7	11/32
Fumbles/Lost	3/2	2/2
Interceptions	6	2
Punts/Average	11/35.7	12/36
Penalties/Yards	6/60	9/45