Dino Kriller star of opener

by Ajay Bhardwaj Alberta 4 Calgary 2 (Bears lead series 1-0)

With their victory on Friday, the University of Alberta Golden Bears put the visiting University of Calgary Dinosaurs on the brink of extinction. And their goalie, who blocked 33 of 35 shots, was held as a 'Dino Kriller'. Throw in Todd Gordon's superb performance and you've got the makings of Revenge of the Golden Bears.

"They beat us out last year, eh. We owe 'em one," said Gordon.

"It's been building all year against these guys (the Dinosaurs)," said Krill. "I felt I was ready when I stepped on the ice and so were the rest of the guys."

The Bears certainly were ready, as captain Sid Cranston missed a chance to put the Bears on top less than four minutes as he missed on a wraparound. But after killing off two penalties, the Bears finally hit the scoreboard.

Playing on a one man advantage, Doug McCarthy made it 1-0. Just 47 seconds Gordon made it 2-0 and Varsity arena was bedlam.

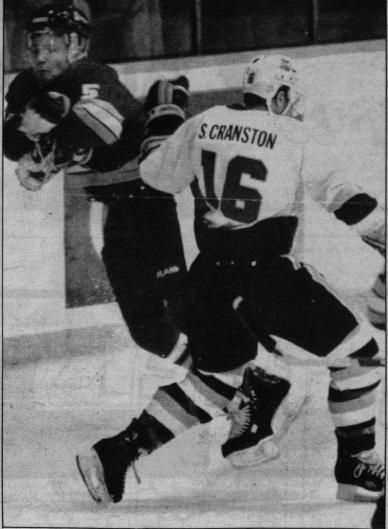
"I got kind of lucky," Gordon said of his one on one encounter.
"He (the defenceman) looked down for the puck and I slipped it between his legs and went around him. The goalie had been down on my two other breakaways, so this time I went around him."

The Dinosaurs didn't quit. They outshot the Bears 17-11 in the first period and pulled to within one goal when their leading scorer, Barry Bracko, scored at the 16:12 mark

Calgary threw everything at the Bears in the second period, outshooting them 14-7. They even had a two man advantage for 1:11 but failed to score, as Krill came up with three big saves. The Bears received a standing ovation from the loud crowd as they killed the penalty.

"We played a really solid second period," said Calgary assistant Drew Remeda. "We took the play to them. If we had scored on the two man advantage the game could have been different. We tried to get a three-on-one down low but Cranston (who was one of two Bears playing high in the triangle) wouldn't take the bait."

The Bears just tried to hold on in the second period. "They were getting a lot of shots," said coach



Dino badboy Ryan Fox misses this check on Bear captain Sid Cranston.

Clare Drake. "We hung tough — Krill played well."

But when the Dinosaurs scored to tie the game at 2:36 of the third period, Varsity Arena became quiet all of a sudden. According to Krill, though, Randy Seib's goal was the goal which may have changed the game. "When they scored we started to hit and check," he said.

Less than six minutes later, at the 8:20 mark, Wes Craig scored the winning goal. Craig was left all alone in front of Dinosaur goalie Peter Fry. He received a pass from Gordon and directed it in.

Dave Hingley, who played another feisty game for the Bears, felt the third goal really changed the game. "It must have been the third goal," he said. "It put the game away for us. The whole team really wanted to forecheck but we didn't get it going till the third" period.

Cranston closed out the scoring with 4:50 to play, firing a shot over Fry. It was a fitting end to

the game as Cranston had been knocked down earlier and slid hip-first into the Calgary goalpost. He got up to the chants of 'one tough Bear' and put the Dinosaurs away.

Calgary 2 Alberta 4

1st Period
1. Alta. McCarthy 4 (Cranston, Wakabayashi) 12:37 pp
2. Alta. Gordon 1 (Craig, Bozek) 13:24

3. Cal. Bracko 3 (Jones) 16:12 Penalties: Hingley, A 4:53, Yewchuk, A 8:51, Sceviour, C 11:16, Klassen, C

2nd Period

No scoring Penalties: Alberta bench (served by Craig) :00, Tarasuk, A 3:16, Tarasuk, A 6:16, McCarthy, A 6:57, Fox, C. Ingalls, C. Wiebe, A 9:54

3rd Period 4. Cal. Seib 1 2:36

5. Alta. Craig 3 (Morrison, Gordon) 8:20 6. Alta. Cranston 3 (McCarthy, Wakabayashi) 15:10 Penalties: Fox. C, Paradis, A 17:12

Shots on goal

CAL 17 14 4 -33
ALTA 11 7 13 -3
Goalies: Fry. C, Krill, A



Stacey Wakabayashi (L) and Dino Doug Quinn (R) get taken for a ride by Tony Fairfield.

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