

4—0 Bears back to face T-Birds

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by Alan Small

The Golden Bears hockey team has cruised through the first four games of its 28 game schedule so far in the 1988-89 season. Their games this weekend against the University of British Columbia Thunderbirds look a lot tougher than a cakewalk however.

"UBC will be our biggest test so far," said Bear head coach Clare Drake, "they had a good weekend against Regina. Any team that scores 11 goals in one game has to be a concern."

That the T-Birds can, as the 2-2 westerners beat the Regina Cougars 11-1 and 7-6 in their last outing. Their 26 goals in four games is third only to the two undefeated teams in the Canada West conference, Calgary and Alberta.

The Bears are in a different



league in all of the offensive categories this year however. They are averaging 10.5 goals per game. On the power play, they have scored 13 times already, giving them a 54.2 percent power play success rate.

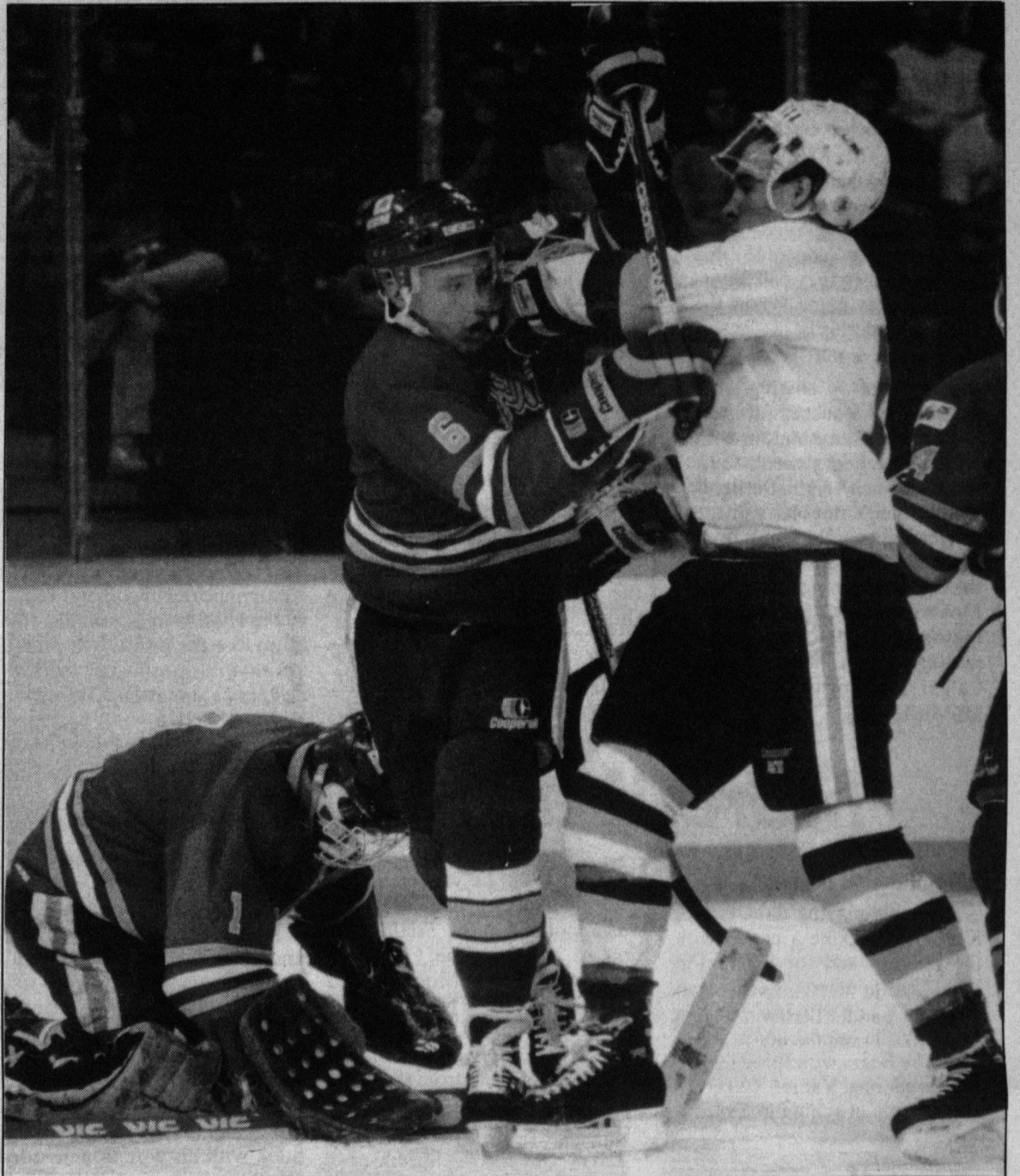
"Our special teams have been doing a good job for us," said Drake, "we really have a good mix of players to use."

The defence has put up impressive numbers in the first seventh of the season. Only eight pucks have ended up in Bear nets so far this season.

"We've only had one shaky period so far this season," Drake said, "our penalty killing is doing a good job."

That they are, considering they led the league with a 88.5 percent penalty killing ratio, and have scored three shorthanded markers. Winger Stacey Wakabayashi scored two shorthanded goals against Lethbridge two weeks ago.

Another winger who has surprised so far is Doug McCarthy, a first year Golden Bear, but one who has lots of hockey experience throughout North America. His puck handling skills have ably



Bear forward Rob Glasgow in last year's action from Face-Off 88. The U of A and UBC play Friday and Saturday at 7

replaced the nifty Dennis Cranston, who played out his eligibility last season and is now playing in Europe. Right now, McCarthy leads the conference in scoring with 18 points so far, two points ahead of his linemate, Wakabayashi.

This series versus UBC will be a homecoming of sorts for UBC assistant coach Dave Hindmarch. Hindmarch was one of the top Golden Bear forwards of the 70's, when they were a perennial CIAU finalist. Hindmarch parlayed a fine university hockey career into a spot on the 1980 Canadian Olympic team, which finished sixth in the Lake Placid Games. After

that, he played parts of three seasons with the Calgary Flames until his hockey days ended in 1983. Hindmarch, who played under coach Drake while at the U of A, coaches under former Olympic teammate Terry O'Malley. Under O'Malley's direction, the UBC hockey program has steadily increased in stature.

"They've been improving each year," said Drake who coached both O'Malley and Hindmarch during the '80 Olympics, when he co-coached with present Flame assistant Tom Watt and present Oiler scout Lorne Davis, "It'll be interesting to see. I think it's great for our program that past players

are successful in a coaching capacity."

It won't be the first former player Drake coached against. Former Dino coach, and present day North Star assistant George Kingston played under Drake in the late '50s, while U of C assistant Steve Carlyle played in Varsity Arena in the early '70s.

CROSS CHECKS: U of C forward **Barry Bracko** was named the CWUAA hockey player of the week, as the 5'9" education student scored four times in a two game road sweep of the Saskatchewan Huskies. The Calgarians are tied with the Bears with a 4-0 record.

Physical Education Council, and the Edmonton women's branch of CAHPER. The Edmonton Public School Board made her a life member following her retirement in 1983.

Clarence Kachman — Kachman has played football for the Golden Bears, the Edmonton Huskies, and the Edmonton Eskimos in his five year career which started in 1960. In 1962, Kachman led the Huskies to Edmonton's first Canadian junior football championship, and was named the championship game's most outstanding player. In 1963, he joined the Bears and the U of A won the Hardy Trophy over the Queen's Golden Gaels in the Golden Bowl. He also competed for the wrestling, volleyball, and rugby teams while he studied at the university.

U of A adds six more to Wall

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On Tuesday night, the U of A honored six new inductees into their Sports Wall of Fame. The six student-athlete alumni will take their place with the previous three years of wall of famers. They are:

Ruby Anderson — Anderson attended the U of A from 1948 to 1950, and during that time, she won the Bakewell Trophy, the university's award to its best female athlete, while playing on the Panda basketball squad. After her graduation Anderson taught at Victoria Comp. High School, where she also coached basketball, volleyball, softball, and track until 1956, when she came back

to the university. She coached the Panda basketball team for nine years, until 1963, when she became the Director of Women's Athletics.

In 1970, Anderson became the undergraduate chairman of the Department of Athletics, and later was appointed to the position of associate dean of Phys Ed, which she held until her retirement in 1981.

Marion Irwin — In her first year in university, Irwin won the gold medal in the high jump. In her second year, she played for the Panda basketball team and still participated in track and field. She completed her education degree in 1948, and then she

worked on her graduate degree at the University of Washington before she returned to the U of A and received an arts degree as well as a master's degree in educational administration.

Irwin has been a leader in Edmonton as far as teaching, coaching, and administrating is concerned. She was one of the founders of the Edmonton High School Athletic Association and was instrumental in making women's sports a part of the Alberta Schools' Athletic Association. In 1977, she received the R.H. Routledge award from that organization. She has also received awards from the Red Cross swimming program, the Alberta Health and

Brian O'Neill has the toughest job in the NHL these days, and he's doing a good job of it. Most of the time his role of judge for hockey's malefactors is relatively straightforward: he only has to deal with known thugs, and so handing out equal penalties is easy.

Instead of deciding that both goons get ten games for anklebiting, or whatever, he has to decide on the suspensions of some big name players.

If a Dave Brown had hurt Mario Lemieux this week, the verdict would have been easy and popular: turf Brown for a year. This decision is not as simple.

David Shaw, the defenceman who chopped Mario Lemieux with his hockey stick, has a reputation as a clean player with good skills. Lemieux further muddied the decision by initiating the exchange, with a cheap little cross-check of his own. Then he flopped to the ice like a dead man, although the corpse got three points in the Pens next game.

So what does Shaw deserve? Ten games sounds about right, although hysterical media will claim that Shaw deserves 40 games to a year. The fact that Lemieux is a mega-hyper-ultra-super-star will put a lot of pressure on O'Neill to crucify Shaw, but I suspect he will withstand it.

Similarly, O'Neill showed a lot of courage in handing down six games to Mark Messier for accidentally clobbering Rich Sutter of the Canucks with his stick. Messier is a big name, a draw, and it would have been easy for O'Neill to ignore Messier's record (this is his third suspension, and second for a stick to the head).

Dishing out six games for an accident is not excessive, given the league's new "get tough" attitude. Neither is it too short, even for a player with a rap sheet.

By giving a suspension to a star, O'Neill is not only giving a message to the thugs in the league, the Jay Millers and Gord Donnellys, but to the "aggressive" players with big names: Messier, Rick Tocchet, Tomas Sandstrom.

The league doesn't need to rule fighting out of the game any more than they already have. What they need to do is to keep handing out stiff penalties to players whose actions go beyond the bounds of reasonable reactions to the flow of the play. Indeed, by penalizing Messier for an accidental high stick, they are also putting the onus for conduct on the players, where it belongs.

By making Brian O'Neill's job the toughest in the league, the NHL is doing more to improve their image than anything else they can do.