

Gateway Sports

Bears drop number 11 and 12 to U of Denver Pioneers

The Golden Bears lost two games at Denver last weekend but gained some valuable experience in the process.

Edged 4-2 Friday night, the Bears were bounced 8-0 Saturday. For the younger, less experienced Bears, the series provided their first real taste of action against a top calibre club.

The polished Denver squad, composed entirely of Canadians on hockey scholarships, held a wide margin of play in both games. They outshot Alberta by margins of 41-17 and 43-18 in the games.

Friday, Dale Halterman's clutch play in the nets gave the Bears a fighting chance. After a scoreless first period, the Bears jumped to a 2-1 second period lead on goals by Jack Gibson and Dave Couves.

Denver's Pioneers rattled in three unanswered third period goals much to the delight of the 4,578 fans. Marksmen for the Pioneers were Bob Trembecky, Gerry Jonasson, Craig Patrick and Jim Shires.

Saturday the Bears managed to contain Denver for a period and a half, but then fell victim to the Pioneers onslaught. Don Thiessen with two, Keith Magnuson, Bob Trembecky, Jim Wiste, Tom Miller, Rich Blanche and Tom Gilmore scored for Denver.

The Saturday game was witnessed by 5,067 Denver University fans.

Coach Clare Drake was forced to juggle his lines on the trip. Ron Reinhart saw only brief action due to a shoulder injury while Wayne Wiste didn't make the trip. Junior Bearcat Tom Devaney took Wiste's spot.

Bears taste their next action Friday night at Varsity Arena against the Edmonton Nuggets. Game time is 8 p.m.

UBC T-birds split series with U of C Dinnies

CALGARY (CUP)—An overtime goal by Don Fiddler gave the UBC Thunderbirds a 5-4 win over the U of C Dinnies in the second game of their two game WCIAA series in Calgary.

The win earned the T-birds a split in the series with Dinnies taking a 4-2 decision in the first game.

Dave Smith led the Dinnies in the first game with two goals, while Ken Knowles and Skip Holmes added singles.

The Dinnies appeared to be headed for another win in the second game as they took a 2-0 lead in the first period on goals by Fred Sloan and John Toner.

But a power play goal by Don Fiddler and Miles Desharnais' first tally tied the score at 2-2.

Dave Smith gave the Dinnies the lead again with two goals; one late in the second period and the other at 3:25 of the third.

From there the T-birds took control. Miles Desharnais' second goal chopped the Dinnies' lead to one goal and Terry Elliott tied the score at 4-4.

The T-birds dominated the overtime period and Don Fiddler wrapped the game up after 15 minutes of overtime with a screenshot that trickled through Vosburgh's pads.

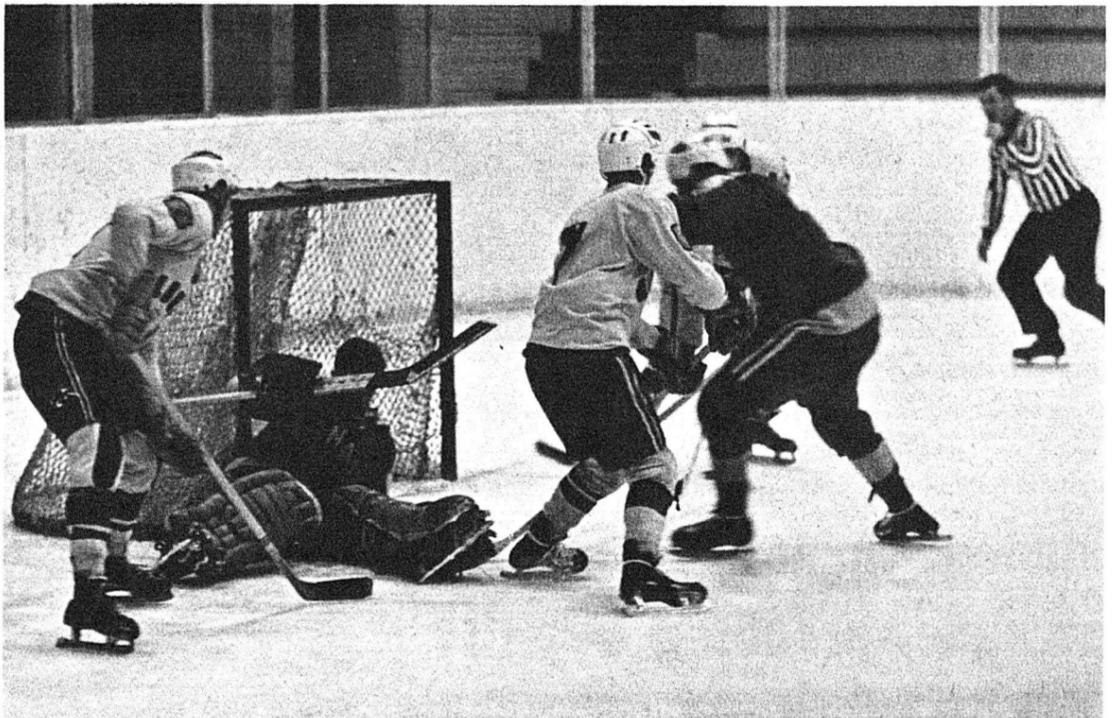
Badminton team trials to start

Mrs. Pauline Ingal is casting covetous glances at the WCIAA badminton title.

And why not? As badminton coach she has three members of last year's team returning—Maida Barnett, who is ranked provincially, Bev Richards, and Dave McCready. Two newcomers who are given a better than average chance of making the squad are Chris Williams and Janet Gilles.

The WCIAA finals will be held in Saskatoon, March 1 and 2. Team practices do not start until exams are finished.

For those wishing to sign up for team trials, registration forms will be available in the main physed office up until 4:30 p.m., Jan. 18.



JUNIOR BEARCATS HOVER AROUND GOALMOUTH ... and they're still undefeated —Dave Applewhite photo

Junior Bearcats run win streak to 15 games in City Juvenile 'A' League

By BOB ANDERSON

The junior Bearcats picked up in the New Year right where they left off before Christmas, as they posted two wins in Juvenile "A" action over the weekend.

Although visibly lacking in conditioning because of the holiday season, the Bearcats held on to dump Scaman Express 12-8 Friday night, in a loosely played affair, "highlighted" by the sloppy work of both goaltenders. Soft goals seemed to be the order of the day, as Ron Warner of the Bearcats and Byron Jones of the Scaman team had trouble with the easy and routine shots.

Ted Buttrey and Dennis Stephen led the way for the Bearcats with three goals apiece, while Don Falkenberg fired two and Nick Heemskirk, Don Tallas, Bob Boswell, and Jules Brassard one each. Norm Bulat with two, Warren Radamsky, his brother Wayne, Ken Campbell, Jerry Berg, Barry Middleton, Bert Hollinshead and Ian

Befus with one each replied for the Expressmen.

The Bearcats fought back from an early 3-0 deficit, incurred while playing the first ten minutes of the game at least one man short. The Bearcats were grabbing and hooking their opponents instead of skating with them, and as a result were watching proceedings from the penalty box. Over the route, the Bearcats took 9 of the 11 minor penalties handed out.

Saturday's game was a different story, as the Ched "Good Guys" came out on the short end of a 6-2 count. The Bearcats checked Ched to a standstill for two periods, then fired five third period goals to win going away.

The sharp netminding of Zane Jacobec and the over-all effectiveness of the defensive corps of the Bearcats was in direct contrast to the night before.

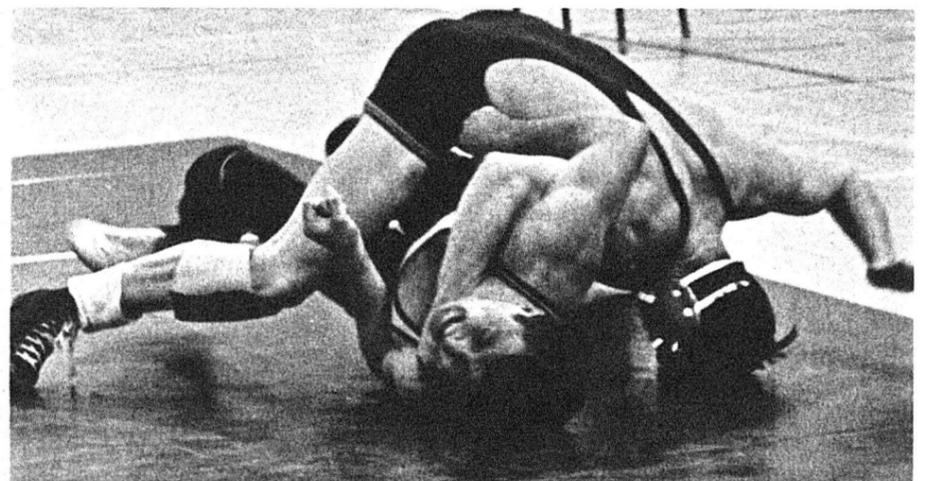
Don Falkenberg, Bill Suter, Jules Brassard, Harv Poon, Lorne McLeod and Bob Beswell blinked the red light for the winners, with

Doug Bentley and Mike Snider doing the same for Ched.

The game was a placid affair until the 18:59 mark of the final stanza, and then the fun began. Steinbach of the Bearcats and Hughes of Ched tangled behind the Ched goal. The officials no sooner got them separated when Wilson of the Bearcats and Towpich went at it, with Wilson landing all the punches. Meanwhile, Steinbach and Hughes went at it again, both landing solid punches until they were separated. However, Towpich, during the melee was seriously cut by a stray skate on the left arm. The officials decided to call the game to prevent further outbreaks.

Over the route, The Bearcats outshot Ched 30 to 19, and picked up 8 of the 10 minor penalties meted out. Each team also picked up 2 fighting majors.

The Bearcats' record now stands at 13 wins, no losses, and two ties. They next see action Friday at 8 p.m. and Saturday at 5 p.m. both games at Varsity Arena.



—Steve Rybak photos

Golden Bear mat men will show prowess in Saturday wrestling meet

The Golden Bear Wrestling Club will host their first annual invitational meet this coming Saturday at 1 p.m. in the Gym.

Competing teams for this first meet will include not only the Golden Bear Varsity and Junior Varsity squads but also the wrestling teams from the University of Calgary, the Calgary AAU, the Edmonton AAU and NAIT. All-stars from the city high schools will also be present for the action.

As a tune-up for the Invitational Meet the Golden Bears fought a NAIT team last weekend.

Ron Lappage came away with two pins, despite giving away almost 20 pounds to Ken Sigaty, a heavyweight. Sigaty had earlier defeated U of A heavyweight Larry Bird by a 1-0 score.

Bob Ramsum, 167 lbs., came out of the afternoon's action with a pin and a tie. He tied former U of A wrestler Brian Heffel and pinned Ross McLean. Heffel, who is one of the NAIT coaches, pinned John Marchand earlier in the meet (see pictures).