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Basketball Bears Beat Twice: Sask. Huskies Top Dogs

By Dave McLaughlin

The Golden Bears failed last weekend in their bid to defeat the powerful Saskatchewan Huskies.

The Golden cagers went down twice to the same tune of 67-57 and 60-57, in their final home games of the season.

Friday's game did not see Bears up to par, as their passing and shooting was far off. It was only through their particularly good defence that they were able to hold the Huskies within range.

With 3:36 left in the first half, Bears tied the score at 22-22 but seemed to quit for the rest of the period, and after 20 minutes the score was 32-22 for the sled-dogs.

The second half was characterized by better play by both clubs, each scoring 35 points.

High scorer for Alberta was Nestor Korchinsky who dropped in 14 points, followed by Doug Hayes with 12 and Fred Shandro with 11.

Huskies' top man was Robin Fry

with 22 points followed by Orville Fisher with 14 and Gale Downey with 12.

On Saturday, a crowd of 1,400, this year's largest, watched two much improved clubs battle right down to the wire. Bears looked as if they were off to an easy upset as they took command of the game and a 13-2 lead in the early going.

Saskatchewan, however, decided the game wasn't over and by half time had fought back to a 29-22 lead. **FAIL TO RECOVER**

In a hotly contested second half, Bears slowly fought back until with seconds left, they were within one point of the lead. They gained possession and went on the offensive but their hopes for a win were shattered when Fry grabbed a poor pass and raced down the floor for an easy layup. Bears failed to recover and the game was over.

The game was certainly one of the finest played by the Bears this year on the home court. Particularly brilliant were Korchinsky, who garnered 17 points, and Fred Shandro, who picked up 15.

Hockey Bears Top Team; Tenth Hardy Cup Win

By Don Risdon

Following in the footsteps of their footballing brethren Golden Bear pucksters have brought U of A its second major athletic triumph this year.

By virtue of a clean sweep of their two game series with Manitoba Bisons last weekend Bears finished regular season play in sole possession of first place.

The Hardy Cup emblematic of WCIAA hockey supremacy returns to Alberta after a one year absence. This marks the tenth Hardy Cup for Alberta since the trophy was introduced in 1950.

TEAMS SPLIT TWO

Each team managed to count a single marker in the second period to round out the scoring. For Manitoba it was Bob Johnstone scoring from John Trojack to whittle the count to 2-1 at the 10:16 mark.



IAN BAKER
... leading scorer

travel to Kingston March 13 and 14 as western representatives to the national collegiate hockey championships. Drake plans to ease-up workouts for a few days but says that the team will be ready for their eastern counterparts.



HOWIE GREEN
... three goal series

Alberta fired the final counter just two minutes later as winger Jim Flemming scored on a relay from linemate Ian Baker.

Dale Harder, guarding the twine for Bears made 32 stops over the contest. At the other end of the ice, John Shanski made 39 saves.

On Saturday Bears again controlled the play as they out hustled the Manitoba crew to a 4-1 victory.

Forward Howie Green gave Alberta a 1-0 lead early in the opening period as he fired the first of two goals. Manitoba roared right back to knot the count at 1-1 as the initial session drew to a close.

The score remained tied until the middle of the second period when Bear's Jim Flemming scored the goal which won the game as well as the championship for Alberta. Assisting Flemming was Leigh McMillan.

Bears added a pair of insurance markers in the final frame to complete the victory. Green pulled the trigger on his second goal early in the period while Dick Wintermute counted the final Bear tally on a long slap shot as the period ended. **OUTSTANDING TEAM EFFORT**

U of A coach, Clare Drake, attribute his club's success to an outstanding team effort. Said Drake, "everyone played well and all deserve credit for their efforts."

Drake was especially pleased with the fine play of his defensive unit as well as the outstanding netminding of goalie Dale Harder. Forward Howie Green played his finest series of the season for Bears contributing three timely goals in the winning cause.

The win gave Alberta the right to



TERRY BICKNELL
... starry forward

The championship climaxed a difficult year for Bears who were forced to play every game as a "must" game. Despite the fact that they fought to eleven league victories they were left scrambling for a championship berth after losing four of their wins due to protests.

A final review of league standings revealed Bears alone in first place with 14 points on seven wins and five losses. Manitoba and UBC share second place with 12 points and 6-6 records while Saskatchewan trails the field with 10 points and a 5-7 record.

Friday's game saw the determined Bears jump to a 2-0 first period lead and never look back as they skated to a hard fought 3-1 decision over the Bisons.

Centre Terry Bicknell opened the scoring at 7:39 of the first period as he teamed up with Dale Rippel and Ian Baker to shoot Bears into a 1-0 lead. At 17:16 it was Alberta's Howie Green scoring what proved to be the winning tally as he fired home a pass from Bicknell to give the Golden Ones a two goal cushion after twenty minutes of action.

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