

# Bears awesome until the end

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The final exhibition games for the hockey Bears were played this weekend in the form of the First Annual Golden Bears Tournament. The Bears closed out their 12 game pre-season schedule on a losing note as they lost 4-2 to the U of Saskatchewan Huskies in the championship game.

Both teams ended up with two wins apiece in the three day event as the Bears scored 8-0 and 3-2 wins over U of Lethbridge and U of Calgary respectively. Huskie victories came a bit tougher as they won by scores of 3-1 and 3-2 respectively over the same two teams.

The deciding match, by far the most intense and exciting, began abruptly for the Bears as Huskies' forward Kevin MacNaught scored six minutes into the match to give Saskatchewan a 1-0 lead. But, as they have always done before, the Bears marched right back as freshman Dennis Cranston blew a howitzer past Huskie netminder Bob Dougall to tie it

up. Then, the Huskies went ahead 2-1 as Duke Duchscherer deflected a shot into the net with less than three minutes to play in the period. Although the score was close, the Bears were badly outplayed while getting outshot 14-5. The second period saw only one goal scored as Huskies' forward Randy Weibe stuffed in the eventual winning goal in the last minute of the stanza. Through the first two periods, the Bears set up their offence effectively, but when it came time to shoot they were missing the net by inches, hitting goal posts and generally blowing great opportunities to even up the score. These miscues continued through the third period as the two teams traded

goals with John Reid of the Bears concluding the scoring. In the game played earlier that afternoon, the U of Calgary Dinosaurs got their only win of the tourney as they clobbered the hapless U of Lethbridge Pronghorns 10-3.

On Friday, the Huskies started their roll towards the final as they beat the Dinosaurs 3-2. The Huskies scored two unanswered goals in the third as the Dinosaurs built up a 2-1 lead before succumbing to a strong third period attack by Saskatchewan. The Bears and

every Pronghorn player, the Bears also managed to use Goalie Neil Pomahac as a human target and fired 60 shots at him. In addition, Pomahac should have been



came the Bears squeaked by the Dinosaurs 3-2. In the Bears' match, the line of Rick Swan-Bill Ansel-Dan Peacocke racked up 8 out of a possible 9 points to pace the Bears. Swan had two goals and an assist, Peacocke had two assists and Ansell picked up a goal and two helpers.

Overall, the tournament showcased some pretty good hockey while also providing a look at what type of competition the Bears will get this upcoming season. Of the upcoming regular season, Bears' assistant coach John Devaney said, "Nobody's really going to beat anyone regularly....it's going to be a very competitive division."

rewarded with the Purple Heart as he stood bravely between the pipes while his defence wandered around wondering what hit them. Some 190 feet up the ice however, Bears goalie Kelly Brooks faced a meager 11 shots to earn the only shutout of the pre-season.

Saturday's action proved to be closer as Saskatchewan upended Lethbridge 3-1 as they again

Pronghorns hooked up for the second game of that day as the Bears gave Lethbridge a lesson in skating, puck-handling, and just about everything else as they thrashed them 8-0.

Denis Leclair led the Bears with 3 points with Tim Krug, Rick Swan, Parie Proft and Craig Dill each picking up two. While skating around and past virtually



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## Errors cost Pandas crown

Gateway News Services — Despite playing their best soccer of the season, the Panda Soccer team finished in second place behind UBC at the Canada West Championships held in Victoria.

The Pandas opened the tournament on Friday with an inspired 2-0 victory over the University of Victoria. The game, by far the best game of the tourney, saw the Pandas get goals from Gayle Desmeules and Sam Jenkins in the last fifteen minutes. Goalkeeper Lesley MacKinnon played the best game of her career, dominating her penalty area and making several key saves.

The Pandas completely outplayed the UBC Thunderettes only to lose 2-1. The Pandas found the net first as unmarked Tracy David converted an excellent cross by fullback Lisa Fong. Fong almost put the game away for Panda minutes later as she thundered a

20 metre drive off the bottom of the crossbar.

The Pandas fortune took a turn for the worst near the end of half as striker Carol Brown was carried off the field and taken to hospital with a suspected broken leg after a late tackle by the UBC sweeper. Fortunately, the injury turn out to be only a severe bone bruise.

UBC scored both goals early in the second half as a long shot took a bad bounce past a started McKinnon and minutes later a miscue between the Panda goalkeeper and a defender resulted in an "own" goal. However, the Pandas composed themselves and took the game to UBC narrowly missing several excellent scoring chances.

The Panda still had a chance for first place, needing a victory by Victoria over UBC. Again the Pandas were denied as UBC

scored a 2-0 win, despite play being completely dominated by Victoria.

Coach Peter Crocker stated, "There is no doubt that we were very disappointed. I think it is quite safe to say that we were the best team on the field. Nevertheless, you have to give UBC credit because they managed to be ahead where it counted, on the scoreboard. Still, our players can hold their heads high as they played very inspired team soccer and fought right to the end. The University community can be more than proud of this team."



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