

Bears hockey takes 3 of 4 points from Dogs

Alberta 4 Saskatchewan 4 (OT)
Alberta 6 Saskatchewan 2
by Alan Small

The past 287 games between the Alberta Golden Bears and the Saskatchewan Huskies have created an intense rivalry among the clubs. This weekend, that usual intense play was not seen, even though some hard hitting hockey resulted.

In the first game, two third period goals by sophomore Wes Craig brought the Bears back from a listless second period, which had the Huskies on top.

Craig's second goal, the equalizer, came on a nifty deflection of a point shot from defenceman Parie Profit.

The ten-minute overtime period went by quietly as the Bears could only muster a couple of chances off Huskie netminder Greg Holby, who played a solid game between the pipes. The Huskies played for the tie and only got two shots in the overtime on Bear rookie goaltender Blair McGregor, who made his first Canada West conference start.

Throughout the game, the tough Saskatchewan forechecking silenced the Bears usually crisp passing game.

"They were quicker to the loose puck," winger Jeff Helland said, "we weren't clicking."

After the poor second period, head coach Clare Drake reminded his charges about their play.

"They were getting outworked in the second period," Drake said. "They were always beating us to the loose pucks."

The Bears got started early in the game, as Dennis Cranston notched one in the third minute. Some good goalkeeping by Holby kept the Bears at bay early when they put the pressure on.

Halway through the first frame, the Huskies Marty Hillis tied it up, until Todd Stokowski of the Bears snapped his first of the year by Holby.



The Bears put one by Huskie goaltender Greg Holby in their first game this weekend.

Walter Shutter, who later left the game with a separated shoulder, and Terry Lloyd scored in the second for the U of S, while Curtis Stewart scored in between the Craig goals in the third.

The second game of the weekend was more of the same style as the first, but some spectacular stops by the Bears veteran goalie Darren Turner and the Bear offence who capitalized on Huskie errors made the difference.

Five consecutive goals in the second and third periods by the Golden Bears broke open a 1-1 first period deadlock to launch the Bears to a 6-2 victory.

The U of A started the festivities with an Adam Morrison shot that went through the five-hole on Huskie goalie Ross McKay in the fifth minute of the first. Saskatchewan's Brian Swystun tied it up ten minutes later on the power play

with Grant Couture cooling his heels in the box.

The Bears then started to take over. That's the way it looks on the stat sheet, but in fact the Huskies controlled the play during the second period but for some great counter-attacks by the Bear forwards.

One of those counter-attacks started the second Bear goal, by Sid Cranston. A rebound of a Gord Thibodeau shot left Cranston the yawning net to cash in the rebound. The next Bear goal, ten minutes later came on a blistering slap shot by defenceman Guy Paradis.

"The idea was to get them tired out in our end," Drake joked, "but we gave up a few too many quality chances in our end," Drake said more seriously.

Winger Jack Patrik ended the second period scoring before two consecutive goals by Helland

scored on two-on-ones. The first one, on a feed from Dave Otto, was scored at the twenty second mark of the third.

"They were both good passes," Helland said, "they were right on the stick."

Saskatchewan ended the scoring on a power play goal by Brian Pugh, late in the final frame.

With the game 4-1 going into the third, Bear goalie Turner was still concerned.

"4-1 leads are the most dangerous in hockey," Turner said, "you lay off a bit, they get one, then the heat is on."

SLAP SHOTS: Friday's game marked the first Bear team record gone for the season. It marked the 172nd time that the Bears had not been shut out...The Bears record against the Huskies is now 187-88-14.

Random thoughts

U of A COMPRESSION —
A big "nice try" to the soccer teams despite missing post-season play, especially the Pandas who valiantly won their last 4 games. Excellent luck to all teams in your respective quests to win it all '87-'88. And may you pack all the U of A Venues like the Bears V-ball squad did last Thursday... NO MORE BASEBALL!! — For me, it doesn't matter who plays, how many errors are made by players, umpires (NHL refs aren't so bad, eh?), or how big the cities involved are, the World Series is classic. Especially when you become a couple cases of beer richer on a playoff team with the worst record of the 4 finalists, and one that won all its home games and lost all its road games in the final, an owner's utopia that amazingly never happened before... A SEMI NIT PICK — Star LA Ram RB Eric Dickerson, "fed up" with his 7 million dollar annual salary, refused a 1.0 million dollar annual salary for 4 years as he mercifully gropes for even more dough. Personally, I kinda feel sorry for Eric. Very sorry... A NIT PICK — Contrary to what most hockey announcers believe, a goalie has a chance, however slim, on every shot... A PICK — The Bombers of Winnipeg are to the CFL East what the Oilers of Edmonton were and probably still are to the NHL Campbell. Too bad the Blue boys will lose to the Eskis in the '87 Grey Cup. And yes, dammit, I would still purport that statement even if the Bombers wasted Team Esk again 2 days ago. More on that and other CFL talk as November's last Sunday approaches... In the words of John McEnroe, Grand Prix Tour execs are all "IDIOTIC INCOMPETENT MORONS!" As Sports Illustrated describes, "Mac" was suspended from the Grand Prix Tennis Tour for 2 months following some "abominable behaviour" at last month's U.S. Open. So far the suspension's really working as "Mac" has now missed 3 Grand Prix Tour events with first prizes totalling \$116,000... Meantime, John was forced to play in an 8-man non-tour in Atlanta last week, begrudgingly claiming the \$150,000 first prize. If the flagrantly high-handed Grand Prix executive prizes can't handle a few harmless tantrums from a refreshing entertainer like The Brat, then may their attendance figures plummet into DOW JONES country. Fine his shorts off but let him play... THE FUN'S OVER — Special thanks to the NFL for some great bloopers, interesting moments, classic quotes and an all-round amusing 3 weeks of happenings. With the strike over and the owner's near-demolition of the players' union complete, playoff qualifiers look obvious: divisional winners will

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The young volleyball Bears had more than they can handle Thursday, when they went up against the UCLA Bruins. What resulted was a 3-1 loss (7-15, 17-15, 15-9, 15-13).

"The second game was great," Anton said, "the crowd really helped a lot. They really overwhelmed in the first."

The players remarked that the crowd really got them nervous in the first game, but then helped them immensely afterwards. The crowd was estimated about 2,000.



The one thing that can be said is that they were THERE.

After keeping up with the Bruins in the beginning of the first game, the Bruins turned up the pressure and easily bounced the Golden Bears 15-7.

In the second, Pierre Baudin, the

Bears head coach, inserted Doug Anton in the setter spot and Anton delivered. He made a couple of nice tips, and kept the Bruin defenders guessing where he would go.

The Bears won the game 17-15 after a seasaw ending.

From then on, the Bruins, who were winless on their Western Canadian tour, came up with the big plays and dominated the U of A, winning the final two games 15-9 and 15-13. The Bears, though, could have won the fourth game, since they were ahead 13-9.

"Had I coached to win," Baudin said, "we could have won the match. I'm building a program and the younger players must experience the pressure and intensity of big games."

UCLA, however, were also trying out their younger players, as this is the start to their season as well.

"We really wanted to win tonight," said Al Scates, head coach of the NCAA champs, "we're without our top lineup. We left three of our players behind because of academic problems."

They weren't without their starting setter Matt Sonnichsen who

had the Bear defence off balance all night with his timely tips.

"Games like this are just what we need," Scates said, "We found that our weakness is on the outside."

Bear volleyball

From the outside was freshman Dean Kakoschke who lead the U of A with 12 kills on the night. He was also awarded the U of A game star for his efforts. Mark Tedsen was awarded the game star for UCLA.

The Bears then went down to Calgary to try out some big time competition at the Dinosaur Invitational. They did lose all their matches in three straight, but for Baudin's young Bears, it was a learning experience nonetheless. They went up against some of the top teams in the country, like Calgary, Winnipeg, and Team Canada, and found the competition a little tough to handle.

LAST SPIKES: The Bears now head off to the ACAC tournament in Grande Prairie where they'll face the best that Alberta Colleges have to offer.

Saskatchewan 4 Alberta 4 (OT)

1st period
1. Alta. D. Cranston 1 (Stokowski, Wakabayashi) 2:51
2. Sask. Hillis 1 (Morrison, Korchinski) 10:37
3. Alta. Stokowski 1 (D. Cranston) 14:48
Penalties: Glasgow, A, 14:48
2nd period
4. Sask. Shutter 1 (Morrison) 1:20
5. Sask. Lloyd 1 (Lovsin, Leier) 11:45,pp
Penalties: Severny, A, 11:37; Lemire, S.D. Cranston, A, 12:19; Morrison, S, 18:41
3rd period
6. Alta. Craig 1 (Wakabayashi, Severny) 10:59
7. Sask. Stewart 1 (Kendall) 10:41
8. Alta. Craig 2 (Proft, Walter) 16:58,pp
Penalties: Swystun, S, 2:20; Lovsin, S, 15:38
Overtime
No scoring
Shots on goal
Sask 7 8 8 2 - 25
Alta 10 9 9 7 - 31
Goaltenders: Holby, Sask. McGregor, Alta.