

Sports

Dogs play dead for Bears

by Mark Spector

Yet another chorus of Jimmy Buffet's *Margaritaville* rang out from the back of the Edmonton-bound Greyhound bus carrying the Alberta Golden Bears hockey team. And singing, perhaps louder than any others, were Eric Thurston (Bears' MVP in game one) and Al Tarasuk (two overtime assists).

Colin Chisholm might have been there too if it wasn't for a sore nose which resulted from taking a wrist shot directly in the face a few hours earlier.

So why all the merriment? The U of A Bears had just put the vise-grips on first place in the Canada West University Athletic Association with 5-3 (OT) and 4-2 wins right in the backyard of the second place University of Saskatchewan Huskies. With the pair of victories, Alberta opens up an eight point lead atop the standings, with ten games to play.

The rare Thursday/Friday encounter began with a strangely paced contest which saw the Golden Bears simply outlast the Huskies to net two goals in the ten minute overtime period.

The first period was extremely fast, with the only goal coming off the stick of Craig Dill (team leading 16th), an outstretched 'poke' that slid under a challenging Huskie netminder Ross McKay.

In the second period the Dogs came back with two quick goals before the six minute mark, Curt Stewart on a 20 foot howitzer and Peter Anholt on a one-timer off a pass out of the corner.

Also scoring for Alberta in the

second period was Steve Cousins with his second of the season.

After the Huskies' Arnholt missed a yawning net with only seconds remaining, the two teams headed into overtime. And at that point, it was the Golden Bears' Al Tarasuk that took over control of the contest.

Two and a half minutes into the extra frame, Tarasuk fed Curt Brandolini on a two-on-one and the big winger made no mistake, burying the puck behind McKay.

Then with three minutes remaining in the ten minute overtime session, Tarasuk banked a picture pass off the boards to send Brandolini in alone once more. Brandolini was stopped, but Thurston followed the play up nicely to lift his second of the night over a sprawling Dogs' goalie to salt away the win and earn player of the game honors.

The biggest factor in the win for Alberta was definitely their penalty killing unit. The top penalty kill in Canada West held the Huskies scoreless in eight attempts. The next night they would again shut them out, this time to the tune of 0-6.

On Friday night, the difference was once again Al Tarasuk, but this time with ample help from veteran rearguard Colin Chisholm.

Chisholm absorbed a wrist shot that hit him directly in the face shield early in the game, but bleeding nose and all, he never missed a shift and would later set up two Tarasuk goals en route to MVP status for Alberta.

He originally donned the shield about two months ago after a game in which he received two facial

cuts.

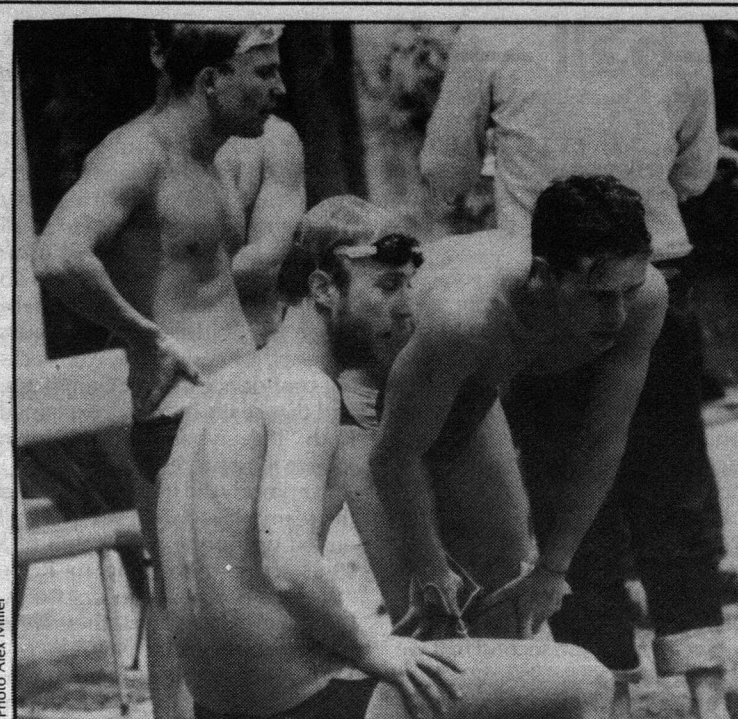
Seventeen year old Bret Walter had a pair of goals for Alberta to up his season total to three. But that isn't all that the young winger has raised lately, as hockey people in Saskatoon (ex-Golden Bear assistant and current GM and coach of the Regina Pats Billy Moores, in particular) claim that Walter's stock is rising as an NHL prospect.

The Bears' best players on the weekend were Tarasuk and goalie Darren Turner. "Turner was the single most important factor this weekend," stated coach Drake in no uncertain terms. The 5'8" goalie has played the last four straight games for Alberta and has shone, but very quietly.

As for Tarasuk, well he is finally starting to come around. "Al is a bit of an enigma," admitted Drake. "He's got so much ability if you can only harness it in the right way. He certainly gives you a few fits as a coach."

"I had to learn to stay out of the box and pick my spots a little better to stick here," relayed Tarasuk after the weekend's games. "In tier one (where he played with the Brandon Wheat Kings) it's drilled into you to never back down. You have to form a new set of morals to play in this league," said the 5'11" winger. "He's proved a lot in that way," said Chisholm.

—Bear Facts—rookie defenseman Steve Cousins broke a hand in his first shift Friday and should miss this weekend's two game home set with the **University of Regina Cougars...** CWUAA Player of the Week is **Al Tarasuk.**



Exhaustion follows the 400m freestyle heat for this swimmer.

Washington washout

by Carolyn Aney

On Saturday afternoon the Bears and Pandas were in the pool against some formidable opposition, the University of Washington Huskies. The Huskies were concluding a week long tour which had them swimming against Washington State, U of Oregon, UBC, UVic, U of A, and U of Calgary.

After winning against UBC and UVic, they continued with their winning style and beat the U of A. The score on the women's side was 62 to 33 for Washington and the men fared no better with a score of 69 to 24.

Commendable performances were turned in for the Pandas by Colleen Delaney who placed 2nd in the 400m I.M. and 2nd in the 400m freestyle. Mary Jo Clark placed 2nd in the 200m free and 3rd in the 400m free. In the 50m free Elaine LeBuke won with a time of 28.98, while Tiffany Watson placed third. In the 100m fly Elaine LeBuke placed 2nd and Barb Henning placed third. The 100m free had Dina Skinder place 2nd and Tiffany Watson placed 3rd. Finally Stephanie

Donaldson placed 2nd and Barb Henning 3rd in the 200m back.

For the Bears fine performances were turned in by Pete Seeger who placed 3rd in the 50m free and 3rd in the 200m breast. Todd Isaac won the 200m breast with a time of 2:36.09 and finished third in the 200m I.M. Todd Jones placed 3rd in the 200m free. In the 100m fly Mark Bottrill and Larry Schulhauser finished 2nd and 3rd respectively.

Swims that qualified for March CIAU National Championships at the University of Laval in Montreal were Colleen Delaney in both the 400m I.M. and 400m free, Mary Jo Clark in the 200m and 400m free, and Elaine LeBuke in the 100m fly.

The goal the team had set for themselves for this meet was to improve their times from last week's meet. After some initial awe at the competition, the team settled down. In the end, approximately two-thirds of the team turned in at least one seasonal best swim.

On Saturday, the Bears and Pandas will be traveling to Calgary to swim against the U of C.



A U of A volleyballer can't quite save this spike. Alberta lost this bronze medal match to take fourth place.

V-ball teams great hosts

by Blaine Ostapovich

A pair of fourth place finishes at their home tourney is nothing for either the Bears or Pandas volleyball teams to celebrate, but both clubs showed flashes of brilliance.

J.C. Meilleur's Bears squandered a chance at a bronze medal when they lost to the University of Lethbridge Sunday. The men probably played their best ball vs the University of Regina on Saturday, winning 15-9, 16-4, 15-3. They followed that up with a good opening game versus Manitoba in the semi-final, but then dropped three in a row before the Lethbridge debacle.

The Pandas played very well to open the tourney, then came the match that was their undoing.

Versus the UBC Thunderbirds, the Pandas led the match 1-0 rallying from a 6 point deficit to win 15-12. In game two, the girls bounced back from a 6-0 deficit to tie it at 8 all only to lose 15-9. Game 3 and 4 went to UBC 15-3, 15-8. Coach Marla Watson feels the team played very well, but was unaccustomed to such lofty heights.

"That's the best we have played all year, the problem is that we're not in that (close game) situation a lot... the effort was outstanding."

The final standings were:

Men: Manitoba, Edmonton Volleyball Club, Lethbridge, Alberta.
Women: Calgary Volleyball Club, UBC, U of Lethbridge, Alberta.

Side Outs ... Trudy Antoniuk of the

Pandas was named to the All-Star team... The tournament ran smoothly overall with the exception of some late running matches; full marks to those involved... Bear **John Eldon** says the tournament, in comparison to others, was good. "There was better attendance here, and we did not have to play in any small gyms."

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