

# Puck Bears to host #1 Calgary Dinosaurs

by Alan Small

The Golden Bear hockey club has hit the halfway point of their Canada West hockey schedule. They start the second half Friday when they play the number one ranked team in the nation, the University of Calgary Dinosaurs.

The Bears should be primed for the Dinosaurs, after defeating the lowly Regina Cougars in a couple of lopsided scores, 8-5 and 13-4.

But the games the Bears remember are the two losses handed to them by the Dinosaurs in Calgary.

In the second game, the Bears were leading 4-2 going into the third period, when some break-aways and two-on-ones netted the Dinosaurs three goals in the third period, and the win 5-4.

"Their transition game is very good," Bear head coach Clare Drake said, "we were turning the puck over at their blue line a lot."

Going into the second half of the season, Calgary and Alberta are one-two in the Canada West conference. Calgary just lost their first game of the season last weekend to the up and coming Manitoba Bisons. Their record is 13-1.

Alberta is having a good year as well, but they are seven points back of the red-hot Dinosaurs, who won 12 of their first 12 games of the season.

Calgary and Alberta scores litter the page for the scoring lead in

Canada West. There are two Albertans (Sid Cranston and Stacey Wakabayashi) and three Calgarians in the top six in scoring (Terry Houliher, Terry Jones, and Ken Vinige). Only one player from another province, Saskatchewan's scoring machine Ken Morrison, sits in the top six.

The Bears have been having problems offensively this season. The problem is not creating opportunities or else they come back to those chances.

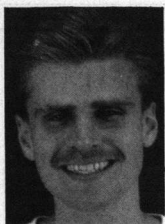
"We have to be a little sharper offensively," Drake said, "we have to connect on more of our opportunities or else they come back to haunt you."

**FACE-OFFS:** The Bears Sid Cranston was named player of the week in Canada West hockey, with his nine point performance against the Regina Cougars. The weekend put him in the number one spot in the Canada West scoring race for the Dave "Sweeney" Schriener Trophy... The Bears will be without defence man Brent Severyn and forward Jack Patrick, who will serve one game suspensions for fighting in the second Regina contest... The Bears record against Calgary in Canada West competition is 88-50. They are 44-25 in Edmonton and Calgary. Calgary has been the most successful of Canada West clubs against the Golden Bears.



The Bears will have to keep their eyes on the puck to defeat the #1 Calgary Dinosaurs.

Photo: Rob Galbreath



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## Smuggle in the booze

No, I don't have anything against U of A sports. It is by my own choice, coupled with my bosses permission that I've been writing mostly about pro sports this year. Nevertheless, I still follow the progress of the Pandas and Bears, just not as closely as when I worked for a radio station that USED to cover U of A sports.

What I'd eventually like to zero in on today is attendance at U of A games.

But first, a little bit about that radio station. Things are always changing at CJSR and this past year has been no exception. In August, for the first time, CJSR lost the right to broadcast U of A games. CJSR now broadcasts a selected game of the week featuring either two Edmonton area high school teams or an Alberta Junior Hockey League contest.

And in some cases any of you over at the U of A Athletics Department are still interested in having CJSR do U of A games,

current director Mark Banko and his play-by-play crew are doing an excellent job of calling their new games. Have you been listening?

Imagine a university radio station not broadcasting its own university's games. Something might be wrong here. Imagine NO ONE broadcasting university games. Something is wrong here. Why? Because less media coverage means less publicity, less interest, less fans, less inspired play, and less generated revenue to help improve the quality of the various sports programs.

Granted, a lack of radio and TV coverage might not be the root of the problem but more of it certainly couldn't hurt.

I bring up CJSR for another reason, though. Two seasons ago, when I helped cover the U of A athletics scene for the station's sports department, I attended several (primarily puck Bears) games. One of the most important things I learned is how much more significant a sporting event becomes, and how much better an athlete performs when more people are watching.

I liken the U of A sports scene to a giant spider web. At the center of the web is King Arachnid, Bob Steadward. On the first ring of webbing around Bob sits a smaller group of spiders, who represent the various members of his department. As the rings get bigger, the spiders (coaches, players, trainers, etc.) get smaller.

If the web could be cut up like pie each section would represent a different program. Any insects caught up in the unoccupied webbing are the spectators, the larger ones being media personnel and scouts, while the smaller ones are regular fans.

Naturally the basketball and hockey sections have the most insects, but even they don't have many. Why not? After all, this is a

friendly web where the insects can come and go as they wish without getting eaten alive (financially). Perhaps the wind (publicity) hasn't been blowing as much in the '80s. Even if it has been, harsh weather (lack of government funds) has taken chunks of the webs right out (cross country and track and field).

I think the biggest reason for the lack of smaller insects is that most of them are landing on other things like flowers (bars and nightclubs), trees (parties), or windows (shows). Some insects have built in spider detectors and are automatically repelled by the web (U of A sports).

Personally, I don't really understand why ever U of A student can't attend at least one U of A game next semester. If I can periodically leave my sports bubble to try out a political forum, or take in some theatre, or see a live band, or do anything that I MIGHT not enjoy but I end up enjoying because I MAKE it enjoyable... (breathe), then you too can do it at a Bear or Panda game.

If you're going out on the town on any given night next semester, just once, leave a little earlier and take in a U of A game. If it's drinking with your friends you can't wait for, heck, bring your friends along and smuggle in the booze. Get rowdy and obnoxious at the GAME if you have to!

Look, U of A Athletics isn't paying me to write this and obviously AADAC isn't, I just honestly think some fun can be had.

Since I won't be writing in this space for about five weeks, about the time the NFL Conference finals heat up, Here's my NFL final four: Cleveland vs. Denver for the AFC, and Chicago vs. New Orleans for the NFC. Have a happy holiday season.

# Flowers shows in Ezzo Cup, gets to take on Soviets

by Carolyn Aney

Scott Flowers experienced what many athletes dream about this past Sunday: he competed against the Russians.

Flowers earned a position on the Canadian team that swam against the Soviets and won, a first for Canadian swimming.

At the ESSO Cup Invitational swim meet, Flowers placed fifth in the 1500m freestyle with a 15:51.80 time. However he was the third fastest Canadian swimmer which allowed him a spot on the Canadian team for Sunday's dual meet. Flow-

er the meet.

Three other U of A swimmers are also convalescing. Scott LeBuke is recently out of the hospital and now recovering from appendicitis. Neither Cam Grant nor Harry Taylor were able to attend the meet due to injuries.

Head Coach, Dave Johnson, is very pleased with the progress of the season so far.

"We have an excellent team this year and I am expecting to see quite a significant jump in placings this year at the C.I.A.U.'s" he said.



Bear and Panda swimmers took part in the ESSO Cup in Toronto

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ers also placed ninth in the 400m free (3:54.85).

Donna McGinnis placed fifth in the 200m fly with a 2:15.55, tenth in the 400m I.M. (4:58.30) and 15th in the 100m fly 1:04.55.

Keltie Byrne earned a 17th placing in both the 100m breaststroke (1:15.12) and 200m breast (2:40.11). Byrne also took an 18th spot in the 200m I.M. with 2:23.20.

Regan Williams started the meet with good placing, tenth in the 1500m free (16:05.00). Unfortunately Williams came down with the flu and couldn't swim for the rest of

The U of A swimmers will have to swim tough. So far there are eight male qualifiers and two women C.I.A.U. qualifiers. The big push in training will come over the Christmas training camp.

Johnson is hopeful that the improved program of competition after Christmas will contribute to a climb in CIAU placings. The Bears and Pandas will compete against the University of Arizona, University of Washington, USC, and Stanford University in the new year. Additionally, early in February are the CASA Winter Nationals.