

Bears Tackle T'Birds In Crucial Series

The fate of the 1962-63 Golden Bear hockey team will be largely decided this weekend when the UBC Thunderbirds invade Varsity Arena for a two game series Friday and Saturday.

Game time Friday is 8:00 p.m., with the Saturday contest scheduled for 2:30 p.m.

Father David Bauer's T'Birds put their unblemished record of four straight wins in league action on the line tonight. Already holders of two wins over the Golden Ones the T'Birds must be rated as slight favorites to repeat their winning performances.

TERRIFIC SERIES LOOMING

However, Golden Bear coach Clare Drake sees a terrific series looming, and hopes the BC bubble will burst in the process. "The players are out to prove we can beat UBC," stated Drake.

Drake feels this may be the weekend the Bears explode and rid themselves of a scoring jinx which has plagued the team thus far. Finding the necessary scoring punch has been Drake's biggest worry this season after the loss of players of the calibre of Austin Smith, Bobby Cox, and Bob Marik—all standouts on last year's Bear club.

At any rate coach Drake thinks that a four goal output either night will be sufficient to insure victory if Bears continue to play well defensively.

NEED TWO WINS

Double victories are a necessity if Bears are to have any chance to represent the WCIAA in the national



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finals to be held later this year at Kingston. With three teams (Huskies, T'Birds and Bears) so evenly matched it is not at all unlikely that the Bears and Huskies could dump the T'Birds four times.

Drake plans to counteract the T'Bird talent with basically the same lineup that faced the UBC team in Vancouver, although he will probably start Gerry Schultz in goal Friday.

Both goaltenders, Dale Harder and Schultz, played good games in Saskatoon, with very little to choose between them. Schultz appears, however, to be coming back to his form of last season after a slow start.

Coach Drake hopes that students will get out and support the team in this crucial series; and given a few breaks, Bear fans shouldn't be disappointed either!

Bearcats Score Seventh League Win

The U of A Bearcats, led by an 18-point performance by Lynden Hutchinson, downed the CJCA Tigers 66-51 in a tightly fought contest Tuesday night.

The Bearcats lead the Husky League, having won 7 consecutive league games.

BEST GAME TO DATE

In one of the best league games to date, the Bearcats maintained a 5 point spread throughout most of the game, taking complete command when the Tigers were forced to play

four men against five for the last few minutes of the game.

This manpower shortage resulted when two Tigers fouled out and one more left the floor in a protest against the referee's handling of the game.

Besides leading the Bearcats in scoring, Hutchinson was a standout in rebounding. Combined with Rich Bowering, Hutchinson gave Bearcats control of the backboards.

Galen Erickson, Wayne Welsh, and Ed Welsh with 14, 9, and 7 points respectively, followed Hutchinson in a game in which every Bearcat played and scored.



THE SPORTING LIFE AS TOLD BY WINSHIP

In case you haven't noticed Mr. and Miss U of A, the Golden Bear hockey team is in danger of being ousted as WCIAA hockey champions.

The perennial league titlists are in a precarious position indeed. Faced this weekend with the task of sweeping a two game series with the UBC Thunderbirds to keep pennant hopes alive the Bears are in a unenviable situation.

By far the biggest factor in this unusual turn of events is a 38-year-old hockey enthusiast who spurned professional hockey offers for the priesthood. His name — Father David Bauer, coach of the UBC Thunderbirds.

This man, believe me, was worth the price of admission alone at any hockey game in which I've watched him. With Father Bauer in the players' box it's hard sometimes to keep an eye on the action on the ice. The particular series at hand, however, should keep most eyes glued to the "main attraction."

Father Bauer has molded a WCIAA hockey "power" from a scanty nucleus of returnees from a club which at best was the league doormat last season. In the off season he waved his magic wand, and presto, he found himself with Canada's 1964 Olympic hopefuls. A piece of necromancy even Cinderella's fairy godmother could appreciate.

As a result the Bears are fighting for their "lives."

In the words of that trite pseudo-journalist—me—this series should be "a natural!"

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Ever wonder what would happen if the main cog in a not-so-well-oiled machine was suddenly removed? Well, a classical example occurred last weekend in Winnipeg when the Bear cagemen lost the services of outstanding guard Garry Smith in last Friday's game.

Bears, it seems, have the peculiar problem (peculiar in a university context at any rate) of having too many Indians and not enough Chiefs!

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Behind the scenes: I haven't heard the result of the "protest" Golden Bear basketball coach Steve Mendryk registered after the second Bear-UAC Dinosaur game here, but it should be interesting. Mendryk pointed out to the officials that coach Dewar of the Dinosaurs dressed and played 11 men in the Saturday game, contrary to league regulations which stipulate that a varsity team may dress only 10 players.

Now some strictly unofficial criticism has been leveled at coach Mendryk for reverting to "underhanded" tactics to "steal" two points. In defense: first, Steve Mendryk is not trying to "steal" anything; he is not even demanding the two points. Second, if anybody used "underhanded" tactics it was coach Dewar who must surely by now be aware of the league regulations concerning the dressing of players.

As Mendryk has pointed out a precedent has already been set. Last season UBC forfeited the WCIAA wrestling title voluntarily when it learned one of its wrestlers was scholastically ineligible.

As an example of the consequences of having an extra man dressed Mendryk cited the Dec. 15 Bear-Dinosaur game in Calgary in which the Bears were called for over 50 fouls.

In the fourth quarter the Bears found themselves with five men fouled out and the five men on the floor with four fouls each. One more foul and the Bears would have finished the game playing four against five. In order to avoid this situation the Bears were forced to play a sharply curtailed style—which partly accounts for the 105-75 score.

But think of the difference an extra man might have made; and three "extra" Bears sat in the stands watching helplessly!

Hang down your head John Dewar . . .

Ski Team Places Third

This weekend U of A skiers proved that Canadians skiing for Canadian universities are just as good, if not better, than Canadians skiing for American universities!

At the 17th annual International Collegiate Ski Meet, the U of A Golden Bear ski Team came in third, the best showing in 17 years. Also, the highest point total ever of 338.3 was achieved.

This was third to Montana State with 355.6 and UBC with 341.3. All scores are out of a possible 400 points.

A highlight of the meet was a U of A skier, Dick Thorpe, placing second to Dave Turner of UBC in the combined events. It is the first time a Canadian, skiing for a Canadian university has won this event.

The combined events include jumping and cross-country in which U of A beat UBC and downhill and giant slalom in which UBC retaliated and beat U of A.

Eight full teams were represented at the meet with Alberta sending a nine-man team. Three of the Bears, Bob McKay, Bill MacGougan and Bob Hardy didn't attend. This brings to 12 the number of Alberta skiers upon whom coach Jim Proudfoot is pinning his hopes.

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