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**BEATEN** Golden Bear Tyler Metcalfe goes around Bison defender Joshua Belair in action Saturday.

## Veterans help puck Bears dismiss Bisons

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Behind two-goal nights from Ben Kilgour and Richard Hamula, the Golden Bears hockey squad swept the Manitoba Bisons out of Clare Drake Arena this weekend with a 4-2 victory on Friday and a 6-4 final on Saturday.

Kilgour notched a pair on Friday, including the game winner early in the third on a backdoor pass from Hamula, and set up a third goal. He added another goal and assist on Saturday as Alberta came back from a 3-2 deficit.

"Kilgour was tremendous; he was a big difference out there. He's a leader and we need offensive punch from [him] to be going," Bears head coach Eric Thurston said.

Hamula was the major player on Saturday. His power play marker early in the third tied the game at three, and his shorthanded goal at 9:09 of the third wound up as the winner.

"Those are our key guys [scoring the goals]," Thurston said of Hamula, Kilgour and secondyear Dylan Stanley who had a goal and three assists Saturday night. "It shows the young guys what it takes to win and that you have to bring your best game, you can't expect it to be handed to you because you're the Golden Bears."

Alberta built 2-0 after the first period both nights, and while they managed to hang on to the lead for the entire game Friday, a string of penalties in the second period on Saturday left them short-handed for an eight minute stretch. Manitoba (2-6-0) scored three consecutive goals in a span of 2:53 while playing five-on-three.

"You lose your whole flow and momentum from rolling your lines [when you go two men down]. I hate it. I thought we'd adapt a little better [to the new rules], and we need to make sure that we don't take a mental break, and we did that in the second period," Thurston said.

"We dug ourselves a hole, and it's unacceptable when we're playing a man down or two men down for almost a whole period," added Hamula, who was on the ice for all three Manitoba goals in the second

Goaltender Aaron Sorochan came up big for the Bears during the power plays, allowing four shots past him but stopping 47 more—28 in the second period—on the way to victory.

"Sorochan gives us a chance to win every night," Thurston said. "If you get that type of goaltending, you got to have our other guys know that he's paying the price and they have to step up and do it too."

"Their goalie was outstanding; he was the difference in the game-especially in the second period," Bisons coach Don MacGillivray added.

The pair of victories keeps Alberta one point ahead of Calgary (6-2-0) atop the Canada West Mountain Division standings. Kilgour's five-point weekend moves him into a four-way tie for the conference lead in points (13) with Stanley and Calgary's Jarret Lukin and Ryan Annesley.



PEEKABOO Joel Schmuland (airborne) prepares for a kill while showing off his treasure trail.

### Volley Bears sweep Bobcats in six

Pair of straight-set victories to start season bodes well for revamped Alberta squad led by Schmuland, Proudfoot

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As the temperature continued to drop over the weekend in the city of Edmonton, the Golden Bears volleyball team kept the Main Gym nice and toasty. The first games of the season were not disappointing for the Bears, as they came away with a pair of straight-set victories against the University of Brandon Bobcats.

Friday night saw a dominating performance from Alberta, winning 25-14, 25-14 and 25-16. According to Bobcats head coach Russ Paddock, Brandon wasn't good enough to stay with Alberta

"We're playing against one of the top teams in the country. We're in a beginning program; this is just our second year in the league. We've got a lot of young players and we're playing against a better opponent in their gym," he said.

Part of the Bears success was their strong service game. Right side, Joel Schmuland scored four aces the first night, and Alberta had 16 aces throughout the weekend.

"We did a really good job with serving and they had a hard time serve receiving. That was the biggest thing; it allowed us to block and play defence pretty well. I think [the Bobcats] are a team that has a lot of potential," Bears head coach Terry Danyluk explained. "First contact [is] an important part of the game; we handled their serves pretty well and they didn't pass so well. If they get those two parts of their game together, I think they can be pretty good."

Even though the Bears have gone through some changes, they have yet to show signs of trouble adjusting this year. Fifth-year Bears middle, Derek Proudfoot already believes Alberta has a strong chance at success this season.

"Everyone worked really hard and we didn't let balls hit the ground. We're playing really well together and as long as we keep improving we should be able to [win]." Proudfoot said.

Saturday night saw a near repeat performance from Alberta as they took the first two sets by lopsided scores of 25-15 and 25-16. Brandon was able to hang with the Bears a little longer in the third set before they bowed out 25-19. Despite failing to win a set, the Bobcats still have some positives they can draw from the weekend.

"We came in here hoping to have some better results, but we were up against a tough opponent, we know that. It certainly gives us an indication of where we need to go," Paddock said.

Danyluk, meanwhile, though his team had a very successful weekend.

"Different guys played well different nights. Thomas Jarmoc was twelve for 14 [Saturday], which is pretty good for an outside hitter," he said. "[Friday] night, Tim Gourlay played pretty well, [and] Joel Schmuland picked up his game a little bit on the offensive side.'

"[This weekend] gives us a good starting point and we can only go up from here." Proudfoot added.

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