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WIDE OPEN SPACES The Bears had plenty of scoring chances this weekend, like this one from right-winger Chad Klassen.

Power play prowess propels puck Bears to latest banner

With nearly two dozen man-advantages against the Huskies, Alberta's special teams play was able to overcome Saskatchewan's attempts at penalty killing

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The Saskatchewan Huskies may have dug themselves a big hole in their matchups with the Golden Bears hockey team this weekend by giving Alberta 22 power plays, but the Bears made it worse by finding the back of the net on six of them—three in each game—giving them eleven tallies with the man-advantage in their four playoff games.

"You're not going to be successful playing that type of hockey," Bears head coach Eric Thurston explained. "Good teams are going to come back and bite you, and with us being on the power play, our power play was very successful, and then that changes things because we just keep going on the power play, and we'll make them pay if we have to."

The Huskies had hoped that their penalty kill, ranked first in Canada West throughout the regular season, would be able to contain the Bears, but head coach Dave Adolph explained that that wasn't the case.

"I never even saw our penalty killers out there in the first two periods," he said on Friday. "If you look at the stats, who's leading the league in penalty killing? We are. We did all year. We did a great job on the penalty kill all year, [but today] we were a step behind, and when you're a step behind, good teams look great."

For the Bears, the key to their success while a man up was being able to move the puck around and wear down their opponents.

"Our forwards just did a great job of puck-pursuit. We had them hemmed

in their own end for long periods of time, and their D-men ended up getting tired," fifth-year defenceman Harlan Anderson said. "Our forwards were driving their D-men wide and getting to the net and doing all the right things."

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And while Saskatchewan was forced to shorten their bench and use their best defensive players for much of the weekend because of their 36 penalties, Alberta's offensive depth allowed them to continue rolling their lines, keeping their forwards fresh.

"We're very lucky in the sense that we have three lines that can be power-play guys," Thurston said.

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This balance works within each

line on the ice as well, where Alberta is able to spread out and break down defences by sharing the puck.

"We see the options, and I think we've got a lot of weapons, and you take one away, and there's always another one open, and I think that's been our strength all year on the power play," Anderson explained.

"If the forwards are getting pressure lots, [...] you can come up to the point, and we'll get some shots through, and the opposite's true as well, so I think we have a pretty lethal combination of good forwards down low and some good shots from the point."

"We were moving the puck really well [on the power play]; we were using our D-men and working down low; nobody held onto it for very long," added forward Tim Krymusa, who was responsible for one of the Bears' power-play goals on Saturday. "We were getting pucks through, and we knew there were going to be rebounds, so we were going to the net pretty good. We wanted to go upstairs on this guy, and it worked pretty good."

But while the Bears were successful with the man-advantage this weekend, Anderson was quick to note that he didn't feel they were yet as good as they could be, pointing out that they could work more on "the little things."

"I don't know if we did fire on all cylinders," he admitted. "I thought we were good on the power play; we got the job done, but I thought we could still get better. We had a couple of five-on-threes that we should have scored on."

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