

Speaking on Sports

By STEVE RYBAK

The Edmonton sports scene gets more varied as the year progresses. Kicking off the year will be a three-day track and field program at the new Kinsmen fieldhouse this weekend.

University students should take an interest, and not only because the U of A is sending a 24-man team to the intercollegiate meet tonight. The best in Canadian intercollegiate track and field will be in attendance and records should fall. It will be a chance to see Simon Fraser athletes in action.

SFU is the only Canadian university to offer athletic scholarships, \$50,000 worth. It's paid off for them in football and swimming and now in track and field. Their high jumper and half-miler are expected to set new Canadian intercollegiate records.

And on Saturday night the Royal Canadian Legion is holding the Canadian Open Track Meet. The fieldhouse is right next to the campus, down in Walterdale Flats. So if university basketball is not your forte drop down to the track meet.

If you do like basketball all weekend long there is a game Sunday afternoon in the Edmonton Gardens. Basketball in the Gardens? Yes, basketball. The Harlem Globetrotters and the New York Nationals meet at 3 p.m.

If you also happen to like birthday parties, you can find one at the Gardens along with the basketball game. It will be the Globetrotters 41st birthday. Appropriate festivities will be held. Percy Page and some of his world famous Edmonton Grads will be at the game too. Exams are more than a week off, so drop over to the Gardens on Sunday. Tickets are available at the Bay ticket office.

And if you like a bit more blood and color and the like, there is the growing fight game in the city. Billy McGrandle has breezed through ten fights without a loss and now his handlers are aiming at the British Empire title. They are hoping to bring the present champion, Walter McGowan, to Edmonton in February or March. They're guaranteeing the Scot \$50,000.

And for those who prefer the more pure fisticuffs, the Royal Canadian Legion is sponsoring the Olympic boxing trials in March. The trials will be held either in the Gardens and Sales pavilion or on campus.

March is going to be a busy month for the amateurs. Besides the boxing trials the Canadian Amateur Athletic Union will be holding the Canadian Wrestling championships on campus on March 15.

Well at least university students can't plead ignorance when they ignore these sporting events. But seeing as they don't turn up at university events, why should one even hope they'll show up at these cross-town events.

Holiday season over for puck Bears; team readies for Pioneers, Nuggets

The party is over for the Golden Bear hockey club. Inactive over the Christmas break, the team is faced with three tough games in the next week.

Friday and Saturday they play the University of Denver Pioneers at Denver. Jan. 10, the Bears do battle with the Edmonton Nuggets here at Varsity Arena.

The Denver contests are exhibition games. The Nugget game is part of the city hockey championship. The Bears, Nuggets and Oil Kings are competing in a double round-robin tourney for the Clarence Moher Trophy.

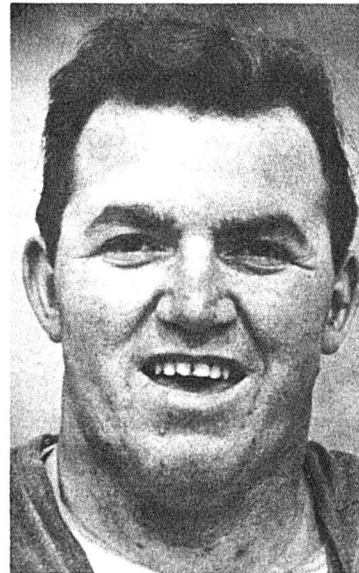
In the only game played so far in the city series, the Bears suffered a 3-2 defeat at the hands of the Oil Kings.

Sam Belcourt has moved into a tie with linemate Jack Gibson for

the team scoring lead. Each has garnered 22 points in 16 league and exhibition games. Wayne Wiste, who centres Belcourt and Gibson, is sixth in scoring with 13 points

to give the line a grand total of 57 points.

Goaltender Dale Halterman has a 1.67 goals against average, tops in the league.



SAM BELCOURT
... tied for lead



JACK GIBSON
... 22 points

BEAR SCORING (including ex. games)

	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Jack Gibson	16	15	7	22	16
Sam Belcourt	16	9	13	22	8
Ron Cebryk	15	3	14	17	10
M. Stelmashuk	15	11	5	16	17
J. Braunberger	14	7	7	14	6
Wayne Wiste	7	4	9	13	6

WCIAA LEAGUE STANDINGS

	G	W	L	F	A	P
Alta.	6	4	2	17	10	8
Sask.	4	3	1	22	18	6
B.C.	4	2	2	15	15	4
Man.	4	2	2	8	12	4
Cal.	6	1	5	14	21	2

B'ballers battle Wesmen in weekend exhibition action

This Friday and Saturday, the U of A Golden Bears play host to the University of Winnipeg Wesmen in exhibition play.

This year, the Wesmen play exhibition games against all members of the WCIAA. Next season, Winnipeg will be a full member in the WCIAA.

Earlier this season in games played at the University of Winnipeg gym the Golden Bears posted victories of 64-49 and 68-60. They expect to take both games this weekend.

Al Melnychuk impressed in recent games against the Edmonton Chieftains and will see considerable action against the Wesmen. Brian Rakoz, a centre from the Junior Bearcats, has gained a position with the Bears. Rakoz will provide relief for Larry Nowak.

The Wesmen play aggressive basketball. They are led by forwards Dave Christianson, a fine shooter, and Bill Irwin, their re-

bounding ace. Rich Healey supplies leadership in the backcourt.

The Wesmen have had little success against the WCIAA clubs. The Golden Bears should win both games with ease.

U of C hockey Dinos drop out of senior league

The University of Calgary Dinosaurs have dropped out of the Alberta Senior Hockey League.

The Dinosaurs and U of A Golden Bears were to play a partial schedule against the league members from Red Deer, Drumheller and Medicine Hat. The Bears, who lead the league, will not be affected by the Calgary move.

Coach Al Rollins of the Dinosaurs said his players refused to play any more games against the senior clubs unless they were paid.

Calgary Orphans, an intermediate club composed of ex-Bear and Dinosaur players, will take the Dinosaurs' place.



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