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Hoop preview

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program for months now. Coach Horwood has been very pleased with his young ones thus far in practice. "They've all been very impressive," he said, "particularly Bill Lavergne. He has performed better than I expected him to." Indeed, the addition of big boys Lavergne and Stanley are very welcome to a team that has had lots of trouble matching up with teams in terms of height.

Horwood feels his program is maturing at a very fast rate. "Three years ago there were a million openings on this team," he said. "Now, we only have to recruit one or two outstanding players every year to keep the program at the level it's at."

Horwood's new players will also have more of an opportunity to gain playing experience, as Canada West Basketball has decided to double the number of conference games from 10 to 20. Horwood is pleased with the extended schedule

"Last year, if a top player was out of commission for two weeks, he would be missing almost half the season. This year things won't be as rushed."



Perhaps the biggest knock against the tougher schedule is that it has forced the cancellation of the annual Golden Bear Invitational. Apparently, though, the tournament is set to go for next year, all extraneous variables being accounted for.

The Bears' first games are on December 16th and 17th against Grande Prairie College. Their first conference games are on the following weekend at the University of Lethbridge. The Bears don't play a conference game at home until November 27th against Saskatchewan, but they do play eight of their last ten at home.

Sports trivia quiz

1. This former Blackhawk great was blackballed from playing in the '72 Summit Series.
2. Who coined the terms "Spino-rama", and "cannonading"?
3. Who was the last player to complete the triple crown in baseball?
4. Who is the "Entertainer"?
5. What sport does the term Royal and Ancient come from?
6. Who won the Calder Trophy last year?
7. Who was the first player drafted in last year's NHL entry draft?
8. Who was the first president of the NHL?
9. Who was the MVP in last year's NBA playoffs?

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The way hockey should be

by Jeff Piercy

I know it's been over a week now since the Canada Cup ended, and the NHL season doesn't start until October, but I'm going to write about hockey anyway.

Looking back on the three-game final series between the Canadians and the Soviets, it is certain that it will be remembered as some of the greatest hockey ever played. The fast-paced, hard-hitting games were played with great determination by both teams. After watching these games, it is difficult to get excited about the upcoming NHL season.

Although no NHL team can match the skill level of Team Canada or Team USSR, the league can go a long way in improving the quality of its product. For instance, the useless pushing and shoving after a whistle which usually fills high-emotion NHL games was virtually non-existent in the Canada Cup. I didn't hear one person say that he missed these dull episodes during stoppages of play. Wasn't it

great to go from a whistle back to the action in a minimum of time? The excitement and momentum of the game were only momentarily interrupted after whistles.

NHL games would be better without ten-player staring contests

Top NHL games, such as those between the Oilers and Flames, would be even better if the league had a policy to cut down on the ten-player staring contests which do nothing other than detract from the game itself. No new rules are required to accomplish this however. All that needs to be done is to instruct the referees to call delay-

of-game penalties on those players delaying the game with useless pushing and shoving. After players began to receive penalties for these unnecessary events, they would stop — quickly.

Another way in which the NHL (and all of hockey) could improve the quality of play is to instruct the referees to apply more consistently the rules of the sport. The unofficial condoned policy of allowing the men in black and white to call the first period one way, the third period another, and overtime yet another way should be stopped. The current system frustrates both players and fans. As well, it allows less-skilled players to drag other players down to their level. When this happens, all of hockey loses some of the grace, speed, and excitement it can provide.

Inspired by the great hockey we saw this summer, we should encourage the NHL to give us the kind of games we'd all love to see more often.



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