

# Goalie back on top

by Darrell Semenuk

Not so long ago Jack Cummings would look up to see the likes of Reg Leach, Danny Gare, Greg Polis and Lanny McDonald swooping down the ice at him. He even faced Guy Lafleur in the Memorial Cup in 1970.

This year the 23 year-old netminder looks up to see the faces of Tom Blaney, Bob Laycock, Derek Williams and Pat Rooney. But its all relative says Cummings. "It doesn't matter who you are or where you've played, Ken Dryden could play in this league and still get scored upon. I just tell myself not to kid yourself. You're lucky to be playing in this league."

Cummings took the overland route on his way to college hockey and even got his start between the pipes in a strange way.

"I went into goal on a dare. It was during the playoffs when I was playing pee wee. I was a hot tempered kid and our goalie had a bad game and I mouthed off and the coach sent me in."

From there Cummings went up the minor hockey system until eventually playing for the junior Oil Kings as a 16 year-old in 1969-70. The following year Cummings backed the team to a league championship and a Memorial Cup berth. Cummings played 59 of the team's 62 games

but was replaced in the playoffs by another teenage phenom by the name of Larry Hendricks.

"I should say that playing in the Memorial Cup was the highlight of my career and it would have been if not for the fact that I played 59 of the 62 league games and then I had a letdown at the end of the season and was replaced in the playoffs."

From a championship team Cummings was traded to the expansion Vancouver Nationals. It no longer became a question of winning but a matter of survival. Cummings was constantly bombarded in the next 2 years he played there. "In the second year I never faced less than 42 shots a game and I averaged about 50 shots a game for the season."

Cummings was the number one netminder in Vancouver but that's like being first in line for a firing squad. He was named the team's MVP both years, probably out of sympathy by his teammates. He also set a WCHL record for most saves in one year (2469) and in a career (6225). From there he went to Columbus of the International League. This time in the shadow of another goalie from the WCHL - Ray Martyniuk.

After sitting out a year to regain amateur status Cummings joined the Bears in 1975-76. Again he shared the duties with

Henwood and Craig Gunther. Despite only playing 6 regular season games (winning 5) Cummings led the league with a 2.44 goals against average.

This year he's second in the league, behind, ironically, his teammate Ted Poplawski, who has only played 5 games. Cummings just finished setting an unofficial CWUAA record for the longest shutout string, 159 minutes and 15 seconds.

"I really wasn't aware of the streak until the second period (in Saturday's game in Vancouver). Pops (Poplawski) said something about it in between the first and second period and it only took them about 6 minutes to score."

Cummings is out to prove he's the number one goaltender in regular season and in the playoffs. "That's one of my main motivations, the national finals. It's the Canadians that are starting to get me to play better. I don't think I'm playing as well as I can. I think that I can play my best in the playoffs."

After being denied that opportunity twice before, Cummings has no intentions of it happening a third time.

The Bears will meet the University of Calgary Dinosaurs Thursday and Friday evening at Varsity arena. Game time is 8:00 p.m. These are the last two regular season home games for the Bears.

## Men's Intramurals

**Slalom Skiing.** The entries are in and the schedule will be posted on the bulletin board across from the Men's Intramural office. At last report the snow conditions at Rabbit Hill were good.

If you are interested in seeing some good ski racing drop out to Rabbit Hill on Saturday. The proceedings will start at 9:00 a.m. and continue until approximately 2:00 p.m.

**Snooker.** Alright you would be Minnesota Fats, your event has finally arrived.

The annual Men's Intramural Snooker tournament will be held at the SUB pool hall on February 21, 22, 23. The deadline for this event is Tuesday, February 15. Contact your Unit Manager or come down to the Men's Intramural Office and sign up.

**Bowling.** The final unit standings for this event are as follows: (top ten)

1. Dentistry - 56 pts.
2. A.A.A. - 36 pts.
3. St. Joe's - 32 pts
4. Lower Res. - 29 pts
5. Law - 20 pts
6. Theta Chi - 17 pts
7. Mac Hall - 16 pts
8. L.D.S. - 13 pts
9. Phys. Ed. - 9 pts.
10. Delta Upsilon - 8 pts

### Participants of the Week

The L.D.S. Division III hockey team for their indefatigable persistent efforts. Despite being beaten 19-0, 9-0 and 10-1 in their first three games, they came back to double their season goal output in a 12-2 loss. Now that's performance!

### Unit Manager of the Week

This week's honor goes to Pat Frewer of Deke's. Pat somehow manages to get his team lists handed in on time and

gets his boys out to each game. Pat has also attended every I-M unit manager's meeting this year. A thanks for a job well done to Pat Frewer.

**Badminton.** The winners of each event have been decided. The winners are as follows:

- "A" singles, Terry Beitel - Mac Hall
- "B" singles, Ray Tomej - Mac Hall
- "C" singles, David Yau - Engineering
- "A" Doubles, Melling-Cranston, Kappa Sigma
- "B" doubles, Lamoureux-Davies,
- "C" doubles, Wah-Lang, Theta Chi

## Co-Rec

**Racquetball Ladder.** Entries are being accepted for the ladder, add your name to those already entered. The single ladder (guy vs girl) and Mixed Doubles (guy-girl vs guy-girl) will run from Feb. 2 - March 18. Matches played on own time in East Wing Courts in P.E. Bldg. Check for more information at the Co-Rec Office located in the Men's Intramural Office.

**Novelty Swim Meet.** Come out Wednesday, February 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the West pool for a big swim bash. These novelty races are open for Water Wingers

to Mark Spitz.

Individual entries as well as team entries are welcome. If you enter a team (8 members) there must be at least 3 members of the opposite sex on each team.

**Badminton Results.** Badminton was run Saturday, February 5 from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Consolation tournament - each team was guaranteed 2 hours of badminton.

Congratulations to Darlene McAllister and Bernard Pang - tournament winners and to Caroline Heslop and Ray Tamcey - consolation winners.

## Women's Intramurals

### Completed Events:

**3 on 3 basketball** was held Jan. 17, Feb. 3 Monday, Tuesday or Thursday, 7:00 p.m. West Gym. Four teams went into the finals. T.B.A., 10th Mac, Musak and OTL#2, the winner was T.B.A.

**Yoga** was held Feb. 8, 7 p.m. in the West Gym. This was the last time this year.

### Current Events:

**Keep Fit** classes are being held every Monday and Wednesday 12-1 in the Fencing Gym. Excellent instruction is provided. Start any time and have fun while getting in shape.

**Jogging and Swimming**

charts are up in the women's locker room.

**Novelty Swim Meet** entry deadline was Feb. 7 but if you missed, come anyway. The event will be held at 7 p.m. East Pool Feb. 9 Wednesday. This is an extremely fun-filled event. Everyone is welcome.

**Archery** will be held Feb. 10, 7 p.m. in the West Gym. If you missed the deadline come anyway. Equipment and instruction will be provided. Everyone is welcome.

### Coming Events:

**Squash** will be held Feb. 12 at 10 a.m. on the PE courts. If you missed the deadline come

anyway. There will be competitive and recreational play provided. Equipment provided.

**Indoor Tennis** will be held Feb. 12 12:30-2:00 at the Mayfield Courts. Equipment provided. Come anyway if you missed the deadline.

**Badminton - Doubles** entry deadline was Feb. 9th. If you missed it come anyway. The event will run Mon. Tue or Thurs. Feb. 14-24 7 p.m. in the West Gym. Equipment is provided.

For further information visit the Women's IM office located in the PE Bldg. M-F 12-1, and M-R 4-5. Phone 432-3565.



Jack Cummings has plenty to smile about this season. He's sporting a 2.93 goals against average and just compiled a string of over 159 minutes of shut-out hockey.

photo Grant Wurm

## Cagers off to UBC for weekend series

by Robert Lawrie

The Golden Bear and Panda basketball teams travel to Vancouver this weekend to do battle with their U.B.C. counterparts.

A win by the Bears against U.B.C. in either of their two games will cinch first place and home advantage for the playoffs. The T'Birds meanwhile are in a dog fight with Calgary and Victoria for second place and the last playoff spot.

The Pandas will be taking on

the last-place Thunderettes and should have little trouble with the inexperienced U.B.C. squad. Both Lori Chizik and Kara Johnson are expected back in action this weekend.

Both teams will have to contend with U.B.C.'s horsehair gym floor. The floor, with horsehair padding underneath, often provides for some unexpected and sometimes interesting bounces. Steve Panteluk practiced full out on Tuesday night and is expected back this weekend for the Bears.

## Sports Quiz

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1. Guy Lafleur holds the NHL record for most goals in one season by a right winger. True or False. (2pts)
2. When Phil Esposito was traded to Boston from Chicago along with Ken Hodge and Fred Stanfield which 3 players did Boston receive? (3pts)
3. Name the real first names of these football players. a) Sonny Wade b) Bubba Bridges c) Molly McGee d) Rocky Long (4pts)
4. Who holds the CFL record for most carries in one game? a) Doyle Orange b) Willie Burden c) George Reed d) Art Green (3pts)
5. Two Edmonton Eskimo players hold the CFL record for most passes caught in one game, name them. (2pts)
6. Which one of these women golfers was never voted rookie of the year on the LPGA tour? a) Laura Baugh b) Jocelyn Bourassa c) Sandra Palmer d) Carol Mann (3pts)
7. Which NHL team scored the most goals during the 1975-76 regular season? (2pts)
8. Who had the second highest point total of rookies in the NHL last year? a) Dennis Maruk b) Michel Bergeron c) Nelson Pyatt d) Mike Bridgeman (3pts)
9. Which NHL goalie had the most points last year? (wins and ties) (2pts)
10. Name the sport associated with these names. a) Vitas Gerulaitis b) Betty Burfeindt c) Niki Lauda d) Roberto Duran e) Austin Carr