

VIEW FROM THE CHEAP SEATS

by Mark Savole

Congratulations to the Canadian Junior Hockey Team for their gold medal performance in Saskatchewan over the holidays. For the second year in a row they received a helping hand en route to their victory, this year it being a game trying goal by Finland against the Soviets with just 15 seconds left. The year before it had been Sweden with the crucial goal against the Soviets with only one second remaining. As one Canadian veteran of both those tournaments said, "I sure do like Scandinavia."

As expected the NHL-Soviet Super Series has been a dud, with crowds of 2,000 - 3,000 being common. In the midst of a long 80 game schedule people just don't want to see a meaningless game with all the drama and emotion of Kraft dinner.

In other hockey news the NHL finally announced what new teams will join the NHL, these being the Ottawa Senators and the Tampa Lightning. Both these teams will enter the NHL in 1992, one year after the San Jose Sharks debut next year. Watch out for Tampa! They're essentially owned by Japanese money, and with that type of cash and the Japanese post war work ethic they could become a serious contender in just a brief while.

I found it especially gratifying to see Ottawa get a franchise. Ottawa has a long established hockey tradition, marked by the famous Ottawa Silver Seven and their star, Frank Nighbor. That team was hockey's first real dynasty, winning three successive Stanley Cups just after the turn of the century. The NHL had an earlier incarnation of the Ottawa Senators as well, with star players such as Clint Benedict and by Dennenny. Ottawa has more Stanley Cups to its city than all but Montreal and Toronto, and until the depression Ottawa was synonymous with quality hockey. It's good to have them back.

Ben Johnson is back, and reportedly, as fast as ever. I personally find it hard to believe that he is still as fast as he was at Seoul. Not only will he no longer have the advantage of steroids, but come the '92 Olympics in Barcelona he will be four years older than he was in Seoul. In the speed business, four years is an awful long time. Still, the reinstatement is a welcome sight, and too long in coming. The ostracization of Ben Johnson by the Canadian public and especially the Canadian press is the real disgrace, not the fact that he got caught cheating.

They say that anabolic steroids are detrimental to human health. I don't know that independently, but I will take the experts' word for it. However, smoking and drinking are bad for our health and they haven't been banned. Poor example, you say, as these aren't performance enhancing. But other legal drugs are performance enhancing, and they haven't been banned despite their detrimental health aspects.

However, the real issue is that masking abilities are far in advance of testing capabilities. Therefore, the people who win are often the ones with the best labs working behind them. Realistically, do you honestly believe that Carl Lewis was and is running drug free?

Finally, I just heard that Chatham, Ontario native Ferguson Jenkins has been elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame. I'm not sure if he's the first Canadian in the Hall, but he certainly is the best Canadian player of recent memory. He won 20+ games for five consecutive seasons while with the Cubs and came close to winning 300 games.

Congratulations!

INTRAMURAL

Happy New Year everyone! Begin the new year with some fun and excitement. Intramural sports are for everyone so GET IN THE GAME! The Intramural Program has a variety of activities for women's, men's and co-ed teams. Information on the different sports are available on Manager's Info Sheets in the window of the Recreation Office between 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday (Room A121 L.B. Gym). Tuesday, January 15 at 3:00 p.m. is the entry deadline for the programs listed below so hurry on in so as not to miss on the excitement!

Men's Indoor Soccer
Co-Ed Volleyball Leagues (Competitive & Recreation)
Co-Ed Ice Hockey League

INTRAMURAL OFFICIALS

Officials are still needed for Indoor Soccer, Ball Hockey, Volleyball, and Basketball. Anyone interested in officiating should complete an application form at the Recreation Office. Pay rate depends on experience and certification. For more information contact the Recreation Office.

WINTER INTRAMURAL BADMINTON TOURNAMENT

The Men's and Women's Intramural Badminton Tournament will be held on Saturday, January 19, 1991 (and Sunday, January 20, 1991 if necessary). Competition will be held in both singles and doubles for both men and women. The tournament format will depend on the number of entries received. Interested players should register in the Recreation Office, Room A121 L.B. Gym between 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Enjoy some friendly competition, meet some other players and get some exercise.

ADULT LEARN TO SWIM PROGRAM

Registration for the UNB Adult Learn-to-Swim Program will be held on Thursday, January 17th starting at 7:00 p.m. in Room A116 of the Lady Beaverbrook Gym. Instruction is offered at all levels from the true beginner to the lifesaver level. Everyone is welcome! For further information visit the L.B. Gym or phone 453-4579.

FACULTY OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND RECREATION Non-Credit Instruction Courses

AQUA-EXERCISE FOR ADULTS

Dates : January 14 to March 29 (10 weeks)
Times : Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays, 12:30 to 1:10 p.m.
Location : Lady Beaverbrook Residence Pool
Registration : Begins Jan.. 7 at the UNB Business Office
Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Deadline: January 11
Cost : \$20 for UNB/STU students and Facility members
\$40 for non-members

LIFESAVING AWARDS: BRONZE MEDALLION AND BRONZE CROSS

Dates : January 12 to March 23 (8 weeks + exams)
Times : Saturdays, 11:30 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.
Location : Sir Max Aitken Pool
Registration : Forms available at UNB Recreation Office
Room A121, L.B. Gym, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Cost : \$45 for UNB/STU students and Facility members
\$55 for non-members

NATIONAL LIFEGUARD SERVICE (POOL OPTION) COURSE

Dates : January 13 to March 24 (8 weeks + exams)
Times : Saturdays, 6 - 9 p.m. and Mondays, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.
Location : Room A116 and campus pools
Registration : Forms available at UNB Recreation Office
Room A121, L.B. Gym, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Deadline: January 9
Cost : \$100 for UNB/STU students and Facility members
\$115 for non-members

NATIONAL LIFEGUARD SERVICE (POOL OPTION) RECREATION CLINIC

Dates : January 13
Times : 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Location : Room A116 and Sir Max Aitken Pool
Registration : Forms available at UNB Recreation Office
Room A121, L.B. Gym, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Deadline: January 9
Cost : \$40 for UNB/STU students and Facility members
\$45 for non-members

FITNESS CLASSES

Dates : January 14 to April 5 (12 weeks)
Times : Morning, noon and late afternoons
Location : Lady Beaverbrook Gymnasium
Registration : January 9, 10, 11
L.B. Gym Lobby, 12-1:30 p.m., 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Cost : \$30 for UNB/STU students and Facility members
\$60 for non-members

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