

Bears prepare for season

By Barry Rust

What does the 1961-62 season hold for the Golden Bears?

For the past three weeks coach Clare Drake has been running his charges through the vigorous grind of training, looking for the combination that will continue his club's

reputation of past glories.

Alberta's trophy cases have held the Hardy Cup, emblematic of Western Intercollegiate hockey supremacy, eight of the past eleven years. Over a twelve year period, the Hamber Trophy, put up for annual competition between the Universities of Alberta and BC, has strayed to foreign soil but once, that being its inaugural year.

If coach Drake has the needed combination he isn't saying. However the material appears to be present. True, the Bears have lost nine stalwarts from the

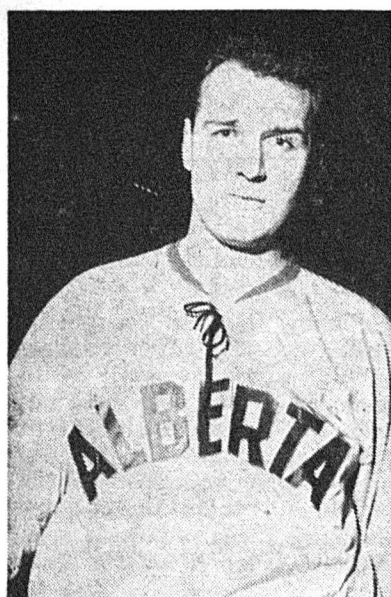
1961-62 edition; but there is a very impressive array of replacement material, much of it experienced. Ironically enough, the experienced men could turn out to be the question mark.

Take Larry Creighton, for example. Here is a boy who has played hockey for several top-notch clubs. He has performed in the Big Six League, played for junior and intermediate squads in Medicine Hat and spent four years with Boston University, where he was team captain. But his last tenure ended two years ago. Now, at the age of 26, he is returning and the return has not been easy.

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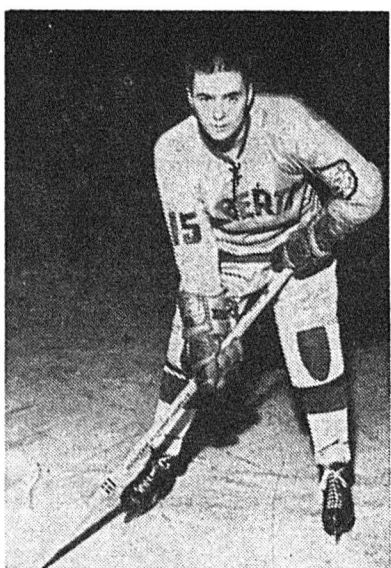
Others experiencing similar problems are Duane Lundgren, inactive the past year since completing two seasons with Moose Jaw Canucks and Jack Nichol who last played in 1957. Also there is Gerry Schultz. He was forced to quit the game after suffering a knee injury in 1956. He competed on a part-time basis last year, but it is unknown

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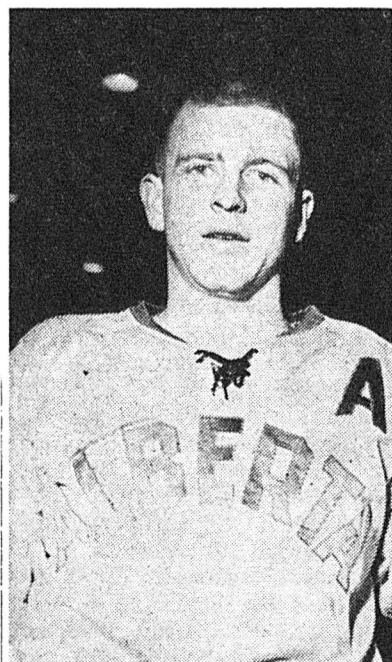
JACK NICHOL

Defence, 6'2", 230 lbs. A transplanted Bear footballer, Jack has seen action with Lethbridge Native Sons and Edmonton Oil Kings. Provides plenty of muscle on the blue-line.



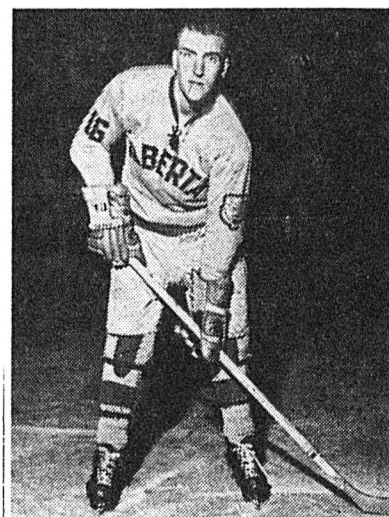
BOBBY COX

Centre, 20, 5'10", 158 lbs. An excellent scorer and playmaker, this speedy little newcomer is expected to provide plenty of offensive spark. Bobby has starred the past two seasons with Lethbridge Native Sons and Edmonton Oil Kings. Is still considered pro prospect, despite size.



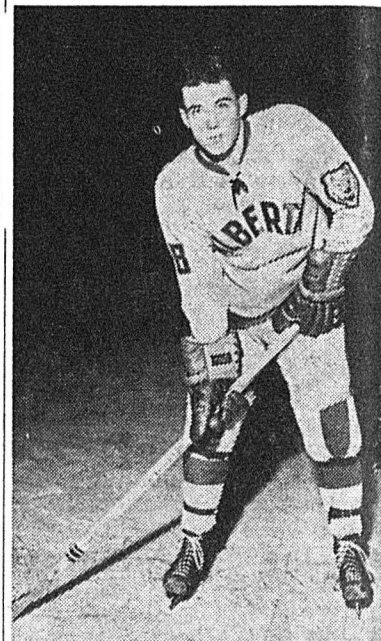
DICK WINTERMUTE

Defence, 20, 5'10", 180 lb. Dick is in second year with team. Showed plenty of promise last year. Should become a mainstay.



JOHN AUBIN

Left Wing, 23, 6'2", 195 lbs. Switched from center in second year. He is a strong skater possessing a nextcellent shot. Should get his share of goals.



DUANE LUNDGREN

Right wing, 21, 5'10", 155 lbs. Highly touted rookie, Duane spent two years with Moose Jaw Canucks. Returning to hockey after a year's absence, should team with Cox to provide effective one-two punch. In first year Commerce.

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