

Powerful Blues team to beat for Olympiad hockey crown

By DON MOREN

Big boy Blues come score your goals.

The University of Toronto Blues lead the best of Canadian college hockey into Varsity Arena Thursday for the Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic Union hockey championships.

The Blues are the number one-ranked university club in Canada and considered to be the team to beat. Other clubs expected to come to Edmonton for the championship are third-ranked Sir George Williams Georgians, the notorious X-Men from St. Francis Xavier, the Laurentian University Voyageurs and either the University of Saskatchewan Huskies or the University of Alberta Golden Bears.

The Bears and Huskies play off tomorrow night at Varsity Arena to decide who will represent the West.

Below is a preview of the various league champions who will struggle for the national championship.

THE POWERHOUSE BLUES

Toronto became the powerhouse in Canadian university hockey by dumping the Golden Bears 8-1 in the national final held at Sudbury in March of last year.

Since then they have won the prestigious Centennial Tournament at the Montreal Forum in January. The Blues soundly trimmed the Bears 8-5 and Sir George Williams 8-4 during the tournament.

Toronto ran away with the Ontario-Quebec Athletic Association championship. They completed the schedule with a 14-1-1 won-lost-tied record and averaged ten goals a game.



WARD PASSI
... Blues' captain

They annihilated McGill 19-0 in a regular league game. This awesome goal-scoring ability has been the mark of the team all season.

The top six scorers in the league came from the Blues. Paul Laurent (see picture) won the scoring race with 50 points in 16 games.

Brothers Hank and Steve Monteith mean double trouble for any team after the Blues' number one spot. The Monteiths tied for second place with 45 points each.

Captain Ward Passi (also pictured) is another top scorer and a veteran of college play. This is his fifth season with Varsity and in 1965 he played on the Blues' championship football team.

Toronto has strength in all positions. Peter Speyer is a pillar in

the Blue defence and has had coaching experience in Austria.

John Wrigley and Tom Little allowed 37 goals over 16 games in the Toronto nets. Wrigley compiled a personal 2.25 goals-against average.

Despite their "super" team, Toronto was upset by McMaster and tied by Montreal. The Blues though, are definitely the team to beat in the finals.

THE GEORGIANS, MAYBE

The Ottawa-St. Lawrence Conference does not have a runaway choice for a representative to Olympiad.

Sir George Williams Georgians from Montreal with their third-ranked status have faded of late and a playoff between the Georgians and the Loyola Warriors was to be completed over the weekend.

The Georgian went 14 games unbeaten before Loyola thumped them 4-2. They have the top scorer in the league in Bob Berry with 31 goals.

Paul Lemire is reputed to be the best defencemen. Captain Trevor Kerr has 14 goals and 26 assists.

But coach Paul Arsenault has problems. His talented center Phil Sutton was suspended for the balance of the season.

The Georgians squeaked out a 3-2 victory over the last-place MacDonald College Clansmen. Sir George then dropped another to mediocre Royal Military College Redmen 5-0.

Floyd Curry, former NHL star, coaches the Warriors from Loyola and his team has been on the upswing ever since they downed the Georgians.

Goaltender Brian Hughes has the best record in the Ottawa-St. Lawrence. Roger Wilding, Mike Cullen and Art Johnsons form a big line for the Warriors.

X-MEN, PERHAPS

St. Francis Xavier X-Men from Antigonish, Nova Scotia have lost their firm grip on the Maritime Intercollegiate championship.

The X-Men appeared to catch the Golden Bears on an off-day in the Winter Games at Quebec City. They went on to tie Laval from the OGAA and lose to St. Dunstan's University from Charlottetown.

The fifth-ranked X-Men lost

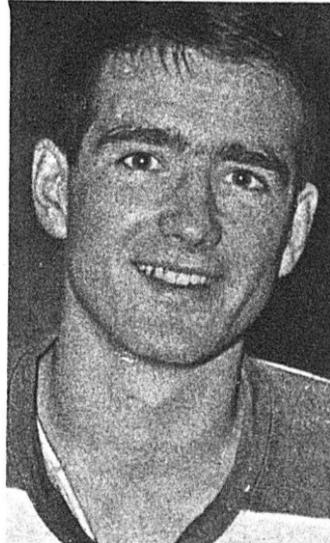
again to St. Dunstan's in regular conference play.

Father Kehoe's squad has steady goaltending in Tom Purcer. Forwards Murray Kelly, Clement Farenzena and Jack Churchill are the goal scorers on the club.

The rhubarb in the Maritimes was to be settled over the weekend. Judging by what your reporter saw at Quebec, the Saints from St. Dunstan's could make the best representative from the Maritimes.

VOYAGEURS, FOR SURE

Moving on to the Ontario Intercollegiate Athletic Association the picture is clear. The Voyageurs from Laurentian University at Sudbury will come to Olympiad.



PAUL LAURENT
... determined goal-getter

The top players for the Voyageurs are big, burly defencemen Mike Callaghan and two centers, Joe Moneste and Ron Robinson.

SCW HOCKEY

Wednesday: Bears vs. Huskies 8 p.m.

Thursday: CIAU hockey quarter-final 7 p.m.

Friday: CIAU hockey semi-final 9 p.m.

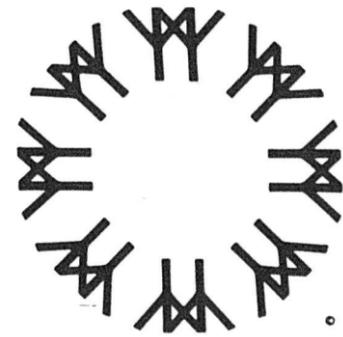
Saturday: CIAU hockey final 2 p.m.

An invitation to the University's Centennial Convocation

Alumni, students, their families and members of the public are cordially invited to the Centennial Convocation of The University of Alberta, Friday, March 10 at 8:10 p.m. in the Northern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium. Honorary degrees will be conferred upon Mrs. Donald W. (Pauline) McGibbon, His Eminence Paul-Emile Cardinal Leger, Mr. C. H. (Punch) Dickins, and Dr. Charles Hard Townes. No regular degrees will be conferred. The University of Alberta Mixed Chorus and Symphony Orchestra will perform.

Early admission tickets will be given to all persons requesting them from the Office of the Registrar. Holders of these tickets should plan to arrive before 8 p.m.; after 8 p.m. persons without tickets will be admitted to the extent of available accommodation. (There is no admission charge.)

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