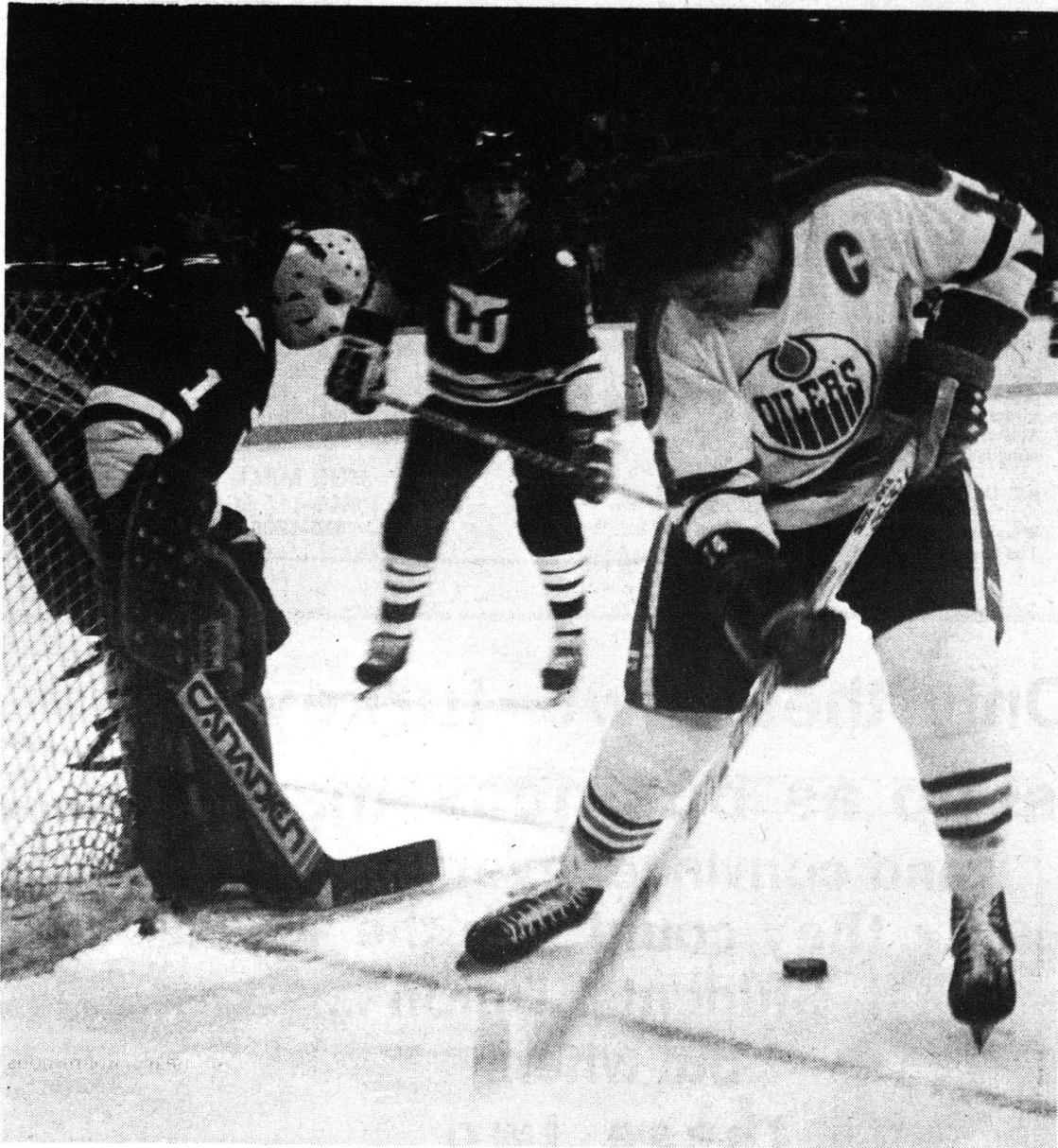


Oilers trap three Bears

Desert team to try big leagues



Stumblebums like B.J. MacDonald will have new linemates when three Bear players join the Oilers in the new year.

In a surprise announcement today, Golden Bear hockey coach Clare Duck made public some recent defections from his team.

"Several of our players thought they could make the move to the NHL and will be playing there after Christmas," said Duck. Those players will be Chris Helland, Dan Peacocke, Ace Brimacombe and Perry Zapernick. All except Zapernick will play for the Edmonton Oilers. Montreal has expressed an interest in Zapernick.

Meanwhile Duck turned down offers to take over the New York Rangers from recently-fired Fred Shero.

Part of the Oilers deal will see three Oilers enroll in the university and likely play for the Bears. The players will be Dave Semenko, Dave Hunter and Pat Price. Duck said, "Knowing the

quality of players there was no problem having them re-instated as amateurs. The biggest worry for them will be whether or not they can make the team. We have a pretty high caliber league here."

Brimacombe says the reason they decided to defect was the money. "Man, how can we live on eight bucks a day and free hockey sticks. Ever tried to eat a hockey stick?"

Helland says, "Right now the Oilers are horseshit. We can turn that team around in a month."

Montreal coach Claude Ruel says, "We've been on the lookout for a replacement for Guy Lafleur on the right side. This Zapernick looks like he might fill the bill."

Duck says the defections will probably not affect the team that badly. "We'll get them all back when the U of A joins the NHL in expansion next year anyway."

Grecian formula doesn't click

by R. Nadhob Nyhsylahcim

Jean Berry has resigned from his position as U of A wrestling coach in a recent controversy surrounding himself and three team members.

Earl Bineder, Murk Yarick, and Adrienne Mare were found in an Edmonton hotel last Saturday night with Berry, performing what the coach later called "single-leg takedowns."

"The boys felt pretty terrible after losing a lot of close matches to a visiting team from San Francisco," Berry said later.

"I thought we'd all go out and loosen up a bit," he said.

But one hotel official, who asked not to be identified, said Coach Berry had often brought men, most often with little facial hair, to the hotel to "loosen up."

"You can believe that if you want," the official said.

In defense of Berry, wrestler Murk Yarick said the coach's intentions were clear and honorable.

"We were impressed with the Frisco team, so we were just

practicing some of their moves," said Yarick, nicknamed "Fingers" by his teammates.

"Max" Earl Bineder concurred.

"Hell, yes. Jean was on top of it from start. He even paid for the room," Bineder said.

But Adrienne Mare was less than enthusiastic.

"They were all bigger than me," he whimpered under his breath as the four were marshalled into a waiting paddy-wagon.

Mare has been the brunt of some controversy already this year when the women's Judo club accused him of getting a sex change to join the wrestlers.

Medical records were never unearthed, and Mare remained on the team for what Berry called "sentimental reasons."

Berry, who resigned without comment after posting \$1000 bail, is believed to have departed for Greece on an extended holiday, or for what his colleagues in the Phys Ed department say will be a "wild time".

Pocket pool catches on

by Ron Duguay

Intramurals last week were boring as hell, but the Phys Ed department pays me good money (under the table) to write this thing, so here goes.

After voting not to discriminate against turkeys, the organizers of the annual footrace voted to change the event's name to "Chicken Tracking". The new name also fits the departments unofficial policy on sexism: the

female participants will not be called "Chickies".

The judo club is in traction this week after overextending themselves in a meet last weekend.

CHICKIES IN THE POOL: Male chauvinist pigs rejoiced on Wednesday when the all-Alberta women's innertube waterpolo team played in a round robin tournament with teams from the Alberta School for the Deaf and

the Alberta Quadraplegic Center.

The Bare's, as they are called, came in second.

"The seal-like noises the deaf girls use to communicate really intimidated us," said the Alberta coach.

The Bare's beat the Quads, though, using their "weighty" advantage.

"Our girls have the advantage of not needing inner tubes — the spare tires on their hips keep them afloat," said the coach.

BALLS IN THE POCKETS: The snooker team hit the road this week to play in a rural Alberta tournament in Balzac, Alberta.

Tournament organizer Dink Winkerson fears a ball shortage, however.

"Experience shows that players tend to pocket their balls when they've lost all hope of scoring," Dink said.

GET AHOLD OF YOURS: The Aggies will be sponsoring a fucking bronco during the first week of January to raise money for the ACT Telethon.

Featured will be wheelchair racer Ron Minor mounting the 'bronc with no legs! Marathoner Terry Fox will be Minor's backup.

Finally, a note from fencing coach Tom Freeloader: he's looking for dummies to join the team — prior experience isn't necessary, although some background in javelin catching would be helpful. Insurance policies are available at the Intramurals office.

Terry Jonestown

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It's about time those goddamn cruddy Oilers got their act together.

Right now old Slatsy Sather has them playing worse than the Little Sisters of the Poor pick-up shinny squad. Some nights they make the Coliseum smell worse than Peter's rendering plants out there in the east end.

Coach (?) Glen Sather is dumber than a sack of hammers. Anyone who thinks Dave Semenko can play hockey is a few bricks short of a load. Cementhead can't even tie his own skates yet.

The sooner Slats stops blaming his incompetence on the players, the quicker they might turn around and take a shot at the playoffs. Sather only knows one kind of hockey — dumb. Freddie the Frog could coach the Oilers half pissed by telephone better than Peter junior can cold sober from behind the bench.

After all, just what does Sather have on Pocklington that keeps him in Peter's employ: an illegitimate baby, dog food in the sausages, strange sexual tendencies with young children?

If Sather didn't have Peter's coattails to ride around on, he wouldn't go very far. The only smart move Sather made was dumping his busom buddy Buggy Watson. Now if Pocklington can see the light at the end of the tunnel he would be wise to do the same with Slats. No coach at all would be better than what they've got now.

SPORTS QUIZ

by Dick Hancock

1. Who was the leading coke scorer in the NHL in 1977-78?
2. Who led the WHA scoring in 1970-71?
3. How many times did Eddie Shack break his nose? How many times did other people break it?
4. Whose wife did George Steinbrenner trade Reggie Jackson for in the recent baseball talks?
5. How many NASL franchises are there this week?
6. Who holds the National League record for most strikeouts by a left-hander from New Jersey who chews Red Man tobacco and has a 74 year old grandmother in the hospital?
7. Is Phil Esposito really over the hill?
8. Is Brian Hall the most obnoxious football commentator?
9. Why do NBA games last 48 minutes when all the action is in the last 60 seconds?
10. Who is the current world champion in the heavyweight category of nude mud wrestling?

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