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Men's Intramurals

by Stew Duncan

A new year is upon us and the Intramural Department is ready to go with a new slate of events. Come on out and enjoy your favorite (or next to favorite) activity.

Basketball playoffs are currently determining Division 1, 2, and 3 champs. Ex-Bear Wally Tollestrup leads favored Med A against Dents in Division 1. Law B, AAA, and 9th Mac fight for Division 2, and a number of teams are competing for the title in Division 3. Come and enjoy the games any night at the Main Gym.

Drop into the Intramural office if you are interested in the limited number of opening on the squash, handball and racquetball challenge ladders.

Hockey is rolling again so check with your unit manager for schedule information.

Co-rec activities are also available in 1975. On January 15th, the first inner tube water polo tournament will be held in the West Pool at 7:15 p.m. Additional tourneys are scheduled for successive Wednesdays, so enter before the activity date.

A co-rec Badminton tournament on Saturday, Jan. 18 in the Main Gym will feature competition for experienced, moderately skilled, and novice players. Entry deadline is Wed., Jan. 15.

A cross country skiing race will kick off the new year on Jan. 11, at 2:00 at the

Kinsmen Field House.

Tuesday, Jan. 14 is deadline for entries in our Badminton event and 3-on-3 basketball contests.

Due to continual use of the Ice Arena by various organizations, UAB has constructed an outdoor rink between the Phys Ed building and the football field, to accommodate the demand for ice time.

Unit Standings as of Jan. 6: Division I - 1. Medicine 2. Law; Division II - 1. Kappa Sigma 2. Theta Chi.

Congratulations to Dan Block of Theta Chi - our Unit Manager of the week.

Table hockey

One thousand dollars will be up for grabs when the second annual Edmonton Table Hockey Tournament is staged January 25th and 26th at the Bonaventure Motor Hotel.

Numerous U students participated in last year's event, and more entries are expected for the competition this year.

Defending singles champ Grant Ainsley and the Ainsley-Brian Carp doubles team will both be back.

Entry fee in the doubles competition is \$7.00. Singles fee is \$6.00. For more information, contact Tom at 455-7921 or Jeff at 436-4754.

Bears bomb in Sudbury

by Cam Cole

Four or five players might have made the difference.

But Brian Middleton, Steve McKnight, Ross Barros, and Bruce Crawford were laboring elsewhere; and Craig Styles twisted an ankle the day before Bears were to leave for Ontario.

The result was two narrow defeats for Alberta in the Voyageur International Hockey Tournament in Sudbury during the Christmas break.

Bears lost the opener 5-4 to Loyola Warriors, and the winner wasn't scored until the 16:23 mark of the final period.

Advance notices for that contest listed Howard Crosley as the "Bear to watch". Crosley is Bears fourth or fifth defenceman and unaccustomed to star billing, but he played very well, scoring a goal and attracting four Loyola penalties in the first period.

"They were running at me all night," he laughed. Crosley was selected by Johnny Bower as the game's second star.

Two Alberta goals were power play markers and another was scored short handed. Their other scorers were John Simkin, Oliver Steward, and Clark Jantzie.

Bears' second loss was a heartbreaker.

They led the Toronto Blues 6-5 until 18:23 of the third period, when Toronto knotted the score.

Under tournament rules, if the score remains tied, three players from each team would be selected in a penalty-shot situation to decide the match.

"I was starting to look over the players, deciding which ones to use, when they scored again," said Coach Dick



Tough luck for the Bears.



Wintermute.

The goal was banked in off an Alberta defenceman, with just three seconds left.

Alberta goal scorers included John Simkin, Clark Jantzie, Jim Ofrim, Gary

Natgrass, and Oliver Steward, who had two.

Steward finally began to show some of the quality play he is capable of, and Simkin performed very steadily on the blueline.

Women's Intramurals

Do you feel fat and sluggish after the Christmas festivities? If so, get fit and trim by participating in the Women's Intramural Program for 1975.

Activities include basketball, curling, snow soccer, badminton, cross country skiing, and snow shoeing, paddleball, field hockey, bowling, billiards,

squash, archery, netball, ice hockey and swimming.

Swimming and jogging charts are up and Keep Fit runs from 12:00-1:00 Monday, Wednesday, Friday in the Fencing Room.

For further information visit the Intramural Office Monday through Friday 12:00 - 1:00 or 4:00 - 5:00, or phone 432-3565.

Return of Bearpolo

Last weekend two Bears' water polo teams competed in the second annual Saskatoon tournament.

Alberta's A team won the event with a perfect 3-0 record. They defeated U of Sask. B. team 13-1; U of Sask. A team 8-3; and Calgary Junior All-Stars 12-3.

The B team lost all of its games, but nevertheless made a

good showing. They dropped decisions to the U of Sask. B team, the Regina All Stars, and the Saskatoon Junior All Stars.

All participating teams were in favor of establishing a Western University Waterpolo League, and the proposal will now be put before the University Athletic Board.

Play resumes this weekend

The Golden Bear hockey team gets back to league play this weekend with two home games against the University of Saskatchewan Huskies. Both games will be played in Varsity arena - Friday at 8:00 p.m. and Saturday at 2:30 p.m.

The Bears last league contests were early in December against the same Huskies - games which the Bears won to maintain first place in Canada West going into the Christmas break.

Coach Drake is hoping his team will start the second half of league play off the same way they ended the first half. He says that his team's

first-half goal was to lose no more than two games. They didn't, but Drake feels that the league will be much tougher in the second half - particularly the University of British Columbia Thunderbirds who have been hampered by injuries before Christmas.

Huskies should also be tougher. "They lost a lot of one-goal-difference games before Christmas," Drake points out. And last weekend Huskies got their first win of the season against the University of Calgary Dinosaurus. "That will be a big boost to their morale," says Drake. "It could give them momentum going into our games."

Win a few - lose a few

by Cam Cole

If success can be judged by wins versus losses, the Student National Team venture was successful.

By any other standard, it wasn't, particularly.

Nats' record ended up at 4 wins, 2 losses, and 2 ties, but that doesn't tell you much about the problems.

They were mysteriously dropped from the Spangler Cup Tournament in Switzerland, and had to settle

for games against first division junior and senior teams in Czechoslovakia. While there, some of the team members contacted that strange stomach virus, which seems to infect all Canadian teams in Europe. Ross Barros lost over 10 pounds and had to miss almost half the games. Accommodations were less than great. Publicity was almost nil. The team didn't play that well. And - surprise, surprise - the officiating was poor.

"They just don't call interference over there," says Coach Clare Drake, describing the sort of "moving screen" the Czechs employ in their own end.

"Some of our boys would get frustrated and take roughing and cross-checking penalties, trying to move them out of the way in order to forecheck," said Drake.

Canada drew 54 penalties in the eight games, to 24 for the Czechs.

"Our biggest fault was our inability to score goals," said Drake, "of course, we played a lot shorthanded."

Nats scored only 25 goals against the Czechs, allowing 19 goals.

Ron Leblanc of Moncton led the team in scoring with 4 goals and 4 assists. Next, at 7 points was Scott Grady of St. Mary's and at 6 were Kent Rhunke and Don Pagnutti of Toronto, and Ron Hawkshaw of Waterloo.

Bruce Crawford led the Bears' delegation with 5 points; Steve McKnight had 3, and Ross Barros and Brian Middleton each had 1.

Laurentian's Dave Tataryn had a 2.0 goals against average in 5 starts, while Frank Turnbull of Winnipeg averaged 2.66 in 3 outings.

The team won both its exhibition matches; in Whitby by a 3-2 margin, and a 6-2 decision over Oklahoma City in Maple Leaf Gardens.

