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IT'S MINE—The Junior Varsity Bearcats fight for possession and a basket in a game against the Lethbridge Junior College Kodiaks in the junior basketball championships at the weekend. The northern division champion Bearcats lost this game 71-49 and were eliminated from the finals. The UAC Junior Dinosaurs beat Lethbridge for the championship while the Bearcats wiped out NAIT 68-41 in the consolation event.



Campbell ... looks at sports

If you are going to bet on the Golden Bear hockey club, don't put your money on the Bruins unless the game is important.

Take the City championships, for example. The Bears didn't see the series as too important so they didn't work very hard. They lost two-in-a-row.

They skated slow, didn't clear the puck well, and checked with about as much enthusiasm as an entomologist swatting flies.

If they even thought about playing that kind of hockey in the collegiate circuit, they would be at home in third place instead of in Sudbury.

I've seen funeral processions move faster than the Bears moved against the Oil Kings.

But then you see the Bears play when it means something, and you wouldn't believe it was the same hockey club. The Bears have enough talent to beat the Oil Kings with just three mediocre periods of hockey—but they don't even play mediocre hockey against the Kings. The hockey was just plain bad.

But now they're in Sudbury and the cards are on the table. Toronto

and St. Francis Xavier and Laurentian and Sir George Williams are all tough teams—they wiped out their own leagues the same way the Bears wiped out the western conference.

And furthermore, this is a sudden death affair—if you take a nap behind your own net you wind up out of the series in short order.

You watch, the boys who haven't scored all year are going to make the score sheets in Sudbury. Doug Fox—some of you will remember Doug's last effort in the Manitoba series last year—well Doug will be right there with the tying goal if the Bears ever need it.

There are about five players on that team who are going to pack a year's hockey into two games . . . and the trouble is the faithful back home aren't going to see it.

I like a scrappy team. A team with drive and fight—a team that plays full-out all the time. The Bears would be the best hockey team this campus has ever seen if they were an all-the-time team.

They aren't, and that is what has me worried. Mr. Drake has worked long and hard pounding the fundamentals to these guys, let's hope they haven't forgotten everything after a game with the Kings.

You can always tell when it's election time.

The weather changes, and then a group of students hit the streets suggesting changes in everything else.

This year they are suggesting athletic scholarships, full use of the physical education building, and better promotion for intercollegiate events.

All this is great, but these boys are missing an issue that hits close to home—the towel problem.

I pay seven dollars a year towards athletics on this campus and then, when I want to get dried off after my weekly swim, they won't give me a towel.

They tell me I'm not a locker holder, so they can't trust me with a towel.

Well, there are 3,422 lockers in the men's locker room and about 6,000 of us men contributing seven dollars a season to the cause.

That leaves 2,578 of us out in the cold with our clothes freezing to our backs every time we use the building.

So maybe we don't use the physical education building enough—therefore we aren't worth a locker. We all contribute the seven bucks, and I think we are at least worth a towel.

Maybe then I can dry up, leave the column writing business, and go back to school.

Blues main obstacle to Bear championship

The Golden Bears expect a lot of tough competition from the eastern teams when they meet in Sudbury for the Canadian Intercollegiate Hockey Championships.

The one big stumbling block is supposed to come from the University of Toronto Varsity Blues.

Reports from the east indicate the Blues are a fast skating, sharp passing outfit that will score goals all night.

Gord Cunningham is the scoring leader of the team and is also number one in the Ontario-Quebec Association.

In piling the Torontonians to 12 wins in 15 outings, Cunningham has compiled an impressive 35 points and 17 goals. He centres a line with Ward Passi, an 18 goal man, and Murray Stroud on the wings.

Another line which some believe to be the best in the league is manned by the Monteith brothers, Steve and Hank, and Paul Laurent. Laurent and Hank Monteith rank second and third in the scoring.

The Blues hold down the top four spots in individual statistics.

As a unit the Varsity squad has fired 120 goals, 37 more than any other club in the circuit.

Despite the excellent record, word is that the Blues have been injury riddled for the better part of the campaign and have taken a few rounds out of some of the top American college squads.

From the Ottawa-St. Lawrence Conference come the Sir George Williams University Maroons. The red ones were victorious in 12 of 14 contests and beat Royal Military College and Loyola by identical 5-4 scores in sudden-death playoffs.

The Maroons are said to play a type of game which resembles the style you'd expect from a group of professional wrestlers appearing in a charity game.

To prove the point, the Maroons

took 16 of 22 penalties in the deciding game with Loyola.

The team is coached by Paul Arsenault and features another conference scoring leader in Bob Berry. They are reputed to boast one of the top defencemen in eastern Canada in Trevor Kerr.

Sir George tallied 139 times in 14 games but the record is not indicative of their talent as the league has at least three weak sisters who have won only 6 of 36 matches. Almost reminds one of Calgary.

From Bob Burrows, sports editor, of the Brunswickian comes news of the St. Francis Xavier Xmen who "will be hard to score upon and that they have three players who are capable of winning a game single-handedly if they have an on night." We hope they don't have an on night.

The Xmen have picked up an awesome defenceman from the Montreal Junior Canadiens, two players from the Ontario Junior Hockey Association and three Maritime Senior A vets.

They also boast Chi Chi Farenzena who played along side Stan Mikita at St. Catherines.

The Maritime champs ran off a string of 12 straight wins but, according to reports, are playing in a "weak" league.

The herring circuit always produces scrappy, hustling outfits who skate all day and really like to lay the wood on. We expect the Bears could have trouble with the Xmen. Past experience has shown the Bears to have trouble with clubs who like to throw their weight around.

Predictions?

We like the Bears over Laurentians, a club never known to be strong, but to have a tough time with Toronto who will beat both Sir George and St. Francis.

The Bears return to Edmonton Sunday at 7:30 p.m. at International Airport.

Lambda Chi takes top honours in basketball

Lambda Chi Alpha "A" and Physical Education "C" carted home the laurels in men's intramural basketball last week.

LCA duplicated its pre-Christmas title victory in Division I, edging past Delta Upsilon, while Physical Education chalked up a perfect 4-0 playoff record in Division II.

After losing its opening first division playoff tilt to Dutch Club "A", Lambda Chi roared back for three straight triumphs. The clincher was a 56-24 trouncing of Psychology "A" that gave LCA a 3-1 record.

Delta Upsilon also finished with a 3-1 slate, trouncing Dutch Club "A" 47-3 and Phys Ed "A" 51-32. Phys Ed and Dutch Club tied for third with 2-2 records, while Psychology went winless.

Marty Klipper notched 21 points against outclassed Psychology. Ed Molstad and Neil Bowker contributed 12 apiece. Perry Kinkaide paced Psych with 10.

Wayne Shaw led the way in both DU victories. He registered 14 against Dutch Club and added 16 at the expense of Phys Ed. Bob Allin counted 13 against Dutch Club, while Hans Folkinga managed seven for the losers.

Don Sheldon added 11 to Shaw's total in the Phys Ed encounter. Gil Mather scored 11 for Phys Ed, playing without high-scoring Pete Tyler.

Dutch Club brought its record to 2-2 by outscoring Psychology 66-43. Lorne Sawula sunk 22, Larry Lerbekmo 19 and Don Holmes 14 in the victory. Kinkaide replied with 24 Psych markers.

It was Phys Ed all the way in Division II. Bryan Rakoz scored at the amazing rate of a point-a-minute in Phys Ed's final, a 64-31 snow job of Engineering "C".

Rakoz's 40 points constituted the highest single-game output of the season. Ed Wilkins added 13 to the cause, with Ted Bailey managing 14 for Engineering.