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### Can-Am comparisons abound

The Golden Bears hockey team has a couple of exhibition engagements in Denver this weekend; the results of which should prove interesting in more ways than one.

Obviously the Bears, as defending Canadian University champs, will want to make a good showing against the always tough Denver U team, who chalked up 7-3 and 8-4 wins the last time Alberta made the trip to Colorado, four years ago.

Goalie Craig Gunther, one of the few Bears who were around to remember that series, recalls, "We were so in awe of them, you know ... playing against the mighty U.S. College team, having heard so much about U.S. College hockey."

Gunther also mentioned the fact that the teams met in (Denver) Spurs' Arena, with probably the largest crowd any of them had every played before.

What about College hockey in the States, anyway?

Well, when the game first got rolling in the colleges there, the most successful teams were the ones who had the greatest number of Canadian players. In those days, players who were not quite good enough, or didn't have the right connections, to play major junior hockey in Canada, were offered a partial "free ride" to play for teams in colleges south of the border.

As years went by, and some states developed highly organized and efficient high school hockey programs, however, fewer and fewer Canadians were used, until now, when teams like Minnesota, who are always tops in the USA, or close to it, have not a single Canadian hockey player on their roster. And the quality of hockey has undoubtedly improved.

Last year in Saskatoon, this reporter happened to meet Torchy Schell, the head of western scouting for the Toronto Maple Leafs, who is responsible for all junior and University hockey west of Ontario in Canada, and all College hockey west of Michigan in the U.S.

Asked how the Golden Bears, who were then finishing their regular schedule with a 20-4 record, would fare against a top U.S. team like U of Minnesota, Schell said the Bears "would get beat by five goals or more."

Wherein lies the big difference?

Bears' coach Leon Abbott, who knows about such things from having coached at Boston U, says there are a couple of areas in which U.S. college players excel, and both of these are at least partly attributable to the erasure of the centre red line in the States, thus making a blue-line-to-blue-line (or longer) pass perfectly legal.

One result, says Abbott, is less hitting, particularly in the centre-ice zone, so that players are free to develop "niftier" puck handling techniques without fear of being beheaded while doing so.

Also, according to Abbott, because of the increased frequency of long breaking passes, players "learn to skate faster, not necessarily better, but faster between the blue lines."

And yet Abbott has told his players that there is no reason why they shouldn't come back from Denver with two victories to their credit. He could be right.

There is every reason to believe Bears will be better prepared this time than the last. Without a doubt, Abbott's knowledge of the American game will be a help. But in addition, most of the players who step on the ice will have a Canadian Championship under their belt (suspenders), and while the crowds they face in Colorado may be bigger than the playoff mobs of last spring in Varsity Arena, they couldn't possibly be noisier.

Bears may have a little edge in goaltending. Various sources, including Schell, have said that the American colleges have had trouble developing solid, steady goaltending, but then that's what they said about the Russians, too.

**Hockey Shorts:** Abbott still hasn't been able to make a decision concerning his goaltenders, so, strictly on the basis of seniority, Gunther and Dale Henwood will make the trip, while rookie Jack Cummings stays at home.

## Bears vs. Grads, but...

# Panda opponents TBA (?)

by Darrell Semenuk

The idea of a team having a playing coach isn't new, but when the Bears open their 1975 basketball season with an exhibition game against the U of A grads Saturday night at Varsity gymnasium, assistant coach Wallace Tollestrup will add a switch to this concept.

Oh yes, he'll be playing all right. Only he'll be doing the scoring against his own team.

The 1975 graduate will be suiting up with other Bear alumni including: Maury Van Vliet and Garry Smith ('64), Don Melnychuk ('70), Larry Nowak ('71), Tom Solyom, Bob Morris

and Dick DeKlerk from the class of '72, Marty Lyons ('73) and finally two of Wally's teammates, Rick Johnson and Steve Panteluk.

Coach Mitchelson has divided the team into two units. The starting five will include centre Dave Holland, forwards Doug Baker and Bain McMillan plus guards Colin Fennell and rookie Keith Smith.

The remainder of the team will also see duty as coach Mitchelson will try to evaluate individual performances, while searching for the combination that will result in a cohesive unit.

**Bear Briets:** Brent Patterson is recuperating from an appendix operation and will be out for another four weeks. The league has adopted the 30 second clock this year and that new rule change will get its first test on Saturday. Last year the Bears took two from the oldtimers, 83-81 and 86-60. Game time is 8:30.

### Pandas

The basketball Pandas will get into the nostalgia of homecoming week also by participating in a surprise grad game on Saturday night.

The team they'll be playing is TBA. That's right, to be announced. Believe it or not that's their name. They're a city league team coached by Brian Edgar, with three Panda alumni helping out. TBA will be reinforced with Judy Fairbairn, Val Kallis and Cathy Moore.

Coach Debbie Shogan wasn't saying who would start, only that "the game would be an excellent opportunity to work on things they normally wouldn't attempt in league games, and to play everyone equally."

She did admit however, that she expects the Pandas to win easily if not convincingly. Game time is 7:00.

## Men's Intramurals

### Upcoming Deadlines

Swimming & Diving  
Tues., Oct. 28 - 1 p.m.  
Basketball  
Tues., Oct. 28 - 1 p.m.  
Field Hockey  
Tues., Nov. 4 - 1 p.m.

### Hockey - Divisions I & II

Due to the number of hockey teams entered in all divisions this year, the schedule has been rearranged. This semester Divisions I & II will play, starting Oct. 29, instead of Division I and "Anklers." Division III and "Anklers" will play next semester, starting the first week of classes.

### Racquetsports Ladders

There are a few openings left on the racquetball (doubles and singles), squash (singles) and handball (doubles & singles) ladders. If you would like to play be sure to contact the Men's Intramural Office, Rm. 24, P.E. Building, soon to ensure yourself of a spot.

### Novelty Swimming & Diving Meet

On Sat. Nov. 1 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. the West Pool will undoubtedly be the action spot for all swim buffs. The event - Novelty Swimming and Diving Meet. The entry deadline is Tues. Oct. 28 1:00 p.m. at the

Men's Intramural Office, Rm. 24, P.E. Building.

Features of the meeting include a "funny diving contest," "innertube relay," "egg in spoon contest" and a "towel relay." Also included are 50 yard events of each of the following: freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly. Contact the Intramural Office for more information. Spectators are welcome.

### Bikeathon Results

The Bike Race last Saturday, run during a blinding rainstorm, still proved to be very popular and successful, with 62 participants. Due to the weather conditions the race was limited to 3 laps of a 1.9 mile course. The winner Gerald Milner of Physics squeezed out Ray Morison of P.E. by a bike length. Third place honours went to Ted Milner also of Physics.

### Basketball

The intramural basketball leagues, divisions I, II and III will be starting on Nov. 4. The entry deadline for teams is 1:00 p.m., Tues. Oct. 28 at the Men's Intramural Office.

The division structure allows players of all abilities to participate, from beginners to experts. Contact your unit manager for further information.

## Women's Intramurals

### Lacrosse

Last Thursday's lacrosse clinic and make-up game went over exceptionally well. As a matter of fact, it went over so well that organizers are considering a regular schedule for the sport next year.

### Volleyball

Volleyball turnouts have been excellent so far, with the Nurse's Residence deserving special mention. Their participation and enthusiasm has been outstanding.

Please check the schedule to see when you play in order that defaults can be kept to a minimum.

### Curling

Got a few loose rocks after all those mid-term exams? Sweep them away this Saturday, October 25 at the SU curling rink. Take your pick of 10:00 a.m., 12 noon, or 2:00 p.m. to participate. Instruction will be provided and brooms are available for a small rental fee.

All you have to do is show up!

### Up and Coming

A reminder. Monday, October 27 is the sign-up deadline for instruction in the fine art of fencing.

Sign-up sheets for paddleball and squash are now up. Tournament dates are Wednesday, November 5 for paddleball and Wednesday, November 12 for squash.

## UA fencers win at NAIT

NAIT, Calgary and U of A (club and team) fencers took part in the NAIT Open Foil Tournament on Saturday, October 18.

In the Women's Foil Event, two U of A fencers, Helen Sacks and Laura Sawyer, placed first and second respectively. Elke Wenzek from Calgary, the

current provincial champion, was third.

U of A swept the Men's Foil with Jed Chapin, first; Alex Pozniak, second; and Helmut Mach, third.

The next tournament is the Wetterburg Open, November 15 and 16 to be held at the U of A. Fencers from all across Canada will be participating.

## Soccer Bears to Saskatoon

Following six exhibition games, the hour of truth has finally come for the Golden Bears soccer team. This Saturday the Bears will play the first game of this year's X.W.U.A.A. tournament against the University of Saskatchewan Huskies in Saskatoon.

Soccer coach Gerry Redmond believes that his team has a good chance in Saskatoon but warns of being complacent.

"The University of Saskatchewan beat the University of Winnipeg 2:0 this season and they'll be competitive on their own ground."

Last year the Huskies held the Bears to a 0:0 tie in one game and decisively undermined the Bears' chances in the tournament. The Bears have to beat the Saskatchewan team, preferably by a few goals, to avoid the same mishap this year.

The following sixteen players have been selected for the Tournament: Goal: P. Dickie and E. Staszuk; Defence: T. Schmidt, B. Joines, R. Korol, G. Bird, G. Lovell, and B. McConkey; Midfield: I. Franks, G. Murphy and F. Tassone; Forwards: R. MacCauley, D. Potiuk, T. Kindrat, J. Fiorillo and M. Piscopo.