

## Ron Ternoway

from my square

corner

MONTREAL--A visit to Montreal Forum is really a religious experience.

I mean, where else can you see men walk on water (frozen as it is), and witness the Father (Henri Richard), Son (Guy LaFleur) and Holy Ghost (Yvan Cournoyer) in action smiting the heathens and bringing joy and rejoicing to 18,000 screaming converts?

As you may have gathered, I took in my first honest and for real NHL game a while back, and the 7-1 whipping that Les Canadiens hung on the Chicago Black Hawks probably converted me for life.

The Forum itself is really an unbelievable place. I arrived minutes before seven o'clock and managed to pick up a standing room ticket. That was about the last normal thing that happened that night. At precisely seven bells, the gates opened and the rabid Montreal fans poured in, racing up the stairs and escalators at breakneck speeds in order to secure the best possible place to stand. Having no idea of where I was going, I simply let myself be swept along with the tide of maniacs until I was left, high and dry and a little dizzy, up in the nosebleed section of the Forum.

Slowly and carefully I opened my eyes. There it was, seemingly hundreds of feet below, that oblong ice surface where I would find out in less than an hour if the Montreal Canadiens really existed. And all around, above and below, stretched seats, millions of them. And all of them empty. It was just like being in some great deserted cathedral, and as I look down upon the altar, er, ice, the strangest feeling hit me. There I was in the home of the most successful hockey team that ever lived. I expected at any moment to be tapped on the shoulder and turn around to find the ghost of John Beliveau asking me what I was doing in his place. Which is kind of silly, because John Beliveau isn't even dead.

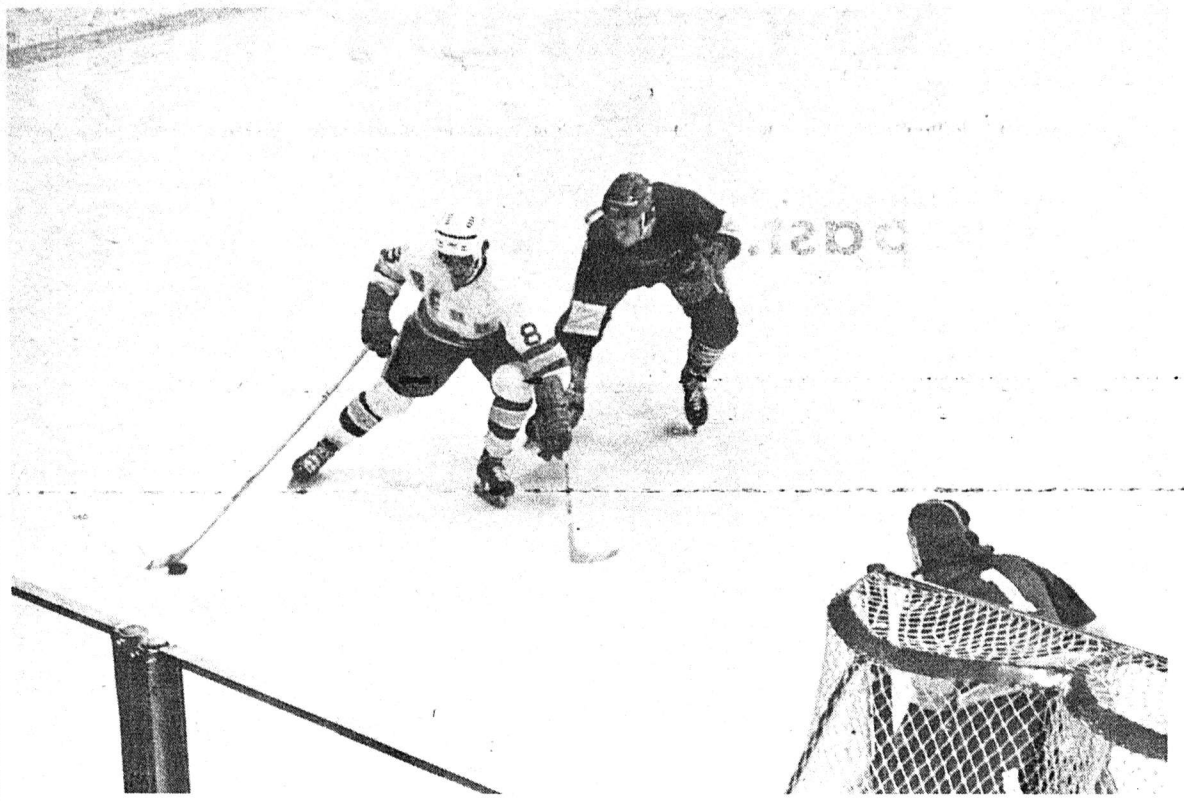
The temple even has its own version of manna, namely beer and the best hot dogs east of Zeller's. And the religious zeal of the full house congregation is not to be matched anywhere. As organ music filters down from the cupola of the gondola, those present work themselves into a frenzy, singing hymns, stomping feet and clapping hands. And when one of their favorites scores, which was quite often during the particular sermon Thursday, not even the Second Coming could cause more of an uproar.

The sermon itself was in many ways a standard one, dealing with the evils of Garry Smith leaving his net, the foolishness of giving the puck to LaFleur in front of the net, and the audacity of trying to score on Ken Dryden. But all was not gloomy, as it also expounded on the joy of LaFleur's hat trick and the supernatural feat of Frank Mahovlich's best game of the year.

Also thrown in were a couple of original thoughts, including the triumphal return of Serge Savard from the Valley of the Shadow of Retirement and the failure of Chicago coach Billy Reay to produce a win from Two Hulls and Five Wishes.

Finally, after two and a half hours, the sermon was over. I waited around for the selection of the Three Wise Men, and then joined the throngs on the escalators out of Montreal Cathedral. As I left, I looked back at the old edifice with a half-smile on my face.

What a great place for a massacre.



HUSTLING ON EVERY SHIFT PAYS DIVIDENDS

... Bill Moores finished season as Bears top pointgetter.

## Bears prep for playoffs; play Monarchs two games

by Stu Layfield

The Golden Bears closed out their W.C.I.A.A. regular schedule two weekends ago by pulverizing the hapless Victoria Vikings by scores of 16-1 and 10-0, thus completing their first place finish with an outstanding 18-2 record. While the Bears were demolishing the inept Vikings, the Calgary Dinosaurs consummated a season's long comeback and captured second place by sweeping their weekend series against the U.B.C. Thunderbirds to finish with a 15-5 record.

While the Bears and Dinnies will represent the Western Division in the playoffs, only the Winnipeg Wesmen, by virtue of their first place standing in the Eastern Division, are definite representatives from that grouping. The Brandon Bobcats and Manitoba Bisons finished in a deadlock for second spot and will meet this weekend to decide the other Eastern Division representative. The Bisons probably have the strongest club in that division and would in all likelihood have finished on top of the Eastern Division standings, but they were forced to forfeit three games which they won while using an ineligible player, forward Ron Hildebrand. It seems that unbeknownst to Bison coach Andy Bakogege and his Bison teammates, Hildebrand was also skating for a team in his home town, which is strictly against W.C.I.A.A. rules. The same legislation cost the Bears games last season because goaltender Bob Galloway played for a team in his home town of Innisfail over the Christmas holidays.

With the playoffs still over a week away the Bears have scheduled a pair of exhibition games for tonight (Thursday) and Friday against the Edmonton Monarchs. The Bears have already defeated the Monarchs, who have ex-Bears Mike Ballash, Jim Seulter, Oliver

Morris, and Milt Hohol in their line-up, twice in two previous exhibition encounters this year. Neither game was particularly well played since absolutely nothing was at stake and there is no reason why these two contests should be any different. But they should relieve the monotony of two weeks daily practice sessions for the Bears and help retain at least some competitive edge for the playoffs.

The Bears will ice an abbreviated line-up for the Monarch games, what with goaltender Barry Richardson, defence leader Steve Carlyle, and forwards Dave Couves and Jack Gibson all currently competing for Canada in the World Student Games being held at Lake Placid, New York. The Student National Team, composed entirely of players from Canadian university teams, is of course being coached by Golden Bear mentor Clare Drake. Bear Assistant Coach Dick Wintermute has been conducting practice sessions in Drake's absence and will be in the box on Thursday and Friday nights. Game time both evenings at Varsity Arena is 8:00 p.m.

While a three week lay-off between meaningful games is hardly conducive to keeping a team in top physical and mental condition it does have the advantage of allowing time for various aches and pains and minor wounds to heal. Veteran forwards Gerry Hornby and Clarence Wanchulak both missed the glorious opportunity to fatten their scoring statistics against the Vikings because of knee injuries. Both the Hornet and Wanch should see action against the Monarchs and be 100 percent fit for the playoffs.

One Bear who definitely won't be playing anymore this season is popular forward Marcel St. Arnaud. The sophomore from Vimy injured a knee earlier in the season and missed all four road games against the Eastern Division teams. When the knee still wasn't responding to treatment, x-rays were finally taken whereupon it was discovered that St. Arnaud was trying to skate with a broken kneecap. He has since undergone the necessary corrective surgery, but is finished for the season.

Although Hornby, Wanchulak, and St. Arnaud were unable to pace their goals and assists totals against the Vikings, several others, notably Rick Wyrozub and Bill Moores, took full advantage of the situation. Seven other Bears (Couves, Carlyle, Randy Clark, Dave White, Cal Botterill, Harvey Poon, and defenceman Paul St. Cyr) all had four-point weekends or better. Curiously enough, Gibson, who scored seven goals against the Vikings last year and was the team's leading scorer for most of this season, managed a meagre one assist in the two games.

Wyrozub tallied seven goals and five assists in the two games for eleven points, while Moores garnered ten points on the strength of four goals and six assists. Wyrozub, the hottest Bear scorer over the second half of the season, moved from the lowest scoring forward on the team to fifth highest in that period. And Moores' ten point weekend enabled him to finish with a three point margin over Captain Carlyle to capture team scoring honors in his rookie season with the Bears. Complete team scoring in league play follows:

NAME	G.	A.	T.P.
Bill MOORES	12	22	34
Steve CARLYLE	14	17	31
Dave COUVES	11	17	28
Harvey POON	12	15	27
Jack GIBSON	13	12	25
Rick WYROZUB	13	12	25
Cal BOTTERILL	8	16	24
Randy CLARK	11	11	22
Gerry HORNBY	8	12	20
Jerry LeGRANDEUR	7	12	19
Clarence WANCHULAK	6	9	15
Marcel ST. ARNAUD	6	4	10
Brian MIDDLETON	2	8	10
Bryon BALTIMORE	2	7	9
Len BRULO	0	5	5
Paul ST. CYR	0	5	5
Dan BOUWMEESTER	2	2	4

## National Gymnastics final

The University of Alberta will host the Canadian Intercollegiate Gymnastics Coaches National championships Saturday and Sunday.

The event is scheduled for the main gymnasium, west wing, Physical Education and Recreation Centre. Preliminary events will be held at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday. Finals in all events begin at 1 p.m. Sunday. The Canadian Women's Intercollegiate Athletic Union finals will be held at the same time.

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Five Alberta gymnasts are members of the Western Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic Association team competing on the weekend. Lenka Svatak, Janet Terry, Carol Miller, and Geri Tannis are members of the women's team coached by Alberta's Sandra Hartley. Dale O'Brien is the lone male gymnast to make the men's team.

Daily admission to the championships is \$2 for adults, \$1 for students and Canadian Gymnastic Federation members, and \$.50 for children.

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