

# Puck Bears to taste first action on Saturday

## Toronto vs. Laurentian and St. Mary's against Sir George Williams on Friday

By BOB ANDERSON

All systems are go for the launching of the Canadian College Hockey Championships set for tomorrow, Saturday and Sunday at Varsity Arena.

Final preparations have been completed and everyone concerned is sitting around with baited breath and crossed fingers and hoping for the best.

The tournament certainly shouldn't fail because of lack of planning or because of lack of good hockey. The five top teams in Canada are on hand for the event, and the action should be torrid.

Heading the list is last year champions, our own Golden Bears, representing the WCIAA. The Bears finished up with a 16-4 won-lost record in league play, but weren't pressed hard to do it.

Led by veterans Gerry Braumberger, Wayne Wiste, Milt Hohol and Jack Gibson, the Bruins enjoyed one of their most produc-

light 102 times, with Wright (18 goals, 19 assists) and Laurent (23 goals, 13 assists) finishing second and third respectively in league scoring. Monteith recently attained the 100-goal plateau, while Passi notched 28 points, including 10 goals.

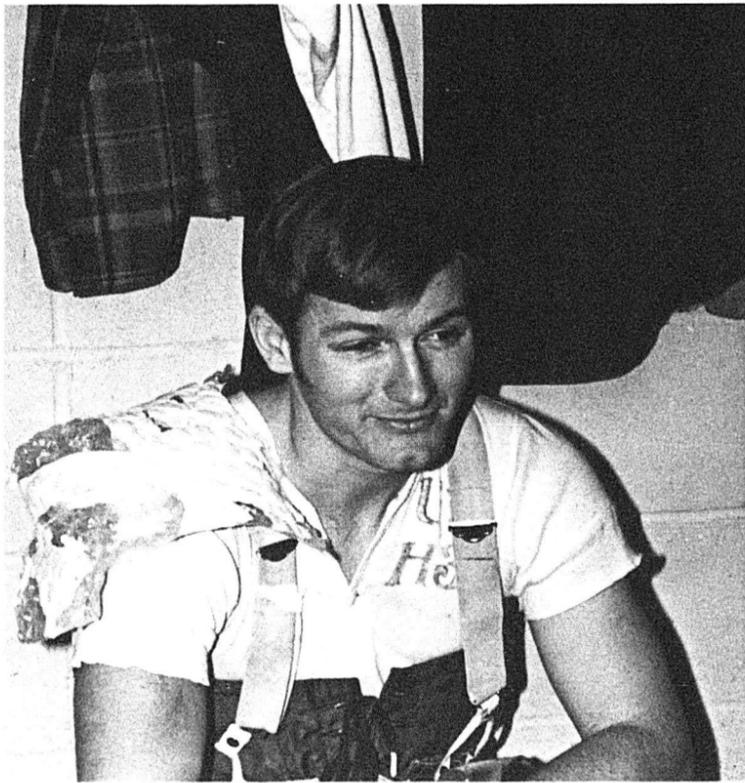
The Sir George Williams University Georgians pulled one of the major upsets of the year when they eliminated last year's Canadian runner-up Loyola Warriors in the playoffs of the Ottawa-St. Lawrence AA. The Warriors had finished first in league standings, while the Georgians were fourth, 14 points behind.

Larry Meehan, who won a berth on the league's first all-star team on defense, and Toby O'Brien who won similar honors at centre ice.

O'Brien earlier in the season set a league record for the most points in one game—11—on four goals and seven assists.

Jack Porter's Laurentian University Voyageurs from Sudbury, Ontario, will be on hand representing the Ontario Intercollegiate AA. The Voyageurs finished fourth in last year's championships at Montreal, after being second place finishers the year previous. The "Vees" finished first in their league this season, which like the WCIAA, has no playoffs.

The Maritime Intercollegiate AA will be represented this year by St. Mary's Huskies. In previous years, league champions have been St. Francis Xavier X-men, but the Huskies won all the laurels this year.



**THREE MORE DAYS**—and it will all be over. Bear sparkplug Wayne Wiste ponders the end of his university hockey career. Wiste played three seasons at Denver before joining the Bears last year. The heat pack on his shoulder is for a recent shoulder injury.

## Puck writer picks Blues to take title away from Bears

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It's about this time of year that the fearless forecasters get out their crystal balls and polish them

### Wiste and Hohol lead point race

Western Canada Intercollegiate hockey league scorers broke two records and tied another in a WCIAA schedule won by The University of Alberta Golden Bears.

No less than five players—led by Milt Hohol and Wayne Wiste of the Bears—bettered the previous total points record of 37. The same number of players, again led by Wiste, broke the existing 22 assists record and Al Popoff of Saskatchewan Huskies tied the league goal-scoring mark of 22.

Wiste and Hohol tied for the scoring championship with 45 goals and had 26 assists while Wiste's leading 28 assists was complemented with 17 goals. Rookie Wayne Schaab of the UBC Thunderbirds shared third place with Gordon Jones of the Calgary Dinosaurs and Jack Gibson of the Golden Bears.

The Golden Bears, who lost their opening two games to the Dinosaurs, came back for a 16-4 record to set the pace. Huskies, 13-7, finished second ahead of the Dinosaurs who were 11-9. B.C. and the Manitoba Bisons finished 10-10 while the fledgling Winnipeg Wesmen were 0-20.

The Alberta goaltending duo of Bob Wolfe and Dale Halterman allowed only 45 goals in 20 games. Wolfe's 10-game average was 2.10 while Halterman finished with a 2.40 average. Dave Margach of the Dinosaurs was third with a 3.12 mark. Norm Minor of Calgary was the league's most penalized player with 76 minutes.

up in preparation for same . . . fearless forecasting, naturally.

There's an old saying that makes its way around sporting circles which says that predicting is for idiots. So, I guess I'm well qualified for the job.

The teams in the order that they will finish in this year's hockey championships are:

1. Toronto Blues—The club is a powerhouse, as usual, and should walk away with all the marbles. The Blues, because of the draw, will have to post three victories to do so, and will.

2. Alberta Golden Bears—Despite the advantage of home ice and partisan crowds, the Bears won't repeat as national titleholders in 1969. A league schedule with very little competitiveness is the principle reason.

3. Sir George Williams Georgians—This club appears to be Johnny-come-latelys, and can thank the fact that there were league playoffs for their being here this week. Will finish third.

4. Laurentian Voyageurs—Their league isn't particularly strong and neither is the club.

5. St. Mary's Huskies—A bit of an unknown quantity in these parts, but could prove to be the dark horse entry. Not likely, though.

At the conclusion of this year's championship series, an all-star club will be announced by tournament officials. As a matter of interest, those selected for the dream team at Montreal last year were:

- Forwards—  
 Paul Laurent, Toronto  
 Chris Hayes, Loyola  
 Ron Cebryk, Alberta
- Defense—  
 Bill Doyle, Loyola  
 Gerry Braumberger, Alberta
- Goal—John Wrigley, Toronto

<b>FRIDAY</b>	
6:30 p.m.	Toronto versus Laurentian
9:00 p.m.	St. Mary's versus Sir George Williams
<b>SATURDAY</b>	
2:30 p.m.	ALBERTA versus winner No. 1
8:30 p.m.	loser No. 1 vs. loser No. 2
<b>SUNDAY</b>	
10:30 a.m.	loser No. 3 versus winner No. 4 in the consolation final
2:30 p.m.	winner No. 2 versus winner No. 3 for the title
Tickets on sale at SUB and the Phys Ed Bldg	

tive seasons in terms of goal output, firing 123 pucks past opposition netminders. Wiste and Hohol each notched 45 points to share the league scoring title, while Gibson finished in a three way tie for third.

Strong netminding by Bob Wolfe and Dale Halterman helped the Albertans to a league-leading goals against average of 2.25 per game and three shutouts. Each played ten games.

The defense, led by captain and three-year veteran Gerry Braumberger, kept opposing forwards honest and moved the puck out of their own zone well. The defensive corps was strengthened this year with the additions of Mel Baird, from Waterloo Warriors, and the return of Mike Ballash after an absence of two years.

The University of Toronto Blues, third place finishers at Montreal last year, are back for the fourth year in a row. The Blues captured the Western division of the Ontario-Quebec AA, posting a 13-1-1 mark in 15 contests.

### LED BY VETERANS

They are led by veterans Steve Monteith, whose brother Hank graduated from the Blues and is now with Detroit of the NHL, Ward Passi, Gord Cunningham, Paul Laurent and John Wright up front. Monteith, Passi and Cunningham are all in their seventh season of intercollegiate play, Laurent is in his fourth, while Wright is a rookie.

As well, captain Laurent was named the most valuable player in his league this season.

And the Blues know how to put the puck in the net. As a club this season, the Blues blinked the red

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