

# Herb's NHL Puck-Ups

By **HERB BARTON**

## Campbell Conference

Goal: Grant Fuhr, Edmonton Oilers; Mike Vernon, Calgary Flames.

Defence: Kevin Lowe, Edmonton; Al MacInnis, Calgary; Al Iafrate, Toronto Maple Leafs; Brad McCrimmon, Calgary; Rob Ramage, St. Louis Blues; Gary Suter, Calgary.

Center: Wayne Gretzky, Edmonton; Dale Hawerchuk, Winnipeg Jets; Denis Savard, Chicago Black Hawks; Steve Yzerman, Detroit Red Wings.

Left Wing: Luc Robitaille, Los Angeles Kings; Greg Adams, Vancouver Canucks; Mark Messier, Edmonton; Joe Nieuwendyk, Calgary.

Right Wing: Jari Kurri, Edmonton; Glenn Anderson, Edmonton; Brian Bellows, Minnesota North Stars; Bob Prubert, Detroit.

The Wales looks amazingly strong with Lemieux, Coffey, and Bourque leading the way. Their forwards are the type that like to grind it out. They should make things difficult for the Campbell's high scoring forwards.

Some of the Wales picks are questionable though. Mark Howe's season thus far is barely good enough to make the team. Robinson, Potvin, and Samuelsson shouldn't be there. Chris Chelios and Scott Stevens were overlooked but are having tremendous seasons. Other defencemen playing better than these guys

are Phil Housely, Petr Svoboda, Gord Kluzak, Larry Murphy, and James Patrick. Coach Mike Keenan must have had his eyes closed when he picked his defence.

The Campbell's are led by Fuhr's goaltending, and the offensive wizardry of Gretzky, Savard, Messier, and Yzerman.

The other day I ran into a fellow named "Beaver," who thinks Messier is the best player in the game. There's definitely

by beating the Kings 5-2. And the Devils fired Doug Carpenter in favor of Jim Schoenfeld. Despite this move the Devils still can't win. Hopefully the NHL All-Star game will be more exciting than the annual Super Bowl blow-out. Maybe? Maybe not?

This is one of many All-Star game previews. For all you fans of greatness Gretzky is back just in time. He's hot too, he scored 7 points in his first 2 games. His Campbell Conference teammates will have a tough time against a strong Prince of Wales contingent.

Here are the All-Star teams:

## Wales Conference

Goal: Ron Hextall, Philadelphia Flyers; Patrick Roy, Montreal Canadiens.

Defense: Ray Bourque, Boston Bruins; Paul Coffey, Pittsburgh Penguins; Mark Howe, Philadelphia Flyers; Denis Potvin, NY Islanders; Larry Robinson, Montreal; Kjell Samuelsson, Philadelphia.

Center: Mario Lemieux, Pittsburgh; Pat Lafontaine, Islanders; Kirk Muller, New Jersey Devils; Dave Poulin, Philadelphia; Christian Ruutu, Buffalo Sabres; Peter Stastny, Quebec Nordiques.

Left Wing: Michel Goulet, Quebec; Mats Naslund, Montreal.

Right Wing: Kevin Dineen, Hartford Whalers; Mike Gartner, Washington Capitals; Cam Neely, Boston; Tomas Sandstrom, NY Rangers.

a few people in agreement with him. Of course some have jumped on the Yzerman bandwagon, but don't forget Gretzky. As much as it pains me to say it, he's still the most explosive player in the game.

Despite all this offensive talent, the Campbell's will lose to the Wales. They'll be the victim of a defensive blanket.

Other news this week. Chris Nilan is now a Ranger. Lou Nanne announced his retirement as General Manager of the North Stars. The Leafs broke a 16 game winless streak



From the Litterbox



(Ssssh!)

## THE LITTERBOX

### Editors Log

Brunsdte: 122.18: Oh well, there goes the sports budget. Marks is off to the olympics.

### WHAT'S THIS?

flying executive class? Penthouse suite at the CN Calgary -the WHOLE DAMN FLOOR?

Editors Log: supplemental co-editor reporting

What happened to him? He just passed out.

Oh yeah! Reviewing expense accounts today. Must be Marks. Ha Ha. Better him than me.

-transcribed from tape.

## THE OFFICIAL OLYMPIC PREVIEW

By **STEPHEN MARKS**

The sun's rays play lazily across the curved facade of the stacked lumps of cement. Inside, the sound of whips and screams reverberate pleasantly across the snowscape as athletes strain and sweat and swear through yet another endless training session.

Yes, the Olympics can be felt even on the snowbound steppes of Northern Canada, while an eternal flame winds ever closer to the opening of a ceremony that is timeless and endless.

Here, inside the training building, the hockey team works hard in preparation of the ultimate test: the pursuit of gold.

A forward, small in stature but quick, very quick, strains his muscles, teeth grinding, in effort to meet the demands his body makes during a 60 minute contest.

He works his upper body, shovelling salt into the waiting barrow, in the freezing cold, all for olympic glory.

His team mates, toughening themselves by working with no coat or gloves in temperatures of -60., strain to move the salt ever increasing distances

Wait a minute! Those guys are Russians! What the hell am I doing here? Where am I?

(CP) Siberia, USSR: An unidentified Canadian citizen, possibly the ex-president of Rwanda, was detained by Soviet authorities yesterday. No details have yet been released, except for a puzzling statement by the detainee: 'I thought I was in Calgary. Honest!'

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Siberia? ... Calgary? ... Executive Class? ... Hotel floors? ... Wait.

"Hey, who wants to go to Calgary with me?"

in Toronto in April will take the place of the Canadian Senior National Tournament on UNB's schedule.

The Red Blazers have faced Northeastern once before, in November they opened their season in Boston, and absorbed a 9-1 beating from the Huskies. "We had only been on the ice 4 or 5 times a week for 5 weeks," says Power, "and we had 5 of

our regulars out of the lineup." The UNB coach expects a much better effort this time.

Going into the Montreal Tournament, Red Blazer Captain Carol Cooper was in her usual spot atop team scoring with 18 points, Sandy Ward and rookie Andrea Stilwell were tied for second with 12 points each.

# Blazers on the road

By **Terry Sloane**

The UNB Red Blazers Women's Hockey Club travel to Montreal this weekend to take part in the Theresa Humes Invitational Tournament at Concordia University. This event is one of North America's top tournaments and will put UNB against some tough competition.

The Blazers, who are 4-7-1 in exhibition and tournament

play this year, will play their first game tonight against Northeastern University of Boston. Who they meet after that depends on results in other games. Also in this all university tournament is Cornell, Concordia, John Abbott, Colby College, New Hampshire and Ottawa.

Asked why they had entered such a tough event one week before opening their Provincial Senior A final series with Moncton, UNB coach Mike

Power says "Frankly, we need the ice time, we are down to about one good practice time a week. Besides, this is a good experience for us, we have quite a young team and we do not want to miss a chance to face some top teams. The Moncton series is important, but this year it's not the focus of our season, we were New Brunswick Champions for five years, now we are looking in other directions." Power went on to say that a major international tournament being held