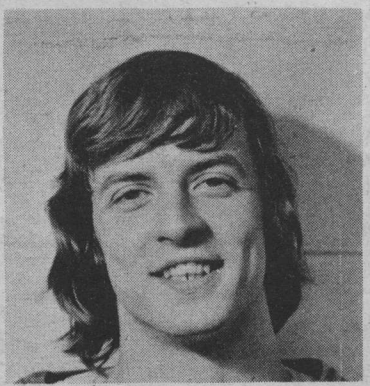


editorial

Tell us it ain't so, Rick



Rick Wyrozub

Rick Wyrozub has apparently quit the Bears hockey club. After one shift (killing a penalty) last Saturday, and not even dressing the night before, little wonder that a three-year veteran, particularly one of Wyrozub's capabilities, is packing it up.

In better days, Wyrozub was the most potent scorer in the league. Ron Gerlitz, one of Calgary's classiest players, said, "Rick, a couple of years ago, and even last year, was just lethal around the net. Give him the puck in your zone, and it was in."

Gerlitz, like many others, can't believe that uniform number 7 is really occupied by the same Rick Wyrozub this season.

Wyrozub's problems began early this season and never really straightened out. At first, he thought his Law School demands might be too much, if he played hockey at the same time.

When he finally decided he could handle both, he found he didn't have a starting job anymore. Several good rookies were in regular positions with the club, and his appearances on the ice were few and far between.

According to one fellow veteran, he lost confidence in his ability. "He got down on himself because he thought he wasn't good enough. He was in a slump and he never got the chance to work himself out of it. It doesn't matter how hard you work at practise. To pull out of it, you have to get ice time in games - Rick didn't get it."

If Wyrozub has in fact left the Bears, it would be a waste of a fine talent.

When he was going well, he was invited to training camp of the Atlanta Flames. The fact that he didn't stick with that team is no reflection on his ability as a college hockey player. He has been and could be again, a more exciting performer than 75% of the traffic now on the ice in the CWUAA.

Other hockey players have slumps. Hard to believe that, at age 22, Rick Wyrozub has really "lost it".

Bears' problems don't end there, though. Their defence has had a bad time working as a unit since Christmas - some of their faux pas have been rather obvious, getting them in trouble in almost every game of late.

Part of the problem may be that the defence pairs that played most of the season before the break have been juggled around a lot since.

Most of the defencemen feel more comfortable with a regular partner, and so coordination on the blueline improves. The Middleton-Barros team was the mainstay of the Alberta power play in the first half of the schedule, but lately, the 'power play' seems to require a 2-man advantage to be effective.

Of course, it's hard to keep someone like Howie Crosley, who has four goals and 5 assists in Bears' last four victories, off the power play, especially when Brian Middleton, and John Simkin, have been struggling with the puck for a couple of games.

The responsible attitude of the students of this institution in regard to representation in areas of vital concern to them is most encouraging.

It is with this in mind that it is possible to name, two weeks before the election, the incoming President of Men's Athletics, Morris Fisher, and President of Women's Athletics, Deena Mitchell.

The above are in by acclamation. One hopes they will carry out their duties satisfactorily, but there should be no complaints if events should prove otherwise.

After all, it was no contest, was it? *Cam Cole*

MEN'S INTRAMURALS

Last weekend, our bowling activity was highlighted by Jack Jervis's 675 high score of the day. Jack, who is the renowned unit manager of Arts and Science, was followed by Earl Wahl of Engineering, with a score of 674. Placing third was Doug Hudson of Law faculty with a total of 615. Our thanks goes out to J.P. Desaulniers and Bryan Fryer for a job well done.

Students are reminded that the schedules for badminton and field hockey are prepared. Racquet sport enthusiasts are

encouraged to seek openings available on all our challenge ladders, except squash. February 14th is the cut-off date for entrants in racquet sports, with play-offs to occur after this date.

On Monday, January 27, our co-recreational snooker tournament was held at the SUB billiards hall. The exciting tournament was captured by Abby Hebert and Bruno Horcoff with Dave Patterson and Donna Balzer claiming the runner-up

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Pandas second

The Panda volleyball team is in second place in C.W.U.A.A. tournament standings after their weekend of play in Lethbridge.

Pandas won all but one match in the event, and are in good position for the final tournament, which will be held at the U. of A. on February 14 and 15.

Pandas' toughest win came against U. of C. Dinnies. They lost the first game 2-15 before coming back with 15-13, 16-14 victories.

They scored easy victories over U.B.C. and Lethbridge, and were taken to three games by Victoria before winning 15-6, 11-15, 15-5.

The team's only loss came in the match against Saskatchewan, who won the first game 15-13; Pandas took the next by an identical score, but Saskatchewan won the last game 15-5 to take the match.

Next weekend Pandas play host to the Calgary Cals and Edmonton Phoenix. The games take place Saturday, February 1, in the Main gym from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m.

This will be the first of two tournaments being staged to determine an Alberta representative for the Canadian senior women's championship.

Semi-tough in Saskatoon

The Golden Bear hockey team has a semi-important series in Saskatoon this weekend.

It's semi-important in that they need to prevent injuries, while not having to worry particularly about the score. Preventing injuries in Rutherford Arena, against the Huskies may, however, be easier said than done.

Owing to the fact that

WOMEN'S INTRAMURALS

Monday night saw the exciting conclusion of the Intramural Basketball schedule, favored to win but just couldn't hold off the determined "three" from Camrose Lutheran College.

Badminton is underway with the singles being played Monday and Tuesday and the doubles on Thursday. Entries will be accepted at the West Gym at 7:00 p.m.

Snow Soccer will be played on the Pool Field this Wednesday and a Novelty Swim and

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Rutherford Arena is lit by about three 50-watt incandescent bulbs, you could bet struck by a speeding beech ball and never have seen it coming.

Bears will also have to beware of angry dogs and football players when they take to the ice in Saskatoon. Dave Smith has promised to dress two or three of each, and ceaseless vigilance will undoubtedly be necessary to prevent dismemberment.

Any thoughts about Bears getting soft while waiting for the playoffs can be put aside. Clare Drake was never noted for soft practises, and Tuesday's workout was painful, just to watch.

Last night the Bears played an exhibition match against the Capital Junior Hockey League All-Stars at the Jasper Place Arena.

Bears scored 5 goals in the first six minutes and cruised to an easy 15-2 shellacking of the juniors.

Dale Henwood and Craig Gunther split the Goaltending work, each allowing one goal. Bears played without Ross Barrows who, if you can believe the rumors, had to attend a class.



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