

Championships open Friday at Varsity Arena

Advance tickets for puck series on sale at SUB and Phys Ed Bldg

By BOB ANDERSON

It isn't enough that Sir George Williams University has caused more than their share of trouble what with the small riot they had there a couple of weeks back.

Now their hockey club has gone and created more of the same this past weekend. The "Georgians" defeated the favored Loyola Warriors 4-2 in the Ontario-St. Lawrence Athletic Association playoffs Friday night and then went on to capture league honors with a narrow 3-2 victory over Bishops University in the final game Saturday in Sherbrooke, Quebec.

It was the old story of the club that finishes down in the league standings coming on strong in the playoffs to knock off the first place finishers. The Georgians finished 10 points behind the Warriors in league play. The Loyola club finished second behind the Golden Bears from Alberta in last year's Canadian championships in Montreal.

Elsewhere in playoff action, Toronto Blues won the right to represent the Ontario-Quebec Athletic Association in the Canadian Championships here later this

week by disposing of Waterloo Warriors 6-0 in the final Saturday night. In semifinal play, the Blues had knocked off Carleton 10-6, while the Warriors were taking out Laval 4-2.

The two clubs thus join the Golden Bears from Alberta and the Laurentian University Voyageurs from the Ontario Intercollegiate Athletic Association in the chase for the University Cup, emblematic of Canadian college hockey supremacy, to be held at Varsity Arena March 7, 8, and 9.

BLUES PERENNIAL REPS

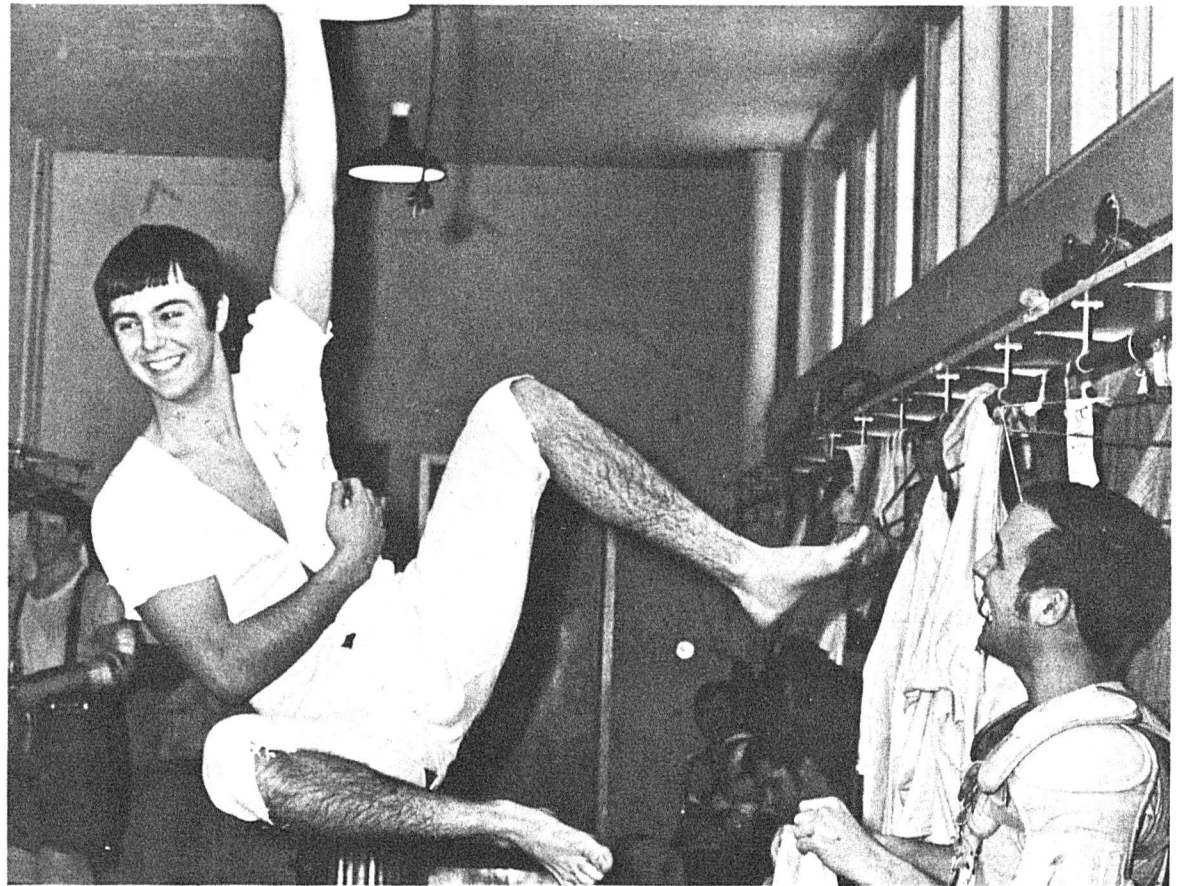
The Maritime Intercollegiate Athletic Association was to have held their playoffs this weekend, but as yet no results are available.

For the Blues, this will be their umpteenth appearance in the national classic which was inaugurated seven years ago. The Bears will be playing in their fourth championship series.

The Toronto club has another powerhouse again this year. Veterans Steve Monteith, Ward Passi and Gord Cunningham are all in their seventh year of intercollegiate play. Monteith, whose brother Hank plays with Detroit Red Wings of the N.H.L., has passed the 100 goal plateau in those seven years.

Other Blues to keep an eye on are Paul Laurent, John Wright and goaltender Adrian Watson. Wright and Laurent were second and third in league scoring respectively while Watson had a fine rookie year between the pipes.

The Voyageurs, who lost to the Blues 18-2 in the final game two years ago, are a bit of an unknown quantity this time around. They finished in first place in their league, which like the Western Can-

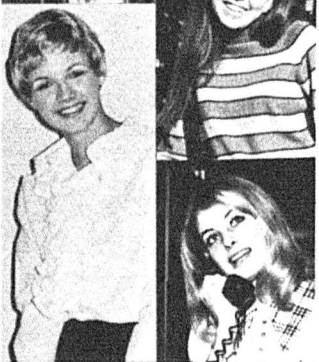


BEAR FORWARD MILT HOHOL GETS IN THE SWING OF THINGS

... a last bit of relaxation before the weekend

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ada Intercollegiate Athletic Association, represented by the Bears, had no playoffs.

FINAL WCJHL STANDINGS

	GP	W	L	F	A	Pts.
Alberta	20	16	4	123	45	32
Sask.	20	13	7	100	89	26
Calgary	20	11	9	79	76	22
Manitoba	20	11	9	93	90	22
U.B.C.	20	10	10	111	95	20
Winnipeg	20	0	20	35	146	0

Jr. Bears sacked by Nut & Bolters

The varsity Golden Bears aren't the only hockey club in quest of a hockey title these days.

The Junior Bearcats are in the midst of playoffs, too, as they go after the provincial Intermediate "C" crown.

This is the first year that the Bearcats have entered provincial competition and they're having a fair amount of success.

Last week at Jasper, Brian McDonald's crew demolished the home town Totems 20-4 in a two game total goal series.

But Sunday afternoon at Varsity Arena, the Baby Bears, who played only an exhibition schedule this season, ran into a little trouble as they bowed to the Nut and Bolters of the Edmonton Central Hockey League. The score was 5-3 in a hard fought contest which was the first of a two-game, total point series.

McDonald was a little unhappy at his club's performance but promised better things in the second game which goes tomorrow night at Varsity Arena at 8 p.m.

Ed Zukiwski, Len Zalapski and Jim Wilson blinked the red light for the Bearcats. The winner advances next weekend against either Ray's Esso or the Killam Indians.

Bears drop two in Denver but still show up well in series

From Gateway News Services

Bears 1, Denver 5

Bears 2, Denver 3

DENVER — The Golden Bears just can't seem to buy a victory in this town.

Ever since the Bears and the Denver University Pioneers started playing their annual exhibition series some five years ago, the Albertans have yet to post a victory.

They came close though this past weekend, succumbing twice to the defending U.S. college champions by scores of 5-1 and 3-2. The Bears are defending Canadian college titleholders.

The games served as final preparations for national playoffs this weekend, as both clubs enter the home stretch of their seasons.

LATE ARRIVAL

The Bears didn't get into Denver until 5 p.m. Friday with the game scheduled to start at 8 p.m. But the players and coach Clare Drake weren't too upset about the way things developed.

"They outskated us for the first two periods," Drake commented. "But we found ourselves in the final period and managed to outshoot them 15-10."

The Pioneers took a 2-0 lead in the first 20 minutes, before 4,431 fans, on goals by Edmonton native Bill Pettinger and George Morrison, as the Bears had difficulties adjusting to American college rules.

"Down here, there's no red line," Morrison pointed out, and a player is allowed to ice the puck as soon as he has crossed his own blue-line. As well, bodychecking in the opponent's half of the ice is forbidden, unlike in Canadian rules."

Morrison, who led the Western Intercollegiate Hockey League in scoring, increased the margin to 3-0 early in the sandwich session, before Milt Hohol got the Bears on the scoresheet at 15:16, combining with Gerry Hornby.

The Americans got a pair of

goals in the final stanza from Craig Patrick and Al Genovy and won going away.

Over the route, Denver directed 34 shots at Dale Halterman in the Bears' cage, while Gerry Powers faced 29 at the other end. The Bears were fingered for seven of 11 minor infractions.

The Albertans came out fired up in Saturday's affair and held a 2-1 bulge midway through the final frame on goals by Jack Gibson and Don Falkenberg. But then the roof fell in with the Bears running into four straight penalties. Denver rapped in two markers and 4,220 paying customers went home happy.

Tom Gilmore, Tom Miller and Genovy fired pucks past Bear netminder Bob Wolfe, with Genovy's goal proving to be the winner. Once again, the Bears had an edge in the penalty department, picking up nine of 15 calls.

Jim Donlevy returning to Bear coaching staff

The athletic department of the University of Alberta is pleased to announce that Jim Donlevy shall be returning to the football coaching staff for his fifth straight term.

Donlevy is known in Edmonton coaching circles as a diligent, hard-working, dedicated football coach and since 1965 has instilled vigour and vitality into everyone he has associated with on the football field at U of A. Thirty-one year old Donlevy has never played football beyond high school, but has a great deal of fine coaching experience behind him.

The Bear offence shall by Donlevy's main responsibility in 1969, with the basic system being retained. Until new coach Scott arrives, Donlevy will be meeting with high school coaches and talking to prospective players.