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Hockey Bears At Kingston, Injuries, But Lots Of Fight

An injury riddled but spirit filled band of University of Alberta Golden Bears start their quest for the National Collegiate Hockey Championship tonight at Kingston.

Bears go against University of New Brunswick, Maritime Conference winners; Montreal from the Quebec-Ontario Conference, and Sir George Williams University of the Ottawa-St. Lawrence Valley Conference. Actual scheduling will not take place until this afternoon but two games go tonight and the same number tomorrow.

Coach Clare Drake's Bears may be playing minus three of their top four scorers, right winger Ian Baker, and centers Jim Flemming and Terry Bicknell. Baker and Bicknell both have gimpy knees but are expected to play despite their sub-par condition. Flemming, however, who has a leg infection, was listed as an extremely doubtful starter at departure time yesterday.

Other than these three the squad is in good shape. The big question though is, can the Bears win minus so much scoring punch? Drake has made little secret that should his big

guns not be able to go Alberta fortunes will rely on the defensive unit of Dick Wintermute, Jim Reaman, Dale Rippel, Butch Hyde, Ralph Jorstad and goalie Dale Harder, which played so well at the end of league play.

Drake is expected to use Leigh MacMillan and possibly John Aubin at center in absence of Bicknell and Flemming as well as placing an extra load on third line center Ed Wahl. Forward Brian Harper, who was forced out of the regular season with hepatitis after being heavily counted on, may also see regular duty.

Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic News, which rates college teams, ranks Alberta 2nd, Montreal 3rd, UNB 4th, and Sir George Williams 10th. The second annual championships will be slightly marred because top ranked Toronto elected not to participate, allowing Montreal's entry.

Last Saturday night Golden Bears played their final home game in preparation for the National Finals, battling Lacombe Rockets, Central Alberta Hockey League finalists, to a 6-6 tie. Bears jumped to a 4-0 lead on goals by Les Payne, Leigh MacMillan, Dave McDermid and Dale

Johnson Top Intermediate Sync. Swimmer

Dale Johnson, Panda synchronized swimmer, beat out a close challenge to become Intermediate Aggregate Champion last weekend at the Provincial Synchronized Swimming Championships held at the University Pool.

Dale Johnson's margin of victory over Edmonton Aquadette star, Marie Pardee, was less than one half a point (143-142.625) and was earned with a win in the stroking competition, a fourth in figures and a second in the solo routine. Dale also teamed with Marlene Brekke to win the Intermediate Duet Trophy.

Coach Bonnie Derone, who captured the Senior Aggregate title while swimming for the Aquadettes, has achieved excellent results from a relatively inexperienced group.

The Senior team gave the fine Aquadette team a close run in the Senior Team Championship, with a number called "The Rowing of the Galley Slaves." The Intermediate team, were not opposed in their competition but put on a crowd-pleasing display to win the trophy.

Phyllis Gitzel and Lee Cadman, performed valiantly in the senior class, but were up against the most experienced swimmers in Alberta, Saskatchewan, and British Columbia.

The meet was watched by a very large and enthusiastic crowd, and was the most successful championship held by the AASSA to date.

Rippel. Rockets came back to knot the score with two goals by Vince Downey and singles from Dave Carlyle and Don Maxwell before Dale Rippel gave Alberta a 5-4 second period lead. Rockets forged ahead in the final frame on goals by Ron Tookey and Maxwell. McDermid's tally tied it for the bears.

Barry Rust Reviews Sports

Alberta, sports center of the nation? A little too plauditory perhaps. But for 1963-64 it fits like the proverbial glove.

Whether the Golden Bears return from Kingston this weekend with the National Collegiate Hockey Championship is of little consequence to such an assertion. The fact is they are there and this is sufficient to give Alberta the unique distinction of having participated in two national finals.

Bears had their rough moments this year, for the most part off the ice, but if I know this team they will place history exactly where it belongs in competition; on the shelf. Judging from press reports out of the east, however, that's all they'd better put on the shelf. In short, every bit of ability and desire they can muster will be needed.

And it becomes more imperative as medical reports keep filtering in. They were bad at the first of the week and haven't improved very much. Ian Baker, Jim Flemming, and Terry Bicknell were 1, 2, and 4 respectively in scoring. All are on the limp.

Baker has been laid up with pulled knee ligaments since the last Manitoba series and only started working out some six days ago. Bicknell went down before Lacombe Rockets Saturday night, also with a bad knee. Three-quarter speed is about all coach Clare Drake can expect from this pair.

That however may be more than starry center Jim Flemming. Flemming entered hospital just last Monday with a leg infection. Needless to say he is on the doubtful list with top priority.

If you have been following Bear fortunes, you're right, the first two lines lack a center-man with Bicknell and Flemming gone. Drake experimented with Leigh MacMillan in a pivot slot against Lacombe and the veteran performed capably. There can be little doubt, however, that Drake would sooner see him at his customary left wing.

Also, it's possible left winger John Aubin, third highest scorer this season, will see some action at center. Aubin originally started at that position but was switched to the left side two years ago where he finally blossomed forth a few weeks ago.

If a measure of consolation is to be found, it will be in forward Brian Harper. Harper, whose brother Terry toils on the blueline for Montreal Canadians, was inactive for most of the year due to hepatitis. He started workouts a short while back, played against Oil Kings and Lacombe, and just could provide some of the scoring punch so obviously lacking through injuries.

Drake was faced with the task of keeping his club up all season after a series of setbacks resulting from ineligible players. In so doing he juggled his line-up frequently, looking for the right combination. He finally settled on one during the UBC series and it appeared to be a dandy. MacMillan, Flemming and Baker showed early that they belonged together but suddenly Drake found a real line in Howie Green, Bicknell and Les Payne, leaving Aubin, Ed Wahl and Dave McDermid who also molded. Now, who knows?

Certainly Bears were destined to meet by far their most severe test at Kingston under any circumstances. As it stands, it will take a top notch effort from all concerned.

Frankly, I think at least two of Baker, Bicknell and Flemming will have to perform well for Bears to win. But this club has come from behind the eight-ball all year and I just wouldn't bet against their spirit.

Somewhat lost in the hockey fever is the Alberta volleyball squad who also go after a national final in Winnipeg this weekend. This one is the Dominion Championships and coach Costa Chrysanthou's squad has come on well since a third place finish in the WCIAA finals and rate as strong contenders in representing the Province.

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U of A Bowlers Lose To UBC

University of British Columbia edged Alberta by 61 points to claim the Western intercollegiate bowling crown last weekend.

UBC compiled an aggregate score of 13,961 for the twelve games as compared to U of A's 13,900.

University of Alberta, Calgary placed third followed by a second Alberta squad, University of Victoria and University of Saskatchewan.

Alberta's Bob Windsor compiled a 261 point average for the twelve contests and claimed the Individual Championship over UBC's top man Ray Hughes. Beside Windsor, the Alberta team was made up of Louis Neering, Art Gau, Ross Fujino and Barry Edgar.

All participating teams take part in a mailographic league throughout the season. Following the meet individual league trophies were presented. High average trophy went to UBC's Cliff Paproski, High Triple Block to Bill Atkinson of Victoria and Fujino claimed the High Single having bowled a "393" game.

He termed the first event "a real success and a definite start in western intercollegiate bowling."

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