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Universiade looks for Birthday money

by Brent Jang

The 1983 World University Games, facing a projected \$1.9 million deficit, is looking for a birthday present in the form of funding for Canada Day celebrations.

Universiade President Ed Zemrau, Chairman Alex Fallow, U of A President Myer Horowitz, and Mayor Cec Purves, met with federal officials in Ottawa last week.

Zemrau hopes that financial aid from various government departments will make up the \$1.9 million shortfall.

The Canadian Unity Council was given \$700,000 for cross-country celebrations this year.

With the opening ceremonies on July 1st, Zemrau says Edmonton should be able to get some of that money.

Senator Ray Perrault, Minister of Fitness and Amateur Sport, says the Games can be a great unifying event.

"I think that's one avenue (Canada Day) which should be pursued," said Perrault in a CBC radio interview.

The Ottawa meetings last week included negotiations with the CBC for host broadcaster rights — something the Games should have already secured. The original Games proposal was turned down but a revised plan will be presented to Communications

Minister Francis Fox at the end of this week.

There is a projected \$12.2 million in revenue: this includes ticket sales (\$5.5), licensing (\$2.8), and fund-raising (\$2.75).

"We don't think we're being overly optimistic about achieving the \$5.5 million in ticket sales," said Zemrau on Saturday.

"We've spent \$2 million less than we had budgeted at this time. We're delaying things like buying sports equipment," said Zemrau.

The Games will eventually buy the sports equipment, but by delaying, it can earn more interest on its income, projected at \$355,000.

The Games are also asking for

support of its cultural events, called Kaleidoscope.

However, if the apparently "firm commitments" from Ottawa turn out to be empty promises, the Games will have to cut back its present plans.

Universiade's expected staff of 194 has been trimmed to about 150 and further cuts may come as the Games come to depend on volunteers.

"When people are talking of deficits, they really don't know what they're talking about," said Zemrau on Friday on CBC radio.

Zemrau says the Games are not in a deficit position but adds it would have been helpful to get money from the proposed

national sports pool.

The sports pool idea involves betting on the outcome of games including hockey and football. It has passed two readings in the House of Commons and even if a third reading is passed before the summer, it would take another year to set up.

Thus, Universiade '83 will have to bet on "riskier" schemes like Wugie (their owl mascot) to heighten public interest.

Unfortunately, at least for bird-lovers, Wugie doesn't do the owl family proud — too much make-up.

One wonders if the World University Games can lure the public with its cosmetic grandeur.

Drake gets 500th and a song

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buzzer sounded to end the game, he was deluged with congratulatory handshakes from Assistant Coach Bill Moores, manager Ian Hallworth, and his players.

Huskie coach Dave King quickly came across the ice to add his congratulations. Minutes later in the Bears' dressing room, the players presented Drake with a bottle of champagne in appreciation of his achievement. But the Coach preferred to focus his attention on the play of the team and the importance of the game.

"It was really just another league game between two teams battling it out for first place," he said. "And they're still ahead three games to two (now 4 to 2) on the season."

He added that the subject of the 500th win hadn't come up at the team meeting earlier in the day. However, he did mention that the players had an extra pre-game meeting of their own.

"Of course, we all knew that the 500th win was on the line," said Friday's back-up goalie, Terry Clark, of the players' meeting. "But the captains brought it up again to get us extra ready."

And ready they certainly were, although, as in many games this season, the Bears got off to a slow start. They found themselves behind 1-0 after the first period as a result of a powerplay goal by Saskatchewan's Bruce Keller.

They got rolling early in the middle frame, though. At 4:55 Ron Parent's long, low slapshot found its way into the net between the legs of Huskie goalie Owen Felske. The Bears had the spark they needed; as Parent himself put

it, "when we got that first goal, it really gave us some momentum."

Alberta dominated the remainder of the period with the tenacious checking at both ends of the rink, and eventually took the lead on a two on one break. "Ace" Brimacombe carried the puck into Huskie territory and lifted a pass over to Breen Neeser. The latter batted the puck to the ice and fired it past Felske all in one motion, making it 2-1 for the bears after 40 minutes.

The Bears added to their lead early in the final frame when Perry Zapernick deflected home rom Vertz's point shot at 1:57, much to the chagrin of Saskatchewan's Little Zapper "fan" club. Zap's goal proved to be the game winner because the Huskies narrowed the gap to 3-2 at 7:33 on a fine effort by Randy Wiebe. Wiebe avoided an attempted poke check by Bears' goalie Ken Hodge, before sliding the puck home.

But the Bears were not to be denied on this night. Just 74 seconds later Tim Krug restored the two goal lead with a slap shot from the right point after Parent had won a face-off deep in Huskie territory. Saskatchewan never seriously threatened thereafter in the face of the Bears' excellent checking and inspired play. Drake himself put it best in the post-game interview: "You like to think you can improve a little bit every time, but I don't think we could play much better as a group than we did tonight."

It was truly the kind of performance that will prominently place Friday's win amongst the many highlights of his illustrious career.

The victory also moved the

Bears into sole possession of first place in the Canada West Conference. But not for long. Twenty-four hours later, the Huskies had spoiled the script by regaining a share of top spot with a 6-3 victory.

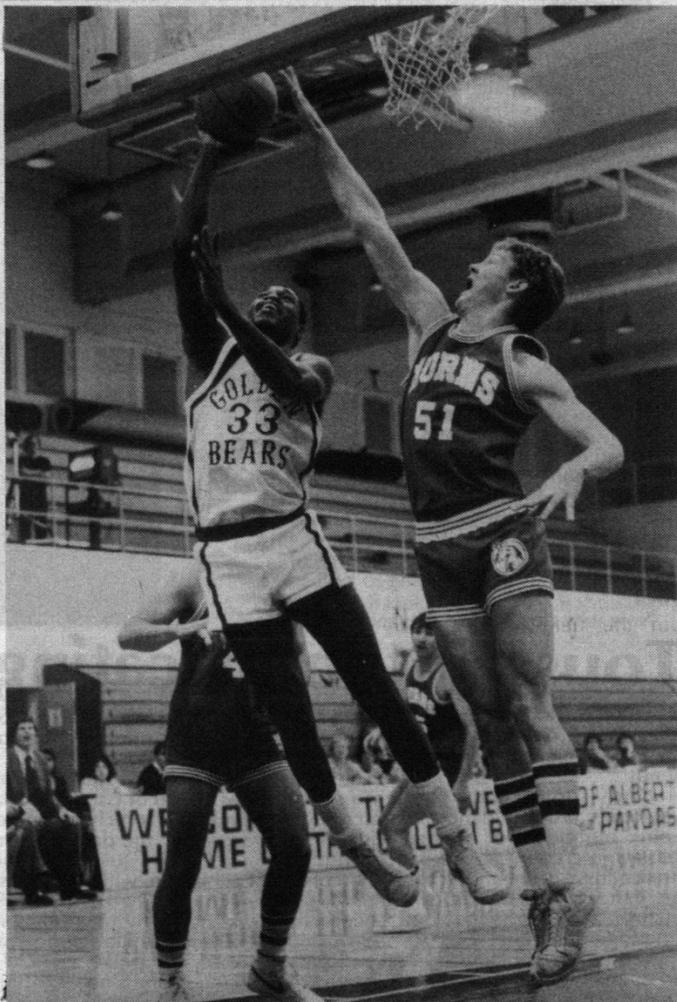
The Calgary Dinosaurs and UBC Thunderbirds also split their series, leaving the standings just as they were when the weekend's action began. The Bears and Huskies both sport 10 and 4 records in the battle for home ice advantage in the playoffs, while the Dinos, at 5 and 9, are presently winning their battle with the 3 and 11 T-Birds to avoid the Canada West basement.

In Saturday's loss, Alberta ran into an old nemesis named Dwayne Heidt who, for reasons unclear to rational men, seems to get a refereeing assignment whenever the Bears come to Rutherford Rink (read, ice-box).

Mr. Heidt seems compelled to put on a show of his own, and Saturday night was no exception as he managed to hand out 102 minutes in penalties without banishing anyone from the game. Of that number, 58 went to the Bears and 44 went to the Huskies. These totals don't change the fact that Saskatchewan was the better team of the night and deserved to win the game.

But despite the setback, the Bears still got what they wanted—Drake's 500th win and a split with the Huskies in their own backyard.

So, spirits were still high on the return trip with hearty choruses of "Roxanne" and "The Lion Sleeps Tonight" drifting down the length of the bus.



Leon Bynoe (33) goes up for two. Bears won 91-84 in double overtime.

photo by Martin Beales

Payette leads wrestling team

The Golden Bears wrestling team placed third overall this past weekend at the U of C Invitational.

Mike Payette was the lone winner and may move up the CIAU rankings from his third place

position. Brad Chestnut, wrestling at 82 kilos, put together an impressive string of victories and narrowly lost to a Western Montana opponent in the final.

Heavyweight "Dubba Bubba" Dermott lost a close decision to his nemesis, Blake Nill of Calgary.

Coach Bill Dowbiggin felt that although Dermott wrestled well enough to win, he still needs more work on his offensive techniques in order to win a national title.

A big surprise to the Bears was rookie Dave Elwood who wrestled in his first wrestling tournament and impressed coaches Dowbiggin and Barry.

As usual the U of A club team had a strong showing with Pierre Pomerleau remaining undefeated in 1983 and silver medals going to Keith Lightfoot, Glenn Purych, and Shawn Holmstrom.

The Bears leave Friday for the Cougar Invitational in Regina.

Change of plan

The Men's Intramural Field Hockey Tournament has been changed from a 2-day to a single day event. It was originally scheduled for Jan. 30 and Feb. 6, but has now been changed to Saturday, Jan. 29. The Tournament will be held at the Kinsmen Fieldhouse and will run from 9 a.m. to approximately 6 p.m.

ENTRY DEADLINES

Men's Field Hockey, Tuesday, Jan. 25, 1 p.m.; Triples Volleyball, Tuesday, Jan. 25, 1 p.m. and Curling Bonspeil, Tuesday, Jan. 25, at 1 p.m.

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