

Henry Singer hockey winners

by Alan Small

Five Golden Bear hockey players were honored for their work on the ice and in the lecture theatre Tuesday night at Northlands Coliseum when the Edmonton Oilers handed out the annual Henry Singer Memorial Bursaries.

Forwards Rob Glasgow and Wes Craig, defencemen Grant Couture and Brent Severyn, and goalkeeper John Krill will all receive bursaries of \$1,000, donated by the Edmonton Oilers Hockey Club.

Krill, a business student in his third year as a Golden Bear, had an 8-1 record in Canada West competition this season and a 3.05 goals against average, second best in the conference.

"It's an honor to get the award," said Krill, who has a 50-16 lifetime mark with the Golden Bears. "I'll get us through the last part of school. We can't work, so it covers us for a bit."

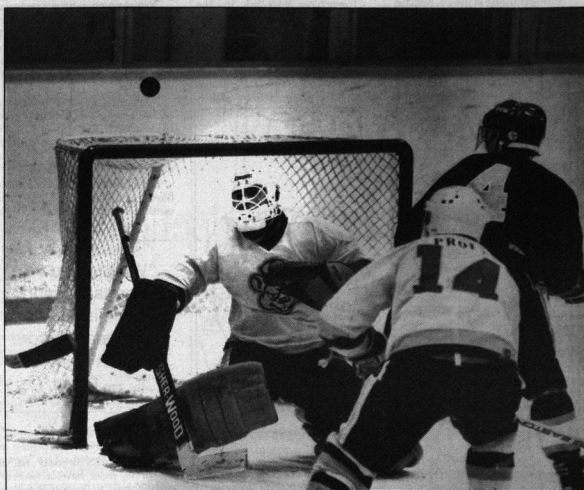
Craig, an arts student, scored 62 points for the Bears in this, his



second Bear season. In Canada West play this season, Craig scored 47 points to land him ninth in the conference. A former scoring sensation with the AJHL St. Albert Saints, Craig had a reason why to go to the U of A instead of American schools, like many of his ex-Saint teammates.

"Here, the key is better schooling," said Craig.

Couture, an education student, scored 17 points in his first full



Things are looking up for goalie John Krill off the ice as well.

Photo Rob Galbraith

season as a Golden Bear. Prior to joining the Bears, Couture played two years with the Red Deer College Kings, and was on the 1983 WHL champion Lethbridge Broncos.

Glasgow, a science student, showed dramatic improvement in his second Bear season, as he scored 39 points in 50 Bear games, after playing in only 24 games the season before due to injury. A former AJHL Rookie of the Year with the Sherwood Park Crusaders, Glasgow was the only Golden Bear to play in every game this season.

Severyn, a physical education student, had a fine sophomore season, as he was named to the Canada West first all-star team. In 46 Bear games this season, Severyn scored 59 points. The Vegreville native previously played in the WHL with the Seattle Breakers.

The Oilers, to their credit, continue to honor Bear players, even if they have been drafted by other NHL clubs. Severyn was a fifth round pick of the Winnipeg Jets in 1984, and Glasgow was an eighth round pick of the Hartford Whalers

in 1986.

The bursaries, which were introduced in 1981, pay tribute to the late Henry Singer, a well-known supporter of sports in Edmonton.

A six-member committee chose the winners. Justice Allan Wachowich, Oilers Assistant G.M. Bruce MacGregor, U of A rep Brian McDonald, and businessmen Chuck Moser, Austin Smith, and Fred Singer make up the committee, who have awarded \$40,000 of bursaries since its inception.

Randal Smathers

Name: Randal Smathers
5'10" / 145 lbs.

Throws: Right Bats: Right
Scouting Report: Contact hitter, good speed. Plays third, catcher, center field. Average to good arm.

Anyone got a competitive slownotch team looking for the above? Yep, it's baseball season again, and I'm looking for a team to play on. This will be my first summer in Edmonton for while, and I can't wait to participate, as it were.

I notice that I'm not alone in this. Strathcona, trendy place that it is, is suddenly butt-deep in joggers. Anyone with a large car and an anti-social disposition is welcome to mow a few of 'em down as far as I'm concerned. Please start around 99 Street and 86 Ave. Thanks.

Of course, spring also means the start of pro baseball. The Trappers season starts soon. Oh yeah, oh yeah, I can hardly wait. Who else can imagine themselves in the third-base bleachers of Ducey, quaffing cold ones and yelling a few choice comments at the visitors dugout? See you there... Go Trappers, kick butt... geez, baseball brings out the poet in me.



The sports scene on campus is winding down at just the right time this year, as we can all look at getting into outside sports to take the place of watching those indoor ones.

There are still some early spring rituals to go through, of course. Most important is the NCAA hoop tournament, which is always fun for a week or two.

The rest of the year I despise basketball but there's something about the Final Four that makes it a great spectator sport. I think it has something to do with full gyms, lunatic fans, and the annual Cinderella story of one of the finalists.

There must be some reason that I like watching hyper-thyroid po'crackers from Coon Holler, N.C., and ghetto blacks from New York state — many of whom are too stupid to spell their own names, even if they aren't names like Eujanston Walls — playing a non-contact sport where the ref calls about a billion fouls a game, for entirely unapparent reasons. Damned if I can tell you what it is though.

Oh well, at least I can understand why I like baseball, a non-contact sport where the ump makes about a billion calls a game, for entirely unapparent reasons — it's poetic. F—'in' Eh, Bubba.

Curling, cage games, & kicking coach

Al Small's notebook

Golden Bear soccer coach, Len Vickery, proved the rumors true on Monday when the Edmonton Brick Men announced that he would be their coach for the 1988 campaign.

Some questions still abound. What will happen to the Golden Bear soccer program come fall time? Vickery was wearing more than a few hats already, will another be the straw that broke the camel's back? Will the swearing issue be brought up again this season, and if it is, will Vickery's job as coach be on the line like former Brick Men coach Ray Hudson? More in Tuesday's Gateway.

It was roundball heaven this past weekend as no less than four games could have been viewed at the same time, assuming you had paid for TSN. There was three (count 'em) NCAA hoop games on the three major American networks — Villanova and Syracuse in the Big East final, North Carolina faced the Duke Blue Devils in the ACC final and Georgia took on Kentucky in the Southeast championship. This was more than enough competition for the CIAU men's hoop final, which pitted defending champion Brandon University and upstart Acadia. Brandon won the game 81-68 over the Axemen, winning their second title in as many years.



Len Vickery will keep his eye on the Brick Men '88.

Photo Olive Chapman

The two Canada West teams were both upset and bounced out of the tournament before anything was on the line. Saskatchewan lost a one point heartbreaker in the quarter-finals to Western Ontario, while the Victoria Vikings lost to the wildcard Axemen in the semis.

Probably the most fascinating game of the weekend would be the quarter-final that pitted the Vikings and the UPEI Panthers. The Panthers had only one starter that was taller than 6'2", while they had to face the Vikings, a club that boasts

a huge lineup, no player shorter than 6'6", including monster inside men like Cord Clemens, who at 7'2" would be at least a foot taller than the majority of the Panthers. Predictably, the Vikings easily trounced the Islanders.

The CIAU Hoop Final also had to go head-to-head with the Labatt Brier Final, which Edmonton's Pat Ryan pulled off The Comeback in the tenth end. It seemed that Ryan would be the curler of destiny this season, as he had to win five straight at the Provincials to qualify for the

Brier.

Curling is a pressure sport as could be seen on Sunday afternoon. Probably the most difficult part for Ryan was going 6-5 in the Edmonton Brier last year, when expectations were so high. The media dumped all over Ryan and he felt the pressure this year just to silence his most ardent critics.

One thing could be said about the sport of curling in general. To lose a game, a team must make a mistake. In no sport like curling are the mistakes so obvious, such as breezing a takeout or coming up short for a draw.

They didn't know what they were getting into when the Bear basketball team went down south on their annual tour and took on the University of California — Santa Barbara. Sure the UCSB Gauchos trounced the Bears 101-67, but did the Bears know that the Gauchos would be one of the 64 teams in the NCAA final tournament (they are the tenth seed of sixteen in one of the four regionals, and were ranked in the top 20 hoop squads in the U.S. by Sports Illustrated)? They even knocked off last year's final four club, the Nevada-Las Vegas Runnin' Rebels twice this season. Makes you wonder why the Bears lost by only 34 points.