

# Speaking on Sports

with RICHARD VIVONE

*When I was young and in my prime  
I used to play hockey all the time;  
But now I'm getting old and grey,  
I only write about who will play.*

And hope and pray they give a lot of good stuff to write about. Unless you're way out of here, you realize that the hockey team is the Alberta Golden Bears who opened their exhibition season Tuesday at Varsity Arena against the Red Deer Rustlers of the Western Canada Senior Hockey League.

The Bears continue tonight at Jasper Place Arena with an 8 p.m. match versus the senior Edmonton Nuggets and Friday at Varsity Arena against the defending Allan Cup champion Drumheller Miners. Game time is 9 p.m.

In writing about a team, the first lines should be on the veterans. Most prominent among the returnees from the 1965-66 western champions are Brian Harper, Gordon Jones, Darrell LeBlanc, and goalers Bob Wolfe and Hugh Waddle.

Harper, a 17-goal man last year, was in the camp of the Canadian National team earlier but came back to Bearland to finish off a teaching degree. He already holds a bachelor of phys ed. Brian was a WCIAA All Star the last two seasons and is a key (emphasize that!) man on the club.

Jones, a former Oil King, returns for his second term with the Bears. The third year science student will most likely move into a centre slot from left wing. Three pivots have graduated including record setting Wilf Martin and Jonsey will have large shoes to fill—if he can keep his ankles reasonably sound.

Darrell LeBlanc is another second term man. He comes from the University of New Brunswick and is working towards a master degree in phys ed. Darrell scored 15 goals last year and a good portion of Bear hopes ride on his prolific scoring talents.

## MINDING THE NETS

Writing about the goaltenders was an easy task last year because we had the best—for 17 of 18 games anyway. Bob Wolfe and Hugh Waddle plugged the dike unerringly and will do so again. Wolfe is a second year commerce student while Waddle is in third year phys ed. The coach alternated the pair all last season and should do so again.

Sam Belcourt who insists he's worth his weight in goals will have to prove it. Sam fired a hat trick in the Sudbury championships last March and should be good for a few this year. He's a left winger and in third year commerce.

The Zarowny brothers, Dave and Dan, are out for another whirl too. Dave can play any forward position and was one of the more effective Bears in the Sudbury games.

Dan can play defence or forward. The coach used him in a utility role last year but it's a certainty Dan will see a lot of action this time around.

Gerry Braunberger, a defenceman last year, has been moved up to a forward slot at his own request. He was one of the Bears best and if someone behind the bluelines doesn't pan out, Gerry could be back there again. He'll do a good job anywhere.

Fred McKenzie was used off and on last year and if he hustles, the reward will be a regular spot. But his work is cut out and he could be a pleasant surprise.

There's a lot of unknown talent on the squad who will hit these pages big before the year is out.

Among the rookies are Terry Cutler, Ron Cebryk who was with the junior Bears last season, Del Billings, Rave McIntyre, Tom Devaney, Don Falkenberg, Lorne McLeod, Bob Baker, and Merose Stelmaschuk. The latter could be the cream of the crop. Watch for him because I'll give you ten to one, he'll come up big for the Bears.

## ON DEFENSE

Captain Ralph Jorstad heads the returnees. Ralph should be good for a fine year after a mediocre one last year. He's going to have to play better. He knows it, we know it and, mark my words, he'll have to show it.

The big blueline news is the return of Dale Rippell and George Kingston. Both are seasoned performers and will be a formidable twosome in front of the goalers.

Hugh Twa is back for another year. He was a regular last year and will be again. One can't write much about Hugh because all he does is play well.

Gary Link, a Bear two years ago, is in the running as are Jim Seuter and Bob Bothwell.

The coach, of course, is Clare Drake. To many, he's the best around. We'll just say he's the best. It's more of a positive attitude.



—Leo de Groot photo

## CYCLE DRAGSTERS USE LE MANS START FOR 100-LAP RACE

... energetic now, but not 25 miles later

# Phi Kappi Pi emerges victorious in annual intramural cycle drag

By BRIAN OLAFSON

Fifty yards downtrack from waiting cycles pawed fifteen throbbing cyclists. A sharp "go" from the official. All hell broke loose. This is the start of a cycle drag U of A style.

The Phi Kap team emerged from the opening chaos as leaders—a position they relinquished three times during the race, but regained once and for all on the final lap.

The first quarter of the contest wore on with Phi Kap holding a slim lead over the determined Engineers. Then on lap 26, a fumbled rider change (compulsory every two laps—used every lap by most) by the Engineers gave Phi Kap a more comfortable margin.

Engineering, in a determined effort to close the gap, made several more bad changes giving Phi Kap a half lap lead by lap 30. All went well for the frat boys until lap 59.

The lioness-like Aggie team, playing a waiting game, crept slowly up on their unsuspecting prey. Overcoming a half lap deficit, they struck down the Eng and Phi Kap teams shortly after the half way point. The wounded animal fought back, gaining the advantage on 64, relinquishing it on 65 and regaining it again on 68.

The over anxious Aggies imaged the Engineers' effort to win as they too bobbed their changes giving first and second back to Kap and Eng respectively. Eng, taking advantage of a Phi Kap-Aggie duel, moved to within a few yards of the leaders.

Lap 96 proved to be the start of a finish as exciting as the opening debacle. The Engineers, on the strength of three strong rides, swept past Phi Kap opening up a forty yard lead.

A cinched victory—never! On lap 99 a Phi Kapper, spurred

on by unknown forces (no more booze maybe?) moved to within five yards of an unfortified Engineer. As the anchor men left for the final lap, madness was the byword in the Eng and Phi Kap pits.

With only three hundred yards to go the engineers were smashed as a spirited Phi Kap rider scorched by their man and opened up a forty yard lead for the victory.

Final results: 1. Phi Kap, 2. Eng, 3. Agriculture, 4. St. Joseph's, 5. St. Steve's, 6. Dentistry, 7. Lower Res, 8. Phys Ed, 9. Upper Res, 10. Phi Deltas, 11. LCA, 12. DU, 13. Dutch Club, 14. LDS, 15. Meds.

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