

Hockey fans dazzled by Moscow Selects

The hockey Bears were busy during their pre-Christmas exhibition schedule. On Dec. 12 the Bears met with the Nuggets to decide who was the best in the city (with the exception of the outlaw Oil Kings).

The Nuggets came out with a 4-2 victory over a slumping Golden Bear team. Both teams scored a goal in the first period but the Nuggets wore down the Bears and went ahead 2-1 in the second. The Bears tied the score at 0:26 of the third on Ralph Jorstad's second goal of the night.

The Nuggets flashed for the rest of the game. Ted Rodgers and Johnny Utendale scored to put the game out of reach.

The contest was a hard-checking affair with 13 penalties. Dave Rowand, Johnny Utendale with two and Ted Rodgers were the Nugget scorers. Ralph Jorstad scored the Bear goals.

Dec. 14 the Alberta Junior Hockey League All-Stars visited Varsity Arena and gave the Bears a much tougher battle than they expected.

The Bears had to score four goals in the last period to win 9-6. Coach Drake replaced Bob Wolfe with Dale Halterman and the Bears were forced to work in that third period.

Del Billings, Jim Seutter and Gerry Braunberger scored two apiece for the Bears, while singletons went to Harper, Ralph Jorstad and Darrell LeBlanc. Hal Willis, Rick Lelacheur, Ray Melnick, Al Cameron, Pecy Kosak and Rod Joslin scored for the All-Stars.

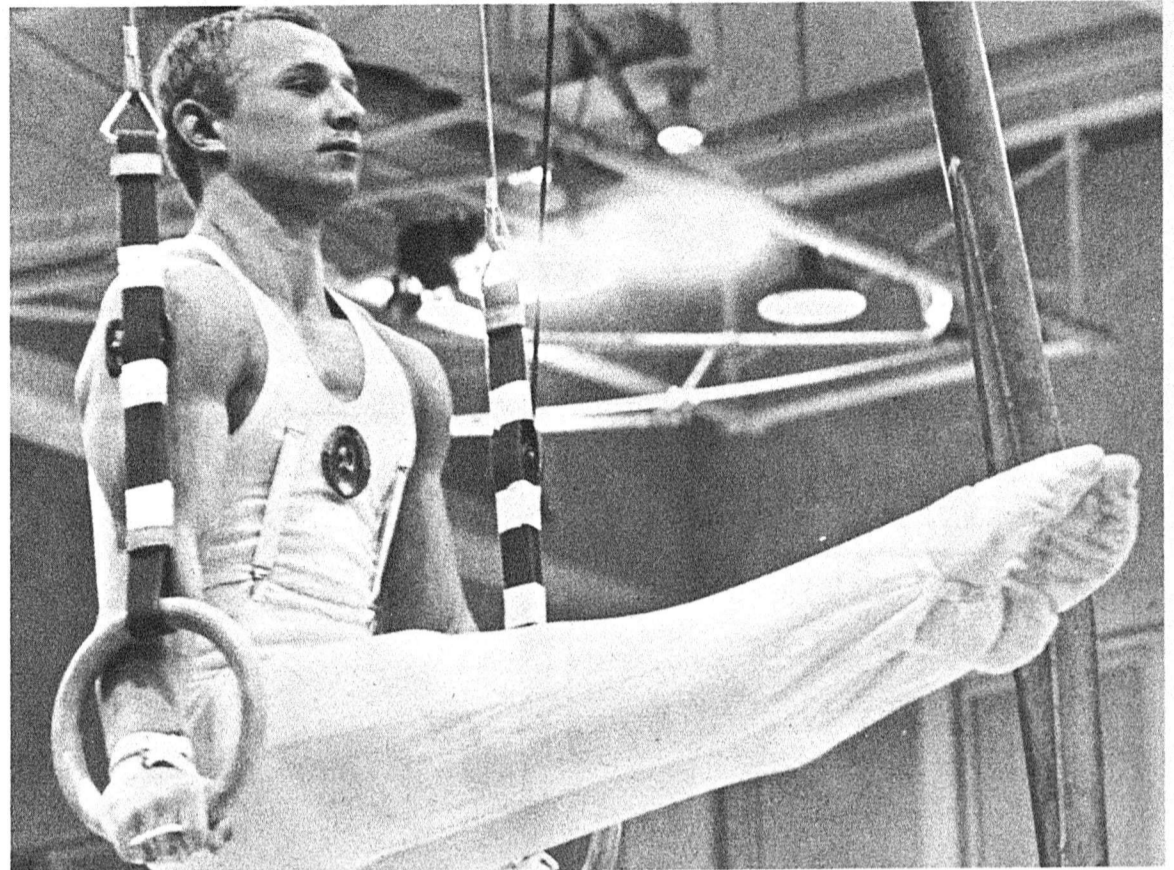
The biggest treat of the season was the visit of the Moscow Selects, Russia's reputed-to-be number two team. Brilliant passing and skating carried them to a 5-2 win over a combined Nugget-Bear all-star team.

The game was played before the largest hockey crowd of the season—3,500. The Russians had a slow start in the first period but went into a 1-0 lead as the All-stars missed on several chances. They built up their lead to 3-0 in the second frame.

Anatoliy Motovilov and Alexander Yakushev paced Moscow with two goals each. Victor Shilov got the other.

Gord Jones and Brian Harper, both from the Golden Bears, scored the All-star goals.

The Moscow Selects were on a tour of Canada and had been previously beaten by the Canadian Nationals and an all-star team from the Western International Hockey League.



—Errol Borsky photo

CHAMPIONSHIP FORM—One of the touring Russian gymnasts demonstrates the form that has made the Soviet team the best in the world. The whole team went through their paces last Dec. 13 in the university gym, to the delight of the capacity crowd.

American teams outhustle Bears, defence and ball control big factors

By STEVE RYBAK

No hustle, no muscle.

That describes the Golden Bear basketball squad when they met two touring American college teams Dec. 16 and 17 at the U of A gym.

Thursday night the Western State College Mountaineers, from Colorado thrashed the Bears 85-67 and then the Bears bowed to the Wayland College Pioneers from Texas 63-55.

The Bears tried to outrun the Mountaineers and barely managed to keep up to the small but fast Americans for three quarters, but then they fell apart in the last ten minutes.

The Bears forgot about defense in

that ten minutes as the Mountaineers racked up 23 points, most of them coming off Bear mistakes, mainly sloppy passing and poor ball handling.

It's not very often that one gets to see many 4 on 1 breaks. The Bears were good enough to give the Americans at least eight of these breaks.

The only facet of the game that the Bears came close to controlling were the backboards. The Mountaineers gave up nearly two inches and it showed as 6'5" Nestor Korchinsky scored 19 points, almost all of them tip-ins.

George Rausch netted 18 for the Mountaineers and Dave Lantz and Leon Prokuski added 15 and 13 respectively.

Darwin Semotiuk added 18 and Bruce Blumell 11 for the losers.

PIONEERS SKIN BEARS

The next night the Bears met the Texans and this time came out on the short end, about two inches. The Pioneers had just played two games in two days and were a tired club when they met the Bears.

This time the Bears lost the game

on fouls, collecting eight technicals, including one to assistant coach Alex Carre who was told to leave the bench.

The Bears fell behind quickly 18-7, but managed to close the gap to 11 points at the half. The Bears' inability to pass and sloppy ball handling made the difference.

The brand of refereeing left something to be desired from the point of view of both fans and players.

When the Bears lost control of the backboards, they lost the game. Pioneer captain Chester Sample led both squads in scoring with 27 points. Larry Bishop put in ten and Ted Welsh nine.

The top Bear scorer was Korchinsky again with 11. Ed Blott added ten and Blumell eight, as the Bears racked up their eleventh losing season with American competition.

RYBAK'S RAVINGS

Western State has only 2,500 students, while Wayland, a Baptist college, hasn't many more. Still these small schools are able to put together good basketball teams.

B of G to sign contract for housing project

The Board of Governors has issued a letter of intent to sign a contract with Poole Construction Co. Ltd. Jan. 6 for the construction of the married student housing project.

But Derek Bone, director of food and housing refused to disclose further details as they are not final yet, and their disclosure may influence the contractor.

He did state, however, that rental will be approximately \$110 a month, or \$95 if utilities are not included.

The project is scheduled for completion in December, although portions will be available for occupancy in September.

Mr. Bone also added construction of a third tower in the Lister Hall complex will begin next January. This tower will be co-educational.

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