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on notched 38 points play last year, and a West First All-Star cess. Otto was ninth oring with 44 points Dennis's brother, is the offensive spark ars this year, if he . Nagging injuries ut of the lineup for wo seasons in a Bear

Bret Walter made the Bear coaching staff nervous at the beginning of the year when he almost accepted orifer from the New York Rangers to play with their farm club in Denver, Fortunately, though, Walter will be back and will provide some more depth at the centre position. Returning on the wings will be Stacey Wakabayashi, who scored 50 points last year, and was also a Canada West First-learn All-Star, lack Patrick enters his fifth year with the Bears where his relentless forechecking style will be an example for the new-comers to the team. comers to the team.

In the same mold as Patrick are Curtis Brandolini and Jeff Helland, Todd Stokowski had an excellent rookie year last season and is expected by the coaching staff to do more of the same. Other rookies last year were Rob Glasgow, and Wes Craig.

Both were fresh out of midgets last season and are expected to get more ice time this year.

Six freshman enter into the front set in the season. Ross leske last year played with Red Deer College, Marcel Capelle comes from Dawson Creek, kevin Lane from Lloydminster, and Todd Gordon played with the Hobberna Hawks in the AHL last season. The other two rookies are because the season of the season and Adam Morrison, who was an all-star with the Victoria Cougars in Western Hockey League and who attender attaining camp with the New Jersey Devils before this season.

Don't expect the traditional Bear Six freshman enter into the front

Don't expect the traditional Bear style of hockey to change this year, as the hard skating and forechecking style will be the norm again.

"We'll have a solid forechecking team," Head coach Clare Drake said, "Our forward lines are well balanced."

Most of the Bear problems this year will be with the defence. Fifth year man Parie Proft will return as well as junior Howie Draper and sopho-mores Brent Severyn and Darwin

"Drake has said that this will be his final year"

Proft is what the doctor ordered when it comes to leading a young, small, offensive minded corps of blu-eliners like the Bears have this season. eliners like the Bears have this season. Proft was an All-Canadian, All-West player last year, and received the Red Dutton Trophy for the best defence-men in the west. Proft was also the leading scorer among defencemen with 42 points.

"They (young defencemen) can learn alot from Parie," Drake said, "He's got an excellent work ethic and he is an excellent skill player."

Howie Draper returns for his third year, but strained the ligaments in his year, but strained the ligaments in his knee in the pre-season and will miss the first few weeks of play. The two other returnees, Severyn and Bozek, are big, physical rearguards who will grab their share of the defensive long this year. Severyn has a booming slap shot and moves the puck well, but will have to stay out of the penalty box more than he did last season.

Guy Paradis, who played with the Bears two seasons ago, Crant Cou-ture, who got in a couple of games with the Bears last season, and Gord Thibodeau are the rookie Bear defencemen.

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In goal, fifth year man Darren
Turner will share time between the
pipes with junior John Krill, a tandem
that has lasted over three years. Turner
backstopped the Bears to the national

title two years ago and had a solid second half. He was 11-2-1 with a 2.79 goals against average after missing the first half to concentrate on his studies. Krill was shaky in the first half last season, but has looked steady in the pre-season. His size (6'2") is an ass

Don't be surprised to see rookie Blair McGregor get in a few home games in the Bear net, as Drake wants to get a look at him. McGregor missed most of training camp with blood poisoning.

Drake has said that this will be his

Drake has said that this will be his final year behind the bench for the U of A. But while he is here, his players will still have to work hard for him, as his 26 years as a Bear hockey coach and his unmatched record speak for themselves. He will be joined by two very capable assistants, Billy Moores, who diseased a Rosea dubt to a CALL. who directed a Bears club to a CIAU championship in 1980. Also, Don Spring will return as assistant coach to work with the blueliners.



Coach Clare Drake directs the troops.

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