



# SPORTS



## Intramurals are winding down very fast

by Garnet DuGray

Intramural co-rec volleyball is going fast and strong towards the final nights this week. With a number of teams competing over the four separate nights in various gymnasiums on campus, there are some teams winning big. On Monday evenings the Lizard's Wizards have a commanding lead of 10 wins and no losses over second place Medicine 1 who are

well behind with a 7-6 record, while on Tuesday nights the PTHER Panthers have a 5-1 mark with the Five-O squad close behind possessing a four wins, no losses and one tie record. The Wednesday evening squads find the Volleyballers atop the heap with an 8-0 mark, followed closely in second by the Science double trio who have achieved a record of 7-0. Finally, on Thursday evenings

the Education gym has been equally busy with the Baha squad on top of the league holding a 4-0 won-loss record with three teams all tied up in second spot with identical 3-1 marks including Sigma Phi's, Flying Fiji's and the Fine Arts six. Be sure to turn out for the final nights of action this week.

While the women's 5-on-5 basketball and triples volleyball wrap up this week in the main gym, the final event of the year, the Spring Fun Run will go Saturday, March 27. The \$1.00 registration for either the 2.5 or 5 km. run begins outside the main entrance to the P.E. building starting at 12 noon, with race scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. Be sure to come out and collect those final participation points for your unit.

In men's intramurals, the hockey playoffs in Division II go all this week with final scheduled

to run at 8 p.m. in the Ice Arena. Finalists are still working their way towards the final at this time and will not be determined before press time. Come out and watch some exciting hockey while cheering on your unit to victory. The volleyball league has finished up this week and playoffs will go early next week in the main gym. Be sure to check the men's intramural board or your unit manager for playing dates and times.

As well, the men's intramural table tennis goes Tuesday and Thursday, March 23 and 25 at 7:30 p.m. each night in the Education gym. The schedule of playing times is now out, so be sure to check for your times on the men's intramural bulletin board.

The long awaited indoor soccer tournament has finally come to a close as of last Tuesday in the Kinsmen fieldhouse. With

the championship contests going back to back, the Delta Kappa Epsilon squad downed Grad Studies in a close, hard-fought battle 1-nil, for the 'A' title. On the 'B' side of things Law had an easier time of things defeating Pharmacy 2-nil.

The Dekes had advanced to the final earlier this week with a close 1-nil victory while Grad Studies downed the Shooters by the same 1-nil score. Whereas, the 'B' side finalists were decided by a Law victory on corner kicks after drawing 0-0 with Agriculture and Pharmacy had advanced by defeating Phi Delta Theta earlier by a score of 2-1. Congrats to all the winners and those who participated.

Don't forget the Intramural wind-up banquet on Thursday, April 1. Please check the intramural offices for further details.

### sports

In looking back over the columns that have appeared in the sports section I have noticed that I have not made any comments on professional sports. This is not because I haven't wanted to but I have been having so much fun taking pot shots at the professional world of journalism that I simply got carried away. There has been some sort of stigma attached to this job in that one must write about campus activities and nothing else where an actual sport is concerned. But I do not hold the opinion that I am unqualified to make a comment on the world of professional sports. I am therefore now declaring my intention.

I have felt compelled to write on pro sports for quite some time, but the *Journal* and the *Sun* and the rest of the professional media have made themselves much to irresistible a target to pass up. But the time has come to put away my axe and instead turn to the world of pro hockey.

With all the excellent rookies that have come out of the draft and into the league this year the topic leaves itself open to discussion. I have been irked as to the notoriety given certain rookies.

I am the first to agree that Dale Hawerchuk is one of the finest rookies to come along since Wayne Gretzky, and I also believe that Grant Fuhr is a good goalie. But I do not believe that Fuhr deserves the rookie of the year award. He doesn't, in my opinion, have a hope.

I would be inclined to give the award to Hawerchuk for I believe he is the finest rookie to play hockey this year. But that is really not the main thrust of this commentary.

The attention being paid to Fuhr is certainly deserved and the accolades being heaped on him are warranted but he is not the only rookie goalie in the league this year. There is another rookie goalie that has played in only about 10-15 games less than Fuhr, but he has played against some of the toughest teams in the league. He has been in the nets for wins over the Islanders, the Sabres, the Bruins, the Nordiques, the Oilers and a host of lesser teams. In addition to these victories is his goals against average which is coming very close to being a full goal a game less than that of Grant Fuhr. Who is he? Rick Walmsley of the Montreal Canadiens.

This guy shares the lead for shutouts in the league with two, he stands up in the net, he plays the angles well and he handles the puck effectively. Yet in all the talk of rookie of the year he has been totally overlooked.

If I were Rick Walmsley I would be getting very mad at this point.

I do not know of any reasons why the Canadiens rookie goalie should be so panned. Some may argue that he has the best defence in the league in front of him and to sport an average of under three goals a game is really nothing. That's a load of horseshit. With the average goals per game skyrocketing this year and many teams losing games despite scoring six or seven goals, surely the shooters should be able to get enough shots past the defence to test a goalie. Montreal does not have the best defencemen in the league. Their defence have been injury plagued this year, they have lost the likes of Rod Langway, Larry Robinson, and Brian Engblom for a number of games this year. The shooters have had their chances to test Walmsley and he has proved equal to the task. Still you doubt? Let's make a little comparison between the shooters both Walmsley and Fuhr have faced this year.

Montreal undoubtedly plays in the toughest division in the league. Walmsley faces these men eight times throughout the year: Gilbert Perrault, Peter Statsny, Real Cloutier, Barry Pederson, Rick Middleton; the Canadiens have faced the Great Gretzky twice, Bossy and Trotter twice each. Grant Fuhr has faced these players eight times a year: Marcel Dionne, Willie Plett, Ivan Bolderev, and some of the sharpshooters from the Rockies.

You only have to look at the totals for the four teams in the respective divisions of the Canadiens and the Oilers for goals to note that the Smythe division is way behind. Yet Fuhr's average is way up around 3.50 and Walmsley's is down around 2.70. Walmsley has played 32 games this year. Is this not enough to prove that he should be considered for rookie of the year in the same breath as Grant Fuhr. I think it does.

Now let's take a look at another interesting comparison. Wins. In 32 games this year Rick Wamsley has won 20 of those games. In 43 games this year, Grant Fuhr has won 24. That works out to be a 62.5 winning percentage for Wamsley and a winning percentage of 55.2 for Fuhr. Doesn't this mean that Rick Wamsley should deserve some sort of recognition?

I don't really think that by writing this column, bringing Rick Wamsley into the public eye a little more, will have the media suddenly clammering for interviews. Rick Wamsley will continue to play as a rookie goalie under the shadow of Grant Fuhr. I guess the only recognition Wamsley really cares about anyway is when he gets his name inscribed on the Stanley Cup at the end of this year with the rest of his teammates. This will come of course, after Wamsley and the Canadiens beat Fuhr and the Oilers in the Cup finals.

Andrew Watts

### Sprots Quiz

Well, it is time to pick up your pencils and put on your thinking caps once again. That's right, it is Thursday and you must participate in yet another sports quiz. But just think, there will be only five or six more of these things to read so soon we can both relax.

Doesn't that just make your day? OK, last week's quiz was on the Great Trades in sporting history. What is this week's quiz on? Damned if I know, but wait! There in the distance I see a light, it's...it's... it's an idea.

Yes, it's getting clearer now, I can see it closer, closer, and I have it. This week's quiz will be on "Me and My Big Mouth in Sports."

1. What Hamilton Tiger Cat player spoke out against Frank Kush at the beginning of the year and what happened?
2. What Montreal Canadian team member asked to be traded mid-way through the campaign and dispatched the next day to what team?
3. What famous (or infamous) team owner has opened his enormous mouth on more than one occasion to the embarrassment of all concerned?
4. What college running back in the States has the NFL shitting bricks right now and why?
5. What Team Canada goalie opened his big mouth and was rewarded by riding the bench?
6. What NHL coach has just recently blasted his team for not performing well?
7. When Hockey Night in Canada decided to put a microphone down on the benches during a game, what team did they first test it on, what player provided the viewers with some ribald comments and what happened to the system?

Give yourself one point for every correct answer or part thereof.

### Yes Virginia, Pandas play hockey

by Anonymous

Although unheard of for quite sometime the infamous women's ice hockey team is still around and this weekend will be concluding their season with the annual Western Canada Cup in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

The Panda's finished their regular season play in third place and went into the playoff position against the undefeated Edmonton Chimo's. In this two game total point bout the Panda's gave the Chimo Club a run for their money and showed them that they were in it to the end. After their challenging spat with the Panda's the Chimo's went on to win (undefeated we might add) to the city finals and thus a spot in Provincial playoffs.

After finishing in second place in the B side of provincials last year the University of Alberta's women's ice hockey team was moved up into the stronger more competitive A division, thus this being their first year in this division these girls have done extremely well. Congratulations Pandas!!

March 19 - 20 is the date for the notorious Western Cup or more commonly known as the Labatt's Cup. Panda pucksters will head out Thursday to compete in

the round robin event on Friday & Saturday and then home (with the Cup) on Sunday morning.

Head coach Duncan Knoll feels that the team has the potential to sweep the tournament and bring the cup back to

Edmonton as was done by the old Panda crew (then known as the U of A Kodiaks) in the 79-80 season. Best of luck team.

Stay tuned next week for the concluding story of... "Panda's go East."

### Quiz Answers

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1. Gerry Anderson.
  2. Bunny Laroque said he wanted to be traded after a game in St. Louis and was to Toronto. Way to go, Bunny.
  3. None other than Harold Ballard.
  4. Herschel Walker. Walker has said that he is thinking of challenging the NFL's rule that the league may not draft a college player until that player has finished his four years of eligibility in College. If Herschel is successful and is allowed to go before he finishes school it will create a serious rift between the colleges and the league, it may create a glut of young players on the market, and it would effectively destroy the cheapest farm and development system any league has.
  5. Billy Smith.
  6. Harry Neale.
  7. The Philly Flyers and Bobby Clarke. The idea was scrapped.
  8. None that I can think of.

### Athlete of the Week

Ian Newhouse  
Golden Bear Track & Field

For the second consecutive week Ian Newhouse of the Golden Bear's Track and Field team is the University of Alberta's Athlete of the Week. Newhouse was named the CIAU's top athlete at last week's National Track and Field Championships held at Laval University in Quebec City. He won his second consecutive gold medal in the 600M (last year he won in Saskatoon) and added two silver medals, one in the 300M and the other in the 4X400M relay which he anchored. In the last two seasons, Ian has won a total of four individual gold medals at the Canada West Championships and three gold and two silver medals at the CIAU Championships. For his outstanding performance this week, Boston Pizza is proud to name Ian Newhouse as this week's Athlete of the Week at the University of Alberta.

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