

Speaking on Sports

By BILL KANKEWITT

The beauty and the beast are one

"Pudgy-wudgy" and bacon-faced, Sam is built like an over-used brick outhouse. His hammered down hulk strains in over-exertion and under-co-ordination when he attempts to skate down the ice. When it comes to looks, Sam is certainly no Ian "Pretty Boy" Wilkie.

But to Golden Bear hockey fans, Sam is beautiful.

He is a magnificent knight astride golden skates, the saviour of Alberta's hockey honour. His magic hockey stick drives puck after puck into the nets of those villainous teams who dare try to beat Alberta. His herculean strength fends off the meanest of enemy defencemen.

The pride of the commerce faculty is not only a Hull of a hockey player but also a number one character. A typical interview with him goes like this:

Ques. Where are you going to work when you graduate this spring?

Ans. Hudson's Bay Company.

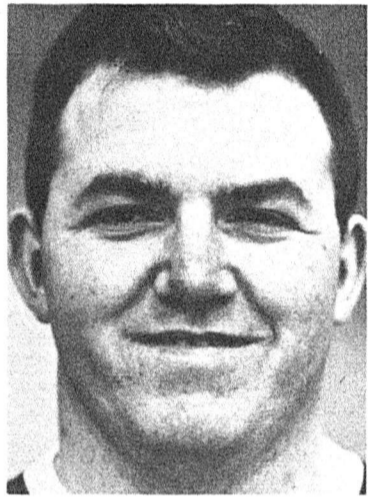
Ques. As a management trainee?

Ans. No, in ladies lingerie.

Ques. When did you first realize you were great?

Ans. When I read it in the paper last week.

When a rookie from the



SAM BELCOURT

Junior Bearcats with a reputation as a puck hog came up to the seniors for an exhibition game Sam decided to set him straight. With mock seriousness Sam took the rookie aside and told him:

"On this team we pass the puck . . . if you play with me you pass to me, and I'll pass it back to you . . . then I skate in front of the net . . . you pass back to me, I shoot and score . . . then we turn around, skate back to centre ice, face-off, and do the same thing all over again."

The awe-inspired rookie went out and passed like crazy all night.

While Sam is a character and a real individualist, he has one thing in common with his team-mates on the Golden Bear hockey club.

It boils down to guts

He loves to play hockey . . . even if it involves great personal suffering or sacrifice. Four thousand hockey fans saw an example of it in last weekend's series against the Saskatchewan Huskies.

Victim of a dislocated shoulder and a strained ankle, Sam should not have even dressed for the series. It was Sam's decision whether or not to play and he didn't hesitate in making it.

His ankle and shoulder were tightly bound, and a heavy brace was constructed to prevent his shoulder from popping out again. A rope ran from his elbow to his side to prevent his arm from being raised more than 45 degrees.

When he should have been home in bed, Belcourt was out on the ice leading the Alberta team with three goals and two assists. He was the outstanding player on the ice in Saturday's victory.

Rybak takes over

Well someone has done it again. This weekend what have we got to offer the VGW visitors in the way of sporting attractions? Two third place basketball teams slugging it out for the third spot in league standings, two junior hockey games and two junior basketball games. Not too much compared to last weekend's fare.

Remember the hockey series between the top two contenders for the WCIAA title, a girls basketball series, a girls junior basketball tournament (ten teams), the WCIAA judo competitions, a swim meet, curling, a fencing tournament and a damn good wrestling meet. Well, not too many people made it to all of the events, except hockey, so won't know what they missed.

But it would have been one of the best ways to show visitors exactly what variety in sports the university can offer.



—Dave Applewhite photo

JUNIOR BEARCATS IN ACTION, EN ROUTE TO VICTORY

. . . it must have been a victory, they haven't lost since November 3

Unbeaten junior Bearcats place 25 wins on line against Canadians

By BOB ANDERSON
Edmonton Motors 1, Bearcats 3
Marv Hayden 3, Bearcats 4

Who says that too much success can spoil a team?

Don't tell the junior hockey Bearcats that — they'll merely laugh at you.

Although considerable opposi-

tion was provided for a change, the Bearcats nevertheless won a pair of games in the Juvenile "AA" League over the weekend, and in the process stretched their undefeated string to 25, made up of 21 wins and 4 ties. They haven't lost since November 3.

Friday night at Varsity Arena, superb goaltending by Ron Warner

enabled the university club to down the Edmonton Motors Canadians 3-1. Although he faced only 21 shots throughout the game, Warner made key saves on four or five labelled drives late in the third period, when the Motormen were pressing for the tying goals.

Dennis Stephen fired his 14th and 15th goals of the year to lead the Bearcats, with Nick Heemskerck adding his 21st. Ron Lundquist replied for the Canadians, who were outshot 37-22 over the route. The Bearcats picked up 8 of 15 minor penalties handed out in the free-wheeling contest.

Some great goaltending by both goalies highlighted Saturday night's game at Varsity Arena, won by the Bearcats over Marv Hayden Furniture 4-3. Zane Jakubec of the Bearcats and Gary Bromley waged a battle from the opening whistle, with Jakubec, especially, coming up with scintillating stops in the dying moments, as the visitors tried to furnish the tying goal.

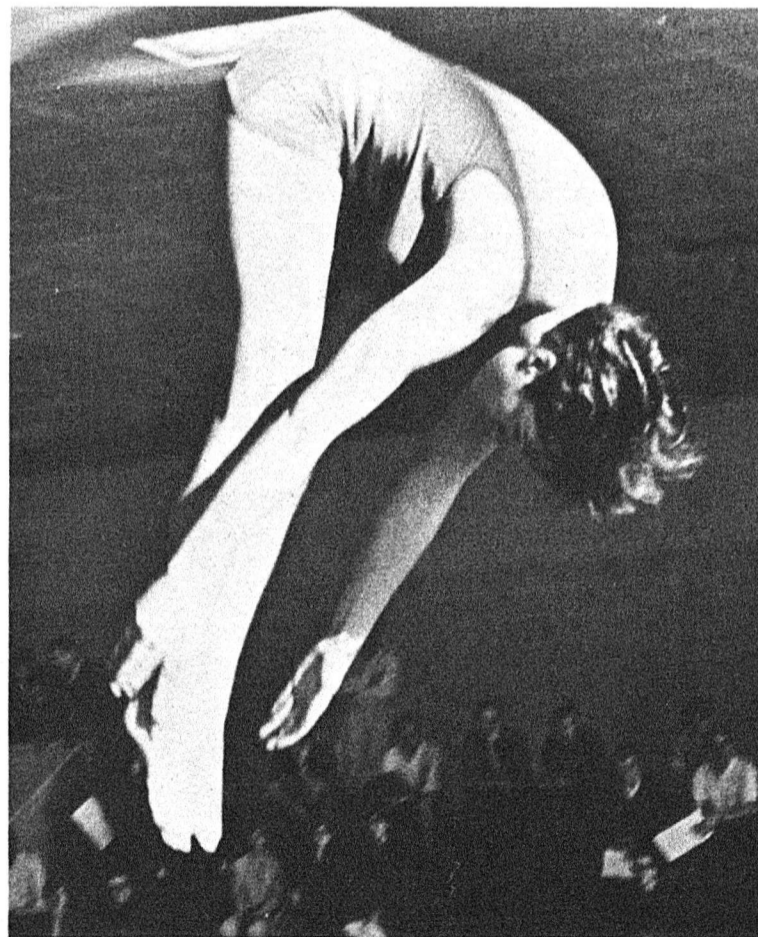
The teams started very slowly, due in part perhaps to heavy ice conditions, and ended the first period in a scoreless deadlock.

PICKED UP

The action picked up in the second period, with persistent fore-checking by Marv Hayden finally paying off in a goal by Dave McAmmond at the 7:30 mark. The lead quickly vanished, however, when John Steinbach found the range at 9:55. Harvey Poon made 2-1 for Bearcats 13:15, when his passout from the corner was accidentally knocked in by a Marv Hayden defenceman. However, at the 19:00 mark, McAmmond got his second of the night, finishing off a pretty three-way passing play. The period ended 2-2.

Don Tallas shot the Bearcats ahead at 2:15 of the third. His goal was soon neutralized by Bill Holland's marker at the 4:59 mark with both clubs a man short. The winning goal came off the stick of Nick Heemskerck at 5:53, as he deflected a shot from the point by Greg Jeglum past goalie Bromley.

Next action for the Bearcats is Friday at 8 p.m. and Saturday at 2:30 at Varsity Arena, when Edmonton Motors Canadians are the visitors.



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LIKE A SWAN—Gailene Robertson, the rest of the divers, the Golden Bear and Panda swimmers take aim at the Simon Fraser Clansmen this weekend at Burnaby, B.C. The Clansmen have to rate as one of the best college swim teams in Canada. They recently swamped the UBC squad 90-23. SFU took 12 of 13 events to over-power the T'Birds. UBC is the only squad to post a victory over the Bears this year.