

Intramurals

Lambda Chi makes playoffs

A momentary defensive lapse in overtime cost Physical Education the Division I, League "A" hockey crown at Varsity Arena Tuesday.

With one simple flick of his stick, Alex Pringle potted the goal that broke Phys. Ed.'s back and sent Lambda Chi Alpha into the divisional playoffs.

Grant Spence and Bruce Mahon did the spadework on the goal. It came after nearly 15 minutes of sudden-death overtime.

Mahon and Jim MacLean scored the other LCA markers, while Hugh Hoyles and Larry McKintosh replied for Phys. Ed.

The losers held a territorial edge through much of the game, but

were thwarted by solid LCA net-minding.

Water polo director Wilf Martin passes along word that entry deadline in Jan. 25. League play starts the first Tuesday in February and continues to March 3. Games are slated Tuesday and Thursday nights, 9-11. All male students are welcome to participate.

Last year the sport was the roughest on campus. The water got so bloody at times that sharks as far away as Fiji were circling, waiting for a break in the pool.

Cross-country skiing is set to roll. Deadline for entries is Jan.

25, with competition from 1-5 p.m. Jan. 29 at Kinsmen Park.

Badminton deadline is also on the 25th. Play opens Feb. 1 and continues on the 8th and 15th from 7-10 p.m. in the main Physical Education gym. A round-robin schedule will be arranged.

A new intramural basketball schedule opened Monday night in the main gym, with 28 teams in Division I, 27 in Division II and eight more in Division III.

The league will operate on a round-robin schedule, the same as the pre-Christmas league. The same number of points will be awarded winning teams as was given in the earlier league.

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Bears ready for battle with 'champion' Bisons

By RICHARD VIVONE

When are champions not champions?

That paradox is going to be solved this weekend when the Golden Bears invade Winnipeg to take on the Italy-bound University of Manitoba "champion" Bisons.

The Bears are of a proper frame of mind to take that "Champion" title and make them eat it.

The Bears will take the ice with three objectives:

- win two games and all but sow up the WCIAA championship for the second time in three years.

- show the CIAU they erred in choosing the Bisons to represent Canada in the Winter Universiade in Turin, Italy.

- revenge last season's double loss to the yellow and brown.

Currently the Bears boast a perfect 6-0 record while the Bisons had trouble splitting six decisions.

If the Bears sweep the series they can reserve tickets for the national championship in Sudbury, Ontario.

A split in the weekend series would leave Manitoba with four losses and the Bears with just one. Even so the Bears would be out of the Bison reach as we would have to lose three of the remaining four games against Saskatchewan and Calgary.

Only a perfect record by Saskatchewan would challenge the Bears.

Even a double setback would not kill the Bears' hopes but why imagine what the worst could bring.

Coach Clare Drake is optimistic. "We were stronger Saturday against the Oil Kings than in the last game. And remember it was only our second game in a month."

The team has been given a clean bill of health with the possible exception of rookie centre Gordon Jones and high-scoring Brian Harper.

Jones came up with a pulled leg muscle and is a doubtful starter. Harper has a pulled chest muscle but he is expected to suit up. Brian has a distinct knack for scoring clutch goals. The club may need a few of them over the weekend.

Drake indicated the versatile Dave Zarowny will move into Jones's spot with Dan Zarowny, Fred MacKenzie, or Sam Belcourt filling the other two slots in the line.

Complimenting Harper on a line will be Austin Smith, currently leading the WCIAA in scoring with

19 points, and recent returnee Doug Fox.

Fox has recovered from a bout with mononucleosis and has looked good in practice.

The Martin - Koziicki - LeBlanc line is intact. The trio have garnered 16, 12, and 14 points respectively.

LeBlanc and Harper lead the conference in goals with 8 apiece. A productive effort by the trio is a necessity for a successful season.

The blue line brigade is in fine shape. Captain Ralph Jorstand, Hugh Twa, rugged Mike Ballash, Jim Reaman, and Gerry Braunberger comprise the legion.

Braunberger suffered a bruised ankle in the last Oil King tussle but showed no ill effects in practice.

The Bruins have the best goaltending in the west. Hugh Waddle and Bob Wolfe are more than capable puck stoppers. They have played well all season and should continue to do so.

Note: The Gateway apologizes to Wilf Martin for a misleading headline in the Dec. 17 issue. The player merely pointed out differences in American and Canadian hockey styles. He did not "advocate" a change.

Twin basketball games slated for this weekend

Both University of Alberta basketball teams take the floor at home this weekend.

The Junior Varsity Bearcats, undefeated in 10 outings, play the NAIT squad in the main gym today and Saturday night. Game time is 6 p.m. both nights and coach Carre expects a tough fight.

Immediately following the junior games the Bears take on the Saskatchewan Huskies at 8:30 p.m. Although the Bears are returning with seven losses in an American exhibition tour, they lead the league with a 2-0 record.

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