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There cannot be anyone else playing in the NHL right now who deserves the Hart Trophy, for Most Valuable Player, more than the New York Ranger's Mark Messier.

For years Messier was instrumental in leading the Edmonton Oilers to 5 Stanley Cups causing the Alberta team to be the most dominant over the past ten years. Although he may not have out scored many of his oiler teammates such as Gretzky, Loffey, Anderson and Kurri his unique ability to influence players' and therefore the team's play by his intensity and desire for winning puts him in a category with all the greats who ever played.

They say he is a player who would never expect anything from a teammate that he himself wouldn't do. Which leads to a cold, hard look in his eyes when someone isn't pulling his weight. If the glare is in the direction of you, you either go hard or go home.

The New York team over the past few years has been, arguably, one of the top 3 or 4 in the league - on paper. They always seemed to be missing that extra something that makes good teams the best. Apparently, they have found it in Messier and he has responded, again, having a great year. Messier getting traded to New York is as big a trade as Gretzky to L.A. - except for all the hoopla.

Into his thirties, Messier still loves to play. There cannot be a player who has more fun scoring a goal than Mess. He doesn't jump around or use his stick as a gun and shoot the goalie or dance like Tiger Williams used to, he just laughs and enjoys himself. If the Rangers win the Cup you'll never wipe that smile off his face.

If the NHL players do go on strike don't fret. There are still games on T.V. Fredericton's cable cast crew seem to be in a different rink every night of the week broadcasting local teams' games. Their broadcast of the Mark Jeffrey Memorial Game back in November was excellent and for the size of the community they are in, they sure cover a lot of games in all kinds of sports.

Is there not another job TSN can find for that Michael Lansburg fella? If they found someone else to do play by play for him I'm sure their ratings would go up. He must be related to Harry Neale.

If the CFL expands to the States, does that mean the NFL could come to Canada? It would make some sense to have an NFL franchise in Canada because of the market. A team playing out of Toronto would have a possible market size which encompasses the entire country. The Blue Jays are taking advantage of this. The U.S. largest market is probably New York which is about 10-15 million people. Canada's population is about 30 million - which is a pretty good market size.

Quarter back Doug Flutie will not resign with BC Lions but will play with the Calgary Stampeders. The twenty-nine year old Boston College native has found success with the CFL and has led the way for many US college graduates. Flutie will make 1.2 million in Calgary, not a bad income. It doesn't compare with NFL salaries for various reasons but very respectable. The CFL carries a lot of talent. The television coverage may not be a glamorous or receive as much air time but the talent is definitely on the field. Hey, you never hear about CFL players going on strike or holding out, they want to play football and you gotta respect that.

The Fredericton Canadians are battling for top spot overall in the AHL with Birmingham Rangers. In the NHL it means nothing more than the hard ware and home game advantage if they should meet. In the AHL it means a little more, once out of your division, 2 best of 7 playoff rounds, the winners of the three divisions advance. The team with the highest regular season point total gets a bye into the final and the other two teams play a best of 3 semifinal. Excuse me but if I win 2 best of seven playoff rounds and get knocked out by losing only two games it would be very disappointing, sounds like the AUSA.

The Brook Badgers took home its first CIAU mens basketball banner in the short history of the St. Catherines based school. Not taking anything away from the Badgers but the tourney set-



Beavers still going

This passed weekend five UNB swimmers attended the St. John Invitational which attracted swim clubs from around the Atlantic provinces. First year swimmer Tim Brown was named high point swimmer of the meet.

The results were as follows:

Tim Brown
200 IM (1st)
400 IM (1st)
200 freestyle (2nd)
200 backstroke (2nd)
400 freestyle (1st)
100 backstroke (1st)

Paul Halmazna:
50 freestyle (1st)
200 backstroke (3rd)
100 freestyle (2nd)

David Kiruluta
100 butterfly (4th)
50 freestyle (2nd)

Sean Penney
200 backstroke

Christine Verhille
200 freestyle (6th)

up stinks. Only one AUSA team St.Fx and UCCS had only a couple of loses all year maybe it's because of the six committee members who make up the rankings and place wild cards, 3 are from Ontario and one is a transplanted Ontarian. Some are feeling a little sour grapes because the maritimes receive the 7 CIAU championships in a row, the last time the ch'ships were held outside of the maritimes the referees didn't even go to see the games, 1984 in Victoria. The result being that the most competitive conference gets over-looked.

Last Week's Trivia - Colorado's expansion baseball team's nickname: Rockies

This Week's Trivia - How did the Pittsburgh Penguins get their nickname?

Congratulations to Tina Tector and the other graduating Beavers on fine swimming careers at UNB.



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PLEASE NOTE: EXAMINATIONS WILL BE HELD IN THE FOLLOWING COURSES:

Course	Sect.	Invigilator	Enrol.	Date	Room	Zone	Columns
COMPUTER SCIENCE:							
CS3125	(1B)	Rauch, S.	4	2PM Tues Apr14	Gillin Hall	D110	
CS4725	(1B)	Rauch, S.	20	9AM Wed Apr22	Gillin Hall	D124	
ECONOMICS:							
ECON1073	(2B)	Waddell, C.	44	9AM Thur Apr16	L.B. Gym-main	B	10-13