

Germans win Olympic prep



West German Peter Draissall (13) scores on Bear goalie Darren Turner.

by Randal Smathers
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It was the men against the boys Monday night at Varsity Arena...or



Gord Stech

Humor from Hell

Since it has probably already been done for the Winter Olympics, here's welcoming you to the official column of the 1988 Summer Olympic Games in Seoul, South Korea.

Speaking of those Winter O's in Calgary, before I touch on the athletic stuff, I must address the issue of drugs in this year's games.

First of all, who died and made Juan Antonio Samaranch president of the International Olympic Committee anyway? What kind of cactus is this guy sitting on? If an athlete wants to use drugs to enhance his performance then he should damn-well be allowed to.

This whole crack-down against drugs in the Olympics is a blatant first-world conspiracy to dominate the Games. Nations like Canada and the U.S. know that poor countries can't afford to beef-up as many athletes, and are therefore trying to stamp out good, respectable body-building drugs like steroids to further bury their competition.

Maybe if people like Samaranch and his disciples could be fed 2 small meals of dilute-goulash and rice everyday and then forced to compete in the Olympics, they'd empathise with these less fortunate countries.

Steroids and other performance-boosting drugs should be mandatory for the less skilled athletes. At least it would give them a fighting chance.

"Juice" for breakfast, testosterone and meat sauce for lunch, and steak and 'roids for supper, would be three easy steps to a body-building plan that's guaranteed to increase competition for the O's.

If an athlete dies of substance abuse, hey, at least he'll be clutching that gold medal in his grave. Besides, he probably would have been shot for protesting, killed in a quake or dead from malnutrition if he hadn't joined his Olympic Team.

Drugs are good. Drugs work. Let's give 'em a chance.

so it seemed at first. The West German Olympic team were bigger, older, faster, and more skilled than the Golden Bears.

Now here's my objective report on the games, the athletes, and the sports-side of the Olympics in general:

Thank-you.

And there's not one mg of disrespect intended here, it's just that, well, I can't pretend. I mean, who would I be kidding if I professed to know anything significant about a skier's conditioning program, or the physics of a double piston? Or is that Axel?

Who would I interest in writing a column on my relationship with Elizabeth Manley based on the possibility of me having a cousin who had an acquaintance who might still have a vile of melted snow from his skate blade that perhaps carved up the same rink as Elizabeth did, one day long ago?

Who would I impress by picking the medal winners? Sure picking a winner in any sport is a guess, but at least with the pro leagues I can follow them all year and usually be right about the big games.

Now if *The Gateway* sent me to Calgary on assignment, then I'd have a substantial documented report for you. And probably some predictions.

I guess I rank the O's in the same class with the American College Leagues. Both are much discussed by many sports fans, but both must also be followed semi-religiously to maintain some knowledge of, especially if you haven't followed them all your life.

To gain a serious grasp of the Olympics and all its events you'd have to spend good two weeks of secluded studying in a cave that had all its stalagmites and stalagmites piercing a different folder of Olympic literature.

As time allows me during the next few weeks, I'll still be reading up on and watching as much Olympic coverage as I can. But if I'll be sheer spectator action; no intensive stat-studying, no predictions, no bets... uh, wait a minute. I'll bet Rob Boyd (sure hope he handles all the pressure) wins a gold, and the Puck-Canucks don't. Gee, and I thought all I was going to say was, "Olympics are great," and "Go Canada Go."

P.S. Belated congrats to Washington Redskins' Doug Williams for being another human being QB to play a great Super Bowl.

The difference showed in the first period. Only inspired goaltending by starter Darren Turner kept the score to two goals each. The shots favored the visitors 15-6.

"They all shoot the puck well," said Turner. "They're not the best

team we've faced, but they're good." He said he had a tougher game against the Czechoslovakian team they played at the last year's Universiade Games.

The Bears actually had leads of 1-0 and 2-1 in the first, on goals by Dan Wiebe and Dennis Cranston. It was the 100th goal as a Golden Bear for Cranston, the first Bear to meet that milestone.

"It happened so fast," said Cranston. "It was a nice goal, a shot from the slot." His linemate, Stacey Wakabayashi, set him up on the goal. That pass will cost Wakabayashi lunch, as the two had a bet over who could score his 100th first. Both players went into the game with 99 career goals.

In the second, the big German line of Gerd Truntchka, Dieter Hegena, and Helmut Steiger got rolling. They were on for the first three goals in the period, as the Bears fell behind 6-3.

Turner was frustrated: "They weren't beating me clean. The puck was hitting me and going in." He said. He said this game was a good measuring gauge for the team as they prepare for the rest of the regular season.

Was Craig gave a rude welcome to goalie Josef Schlickenedier, who came in halfway through the second period to replace starter Helmut de Raaf. Less than three min-

utes later, Craig got Alherta's only goal of the period at 12:55.

The Germans outshot Alberta again in the second, 11-7, and seemed in control of the game.

In the third, the Bears outworked their guests at both ends of the ice. That hustle, combined with a German meltdown, let the Bears make it close.

Bret Walter scored on a nice breakout pass from Gord Thibodeau to make it 6-4. Two minutes and twenty seconds later, Sid Cranston made it a one-goal game on the powerplay. He stuffed a Dave Otto rebound under the goalie from the edge of the crease.

The Bears really turned the heat up in the last four minutes. Several times they came within an inch or two, but they couldn't find the net, and the final remained 6-5, Germany.

John Krill played shutout goal in the third. He was happy to get some ice time, as he had been worried about getting rusty with only 20 minutes playing time in the last week.

RED LINES — Game stars were **Dennis Cranston** and **Helmut Steiger**. The Bears play their last two games at home against Manitoba Friday and Saturday at 7:00. 1107 fans showed up for the Germany game, which was one of the best shows of the year.

Horwood's singing for sweep

by Alan Small

Ever since I was a young boy, I've played basketball. From Soho down to Newfoundland, I must have played them all. I ain't seen nothing like it in any amusement hall. That deaf, dumb, and blind kid, sure played basketball.

— Don Horwood.

Going into this weekend's action, Bear head coach Don Horwood would probably wish for a player like this to go up against the Calgary Dinosaurs this weekend when both clubs will be fighting for the final playoff spot in Canada West.

Horwood probably wouldn't mind if he "always gets the three point play, never seen him foul," but he will probably have to settle for his existing basketball wizards that can see, hear, and speak.

"Maybe that song will take everybody's mind off our record," Horwood said, of the Bears mediocre 5-11 conference record.

The Bears just about need a sweep with the 5-9 Dinosaurs, who are coming off of two lopsided losses with the University of Saskatchewan Huskies (111-67, 107-82).

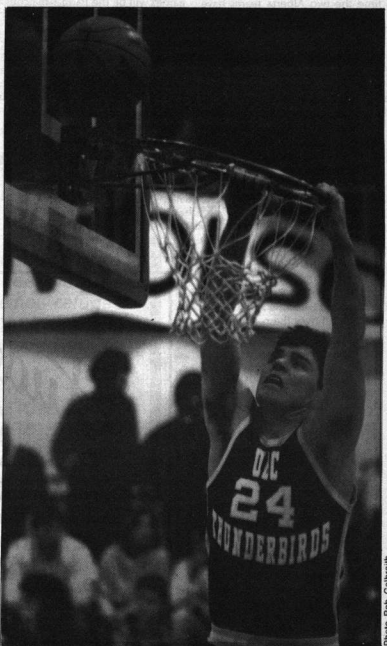
It's a similar situation to left-bridge when they were here," Horwood said of the Pronghorns, who the Bears virtually eliminated in a sweep at Varsity Gym last month.

The Dinos team is centered around guard John Vigna, who is in his fifth year, and post Brian Masikewich, who is playing in his first year with ACAC hoop power, SAIT. It will be a homecoming for Masikewich, who played his high school ball with St. Joe's.

"It would have been a great opportunity," Horwood said of getting Masikewich to play with the U of A, "both us and Calgary really wanted him."

Masikewich, one of the most dominant newcomers in Canada West basketball scored 34 points in the one Dino win when Alberta visited Calgary last month.

But the inside game isn't the only area, that the Dinos excel at. Vigna, and freshmen guards Greg Kern and Rob Driscoll all have made



The Bears hope that Calgary does the same thing this weekend.

noticeable contributions. Calgary though is in the same shape as the Bears. They are very young and are hoping for a playoff spot so that they can get some valuable experience during the post-season, when everything's on the line.

"We have to sweep," Horwood said, "a split will put us in bad shape. If we sweep, Calgary would have to win three of their last four, and they are all on the road."

The Bears may not be with Sean

Chursinoff at his familiar point guard position during the two games, as he twisted his ankle in the second half of the last game against UBC last weekend.

"He's not going to practice until Thursday at least," said Horwood, who lists Chursinoff's chances to play this weekend as questionable, "I want Sean to play but if he can't I won't be the end of the world."

Alberta has a surplus of good guards that can run the offence.