

Hockey Bears to open practices rookies first to lace up blades

By **BOB ANDERSON**

Those deep-throated chuckles coming from somewhere over in University Hall are not just a figment of the imagination.

Rather, they are emitting from Brian McDonald, Assistant Vice-President, Academic, who also has another hat—that of Golden Bear hockey coach.

And one can't really blame McDonald for being a bit pleased, as a glance at the registration list for Bear hopefuls shows a lot of talent. In fact, McDonald is going to have a tough time selecting 15 players plus 2 goalies once regular season competition starts.

Workouts begin early next week, with a different system being tried out.

"This year, we're running a rookie camp for the first three days," McDonald states, "with October 7, 8 and 9 being set aside for this purpose. Then, on the tenth, the regular camp begins with returning players, plus those

who showed well in the rookie camp."

McDonald hopes to cut out the marginal players in the rookie camp before getting down to preparing for the rough schedule ahead.

"In past years, we've run one big camp, rookie and returnees, and as a result, it's difficult to assess what you've got on hand. The only guys that won't have to attend the rookie camp are those who have previously played varsity, junior varsity or junior 'A' hockey."

A total of 112 assorted bodies will try out for both the varsity Bears and the junior Bearcats, coached by Dick Wintermute. Only two members of last year's Western champions, Wayne Wiste and Jim Seutter, will not be back with the club.

As well, McDonald will have on hand several ex-Bears plus one or two players who have had previous college experience at another campus.

Falling into the latter category

is Bob Devaney, older brother of Bears' regular Tom Devaney, who toiled the last four years with Brown University in Rhode Island.

Headlining the parade of ex-Bears who are coming back this year is Sam Belcourt, a right winger who was instrumental in the Bears winning the national championship in Montreal two years ago. Other members of that victorious squad returning this season are Dave Couves and Merose Stelmaschuk. Both sat out last year.

Other exciting newcomers to watch will be the parade of Molson's scholarship winners, including Mike Snider, Clarence Wanchulak, Rick Wyrozub, Grant Lenz, Bill Holland and Ian Harvey, up from Junior "A" ranks.

If there are any changes to be made in this year's lineup, they likely won't be back on defence. Regulars Gerry Braunberger, Mike Ballash, both members of the first all-star team last season, Mel Baird and Dan Bouwmeester are all returning.

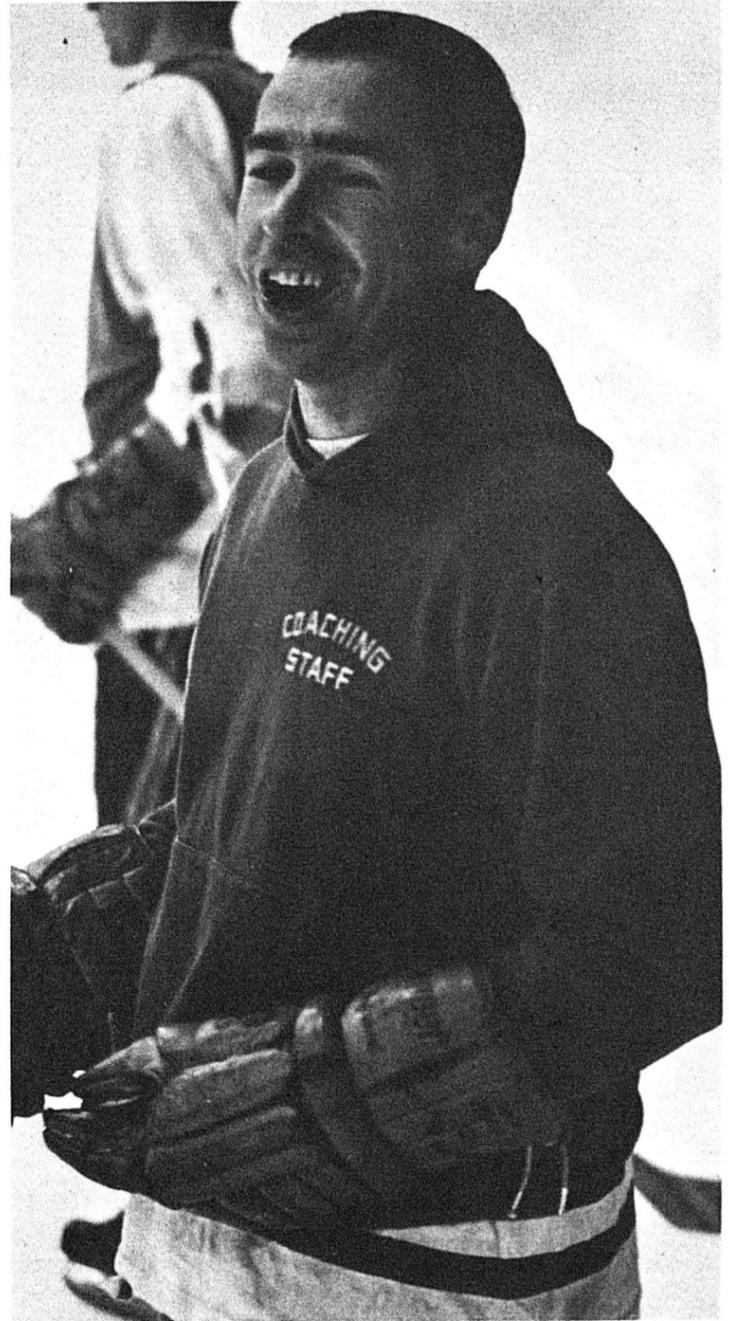
The Bears don't open regular season play until November 26, but will have several exhibitions prior to that date.

SOCCER BEARS—from page 6 but Tony Crossley soon got the equalizer when he rapped the ball home from close range. Guy Borthwick then put the Bears ahead from the penalty spot following a handling foul by Victoria, but the visitors soon made the score 2-2.

After the interval the Bears really turned it on and Victoria were subjected to a constant barrage of attacks. The winning goal came from Tom Varughese who headed home an accurate cross by Ken Lewis. The visitors' goalie made some fine saves particularly from drives by Robin Ison and Ron Kosky to keep the score respectable for his team.

Geoff Salmon played a great game on defense and completely sealed up the centre. Ron Kosky combined well with the three linkmen.

All in all it was an excellent result for the Bears as Edmonton Victoria are the mother club of Edmonton's Western Canada Pro team, and they are probably the strongest local soccer team.



THIS LOOK OF HAPPINESS will undoubtedly be flashed across hockey Coach Brian McDonald's face many times this fall as Bears prepare for the upcoming season with much fine talent on hand. Practices commence October 7.

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