

Golden Bears begin title defense

by Mark Spector

Oh, to be a rookie trying to crack a championship lineup. That unenviable task is at hand for a host of hopefuls this weekend as the hockey Bears stage their third annual Golden Bear Invitational Hockey Tournament at the University Rink. As usual, Molson's will be the sponsor.

At this point, head coach Clare Drake still has 35 men in camp, a number that may shrink slightly by game time Friday. It appears as though the coaching staff isn't in any big hurry to come down to the regular season number of around 24 players, however.

"If a guy is close you've got to at least take a look at him in a game situation," states returning assistant coach Bill Moores. "That's why we're looking forward to seeing some of these kids against collegiate competition.

"Some guys look great in practice, but once they get out there against quality competition..." said Moores.

Each player figures to see action in at least two games of the three that Alberta is assured of this weekend. Bears open on Friday night at 7:30 with a game against the Saskatchewan Huskies, the club that took second place behind Alberta

in the '85 tourney. Saturday at the same time, Alberta takes on Lethbridge and then on Sunday at 2:00 p.m., the Golden Bears play the Calgary Dinos in what could be the championship game.

The round robin will be decided by the best record and then, should a tie still remain, they'll start nitpicking to decide a winner.

Some interesting battles are going on in camp right now, one of which is on defense.

Alberta lost four defensemen from last year's National Championship team, two of which included the steady Colin Chisholm (currently at the Minnesota North Stars

camp) and CIAU Rookie of the Year Eric Thurston (returned to Holland to play after flunking out). But with the return of speedy Parie Proft from the Canadian Olympic program and Dean Clark coming over from NAIT, the blueline appears now to be a solid area.

"That was the talk all summer (losing four pointmen)," said fourth year forward Jeff Helland, "but looking around the room now, I'm not a bit worried about how good we'll be defensively."

The biggest factor back there right now is Proft. Losing Thurston left the Golden Bears without that pointman that will rush the puck effectively.

"He moves the puck so well," said Helland. "It's a big plus having

him back there because you're not afraid, as a forward, to move up."

Proft played two years under Drake before going to Calgary for the Olympic program for the '85-'86 campaign. "It feels like old times being back here," said Proft, who will go back into the Business program that he is halfway through. And he is quite happy about moving into the role of the offensive defenseman.

"That's what I like to do, move the puck up ice. I like to get the offense going." Coach Dave King moved him up to forward for a while with the Oly's, a spot that Proft grew accustomed to.

"I wouldn't mind if there were a few extra defensemen around so

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The Great Skate Giveaway

When many of us were still little children, one of the greatest experiences we all received was getting our first pair of ice skates. Hurriedly getting them on, wearing them all over the house until mom, dad, or an older brother or sister finally took us out to the rink, none of us could wait until we felt our blades touch the hard, white ice.

This experience, so common to many Canadians, is one that most of our international students have never had and may never know, as many of them do not own skates or even know what a pair of ice skates look like. Because of this, Campus Recreation is often asked by many of the international students if they rent skates, which they unfortunately do not. This then leaves these international students wanting but unable to experience one of the activities which is part of our Canadian heritage.

Last year, Campus Recreation set about to change the situation, to

find a way to let the international students experience what so many of us did so many years ago — getting our first pair of skates. With this desire, the Great Skate Giveaway was born.

The Great Skate Giveaway is a program coordinated by Campus Recreation, but its success depends on you. If any of you have any old but usable skates lying around the house and aren't really sure what to do with them, donate them to Campus Recreation so that they can loan them out to our international students during the year (after which, they will return the skates and the next year we would loan them out again). To our international students this would be a perfect example of the generosity and warmth of Albertans and would help our visitors enjoy our vigorous winter.

Last year, the first year of the program, was a huge success with 120 pairs of skates being donated

on short notice. All were lent out within fifteen minutes. Unfortunately, there were more students than skates and many left empty-handed. It is because of last year's situation that this year's goal is to see another 350 skates donated for the Great Skate Giveaway to take place on Friday, October 3. Already, things are looking good as 50 pairs of skates have been donated.

If you have skates you are not using and would like to donate them to this noble cause, please tie the laces together (so the skates won't be separated) and drop them off at the collecting box at the Equipment Room in the Van Vliet Physical Education and Recreation Centre.

Please make sure the skates you intend to donate are in usable condition. Figure skates and hockey skates in any sizes (adult or children's) will be gratefully accepted (but no speed skating skates, please).



Action from the championship game of last year's tourney. The Bears won and claimed the crown. photo Bill St. John

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