



SPORTS



Marking not over for . . . hockey players.

by Andrew Watts

With all the activity over the past month with exams and marks it seems only fitting that marks be given on the play of the one team this reporter travels with and reports on most consistently. This team is the Golden Bears hockey team. Marks will be awarded solely on their play this past semester over the first eight regular season games. Marks are out of nine.

GOAL

Terry Clark
Terry has played well in games that the rest of the team hasn't. He was in goal for the 6-4 loss to Calgary where the Dinos came back from a four goal deficit but could not be faulted. He had a couple of shaky starts but never an entire game. Mid-term mark of 6.5.

Denis Potvin
Denis has also been the unlucky victim of poor team play

Has thrown people into near heart attacks with wandering style of play. Had a superb game in a 2-1 win over Calgary that proved the Bears could hang to a lead. Nothing much to choose between Denis or Terry. Mid-term mark of 6.5-7.

DEFENCE

Brad Helfrich
Brad has played fairly well. Has been caught a few times rushing the puck too much. Has seen spot duty on left wing. Plays aggressively, good skater, 6-6.5.

Wade Campbell
Wade got off to a really good start then slumped a little. He began to recover old form towards end of term but must continue to get better to help team. Has dished out some punishing checks using his big size, give him 6.5.

Tim Krug
Tim has consistently been the best Bears defenceman over first eight games. Has not had a bad game. Shoots the puck well,

kills penalties, plays on powerplay. Has played excellent hockey. Mid-term mark of 8.

FORWARDS

Rick Carriere
Rick has been very aggressive in every game on defence. Always takes the body, has shown steady improvement, he will get better. Mid-term mark of 6.5.

Jeff Marshall
Jeff has been the best rookie defencemen and the second best on the team. Uses the spinorama move well and often. Uses his big size very well. Mid-term mark of 7.

Joel Elliot
Joel has more goals now than in all of last year. Has always played well and his extra offence is important. Mid-term mark of 7-7.5.

Terry Sydoryk
Terry plays aggressively and works hard every game. Had bad blow to his face in Calgary but returned following week. Has been consistent in his overall play for a 6.5.

Ron Parent
Ron has not scored as well in regular season play as in exhibition but has still played very well game in, game out. Mid-term mark, give him a 6.5-7.

Ryan Wilson
Ryan has played better and better every game. Sees a lot of duty as a penalty killer and checks very well. Mid-term mark of 6.5-7.

Brad Schneider
Brad plays a tough hard game. every time out. His leadership has

been valuable asset to the Bears Mid-term mark of 6.5-7.

Perry Zapernick
Perry stirs things up every time he's out on ice. Perhaps he best exemplifies the Golden Bear work ethic. Leads by example, excellent and tenacious checker. Mid-term mark of 7.5-8.

Garnet 'Ace' Brimacombe
Ace is the leading goal scorer on the Bears team. Has shown tremendous leadership when it counts. Makes trouble for opposing goalies when he's on the ice. Has an excellent shot. Mark of 8.

Denis Leclair
Denis is probably the unluckiest player when around the opposing net. Has missed normal sure things by just inches. Has shown some good moves and quickness. Mid-term mark of 6-6.5.

Breen Neezer
Breen is another very tenacious checker who creates problems for opposing defencemen. Doesn't score many goals but his value is not diminished by that fact. Works hard every game, give him a mark of 7.

Jim Lomas
Jim is the Bears captain and

team leader and he shows this in his play. Is No. 1 on the points stats sheet. Is excellent player for others to emulate. He is always a scoring threat when on the ice and he kills penalties very well. Mid-term mark of 8.

Terry Lescison
Terry has missed quite a few games because of knee problems. He is a very fast skater and plays consistently. Mid-term mark of 6.5.

Dan Henes
Dan has shown good improvement in the last few games. Good aggressive winger who consistently contributes to Bears offence. Mid-term mark of 6.5-7.

Ryan Switzer
Ryan has been badly hampered by injury. He plays well when he does play. 6.5.

Overall team grade:
The team has played fairly well over the first eight games of the season. They have had a couple of letdowns but they were playing very well at time of Christmas break. If they continue to improve then there appears to be no reason why they shouldn't be able to secure a playoff spot, let alone first place. Overall mid-term mark of 7.

sports

As sports editor for the *Gateway* I have been privileged to certain information others aren't. I am to a small degree a member of the Edmonton sports media. As such, I have paid much more attention to the goings on in this media than the average person. Well, after observing and reading and listening to the media I have discovered something few else know: A new society has been formed in the city of Edmonton. It's not a society for the rich or eccentric but it is more a faction within the Edmonton sports media. There is no official name for the society but I like to call it the Edmonton Hype Society.

There are four principal, founding, members, they are Terry Jones, Jim Matheson, Larry Tucker and Dick Chubey. Mr. Jones has further split the group by being the president of the 'I love you Wayne' club.

Actually the society should be more clearly defined. By my observations it seems that the society is governed mainly by the Edmonton Oilers and Edmonton Eskimos. To become a member it appears you have to fawn all over these teams in your writing, be arrogant as to their chances for championships, and make excuses for losses instead of reporting what happened. This does not appear to be too costly on the surface but if you take the criteria all together then the price of admission is extremely high. What they amount to is a loss of credibility within their profession. The members of this society have stopped reporting what happened in a game and are simply telling people how great the Oilers and Eskimos were, are, and will be. When these teams do happen to lose, instead of telling what happened, they make excuses. An example of such an excuse was given by Mr. Matheson on the Oilers 3-1 loss to Vancouver on December 31, 1981. He wrote that there was "too much partying the night before" . . . and the "Oilers were tuckered out New Year's Eve." Golly gee whiz and I thought the Oilers were professionals. There was no account of what happened, simply excuses. The members of the 'Edmonton Hype Society' appear to have lost their objectivity and when this happens they are nothing more than glorified, poncified, overpaid high school hype artists.

A sports reporter should remain objective to report clearly and concisely what happened in a game. If a team played poorly then this is why they lost. Give credit to the opposing team if that is where credit is due. There can be no excuses made, that is not reporting, be it sports or news.

This loss of objectivity is particularly detrimental to the reporter, a columnist like Jones or Tucker have a little bit of room to manoeuvre in this area. But they can still lose their credibility as sports writers through sheer arrogance. An example was perfectly presented by Mr. Jones in a column the day before the 1981 Grey Cup game between the Edmonton Eskimos and the Ottawa Rough Riders. Mr. Jones wrote: "the only thing more sure than an Eskimo victory tomorrow is that the sun shall rise in the morning." The question is by how many points. We all know what happened. The day after the game he wrote on the gutsiness and heart of the Ottawa team. A complete turn-around to his premature obliteration. I believe this stickhandling type of hypocrisy loses credibility. In my mind Mr. Jones has no right calling himself a reporter, or columnist.

I would like to say something, at this point about Mr. Jones' presidency of the 'I love you Wayne' club. I do not deny that Gretzky is the best in the NHL. I believe he is one of the best to lace up skates ever. But Mr. "Waynederful" is not immune from poor play or poor sportsmanship. He has exhibited both in his career as have many other greats. I do not deny the records he has set and the stats he has compiled. They are truly phenomenal. But one can go to far as did Mr. Jones on Wed. Dec. 30. In an interview Mr. Jones came up with a brand new Gretzky statistic. He stated, in all earnest, that Gretzky had blank amount of goals and blank assists in the past calendar year. He believes this record will never be broken. Of course it won't, it's not even a record to begin with as recognized by the NHL! So Mr. Jones, who gives a shit?

If I do choose a career in journalism and more specifically sports, I hope I never lower myself so as to be considered a member of the 'Edmonton Hype Society.' To be such is to no longer be a reporter.



Sport Shorts

Although many of us were resting and relaxing over the holidays the U of A intercollegiate teams were playing games all over the country.

The Bears basketball team took part in the Calgary Dinosaur Classic over the holidays and came away with a 1-1 record. The men were defeated by the U of Victoria 97-91 on Saturday but came back to defeat the U of Saskatchewan 61-56 on Sunday.

The Pandas travelled to Ontario for several games but scores were not available at press time.

On the home front the hockey Bears beat NAIT Ooks-piks twice on the weekend. On Saturday the Bears came away with a 5-3 win and on Sunday the team won 5-1. In Sunday's game Denis Leclair was the big gun for the team as he put in two goals while Perry Zapernick led the team on Saturday with two assists and one goal.

All teams are busy in the coming weekend. Look for the calendar of events, times and places on Thursday.

Sports Quiz



I know its only Tuesday but there wasn't really much happen over the holidays so the quiz gets bumped up. Today I put forth a direct challenge (sort of). I used no books in making up the following questions. I simply drew on my vast knowledge in the realm of sports (ahem). Well without further adieu I shall now attempt to stump you. Some questions may be repeats because I can't remember every question which has gone before. Just a reminder that if you want a quiz of your own run just bring it up and I'll run it.

1. Who was nicknamed the "gallopin' ghost?" (1 pt.), what sports was he in? (1 pt.)
2. What is the most recent pro hockey championship to be won by an Edmonton team? (1 pt.)
3. Who won the first ever Super Bowl? (1 pt.)
4. Who was the first wild card team to achieve Super Bowl status? (1 pt.)
5. Who won the Heisman trophy last year? (1 pt.)
6. What college did Joe Namath attend and who was his college coach? (2 pts.)
7. In what round was Johnny Unitas drafted by the Baltimore Colts? (1 pt.)
8. What NHL goalie holds the record for an unbeaten string? (1 pt.)
9. What is the Tinkers to Evans to Chance combination? (1 pt.)
10. In 1969 the 'Miracle Mets' won the World Series. How many double plays did they turn in that series. (Hint: it's a baseball record, 1 pt.)

Answers next page.

READING WEEK

HAWAII — WAIKIKI - Feb 20

One week - Waikiki Surf

Double Occupancy

Via Air Canada 747

\$579.00

MEXICO — GUAYMAS Feb. 19

One week - Playa de Corte

Double occupancy

via Pacific Western

\$639.00

EDMONTON TRAVEL
9006 -112 Street (HUB Mall) 433-2494