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Drake's mission impossible

Though it's hard to accept defeat, I'm beginning to believe that not even Clare Drake can make winners of the Edmonton Oilers.



Since his appointment as coach this summer, the entire university community has been noting with considerable interest the progress of the Oilers under Drake's hand.

Drake was, and is, well liked and well respected here for his quiet, unassuming manner, his ability to spot talent and develop it fully, and his insistence on treating players and subordinates like men.

Widely accepted as one of the finest coaches of the game in Canada, Drake has suddenly become a bum now that the media has got hold of him.

The fact is that Bill Hunter could sign God himself to a three-year contract behind the bench and still not win consistently.

The Big G would be fired after one year, and Hunter would go searching for someone else willing to take the rap for the lack of hockey players in the organization.

There isn't a coach on earth who can make players with 3 times his salary play the way the coach wants them to unless both he and the players know that his decisions will be backed by management.

Drake was dreaming if he thought for an instant that he would have a free hand in deciding on personnel. Oilers' management has done him a great disservice if they assured him he would have a free rein, and he has done himself a greater disservice by believing them.

Just as a for instance, the odds are that Drake wanted to keep winger Steve McKnight, who captained Drake's Golden Bears last season and had an outstanding Oiler training camp. But in order to keep McKnight, he would have had to send an already signed (and probably high-salaried) forward to the minors, which would embarrass management.

As has been the case throughout Oilers' brief history, if it comes down to a choice, the signed player wins, regardless of talent.

It is obvious that management and not coaching, is responsible for Oilers' failure to win - so why, for Pete's sake, is everyone whispering the fact, instead of shouting it out loud where it might, just *might* sink in?

Still with all these factors against him, Drake isn't quitting. His quiet assurance that he is happy with the talent management has provided him with has been misinterpreted by the press as a sign of naivete or worse, of stupidity.

The point the media seem to be missing is that Drake is a class man, who wouldn't dream of making management look bad by complaining about the team he was saddled with.

It's a pity management couldn't show him the same consideration.

Gym Pandas rolling in tandem

Panda gymnasts are in full swing once again as evidenced by their display during halftime at the November 7 Bears basketball game.

This year's turnout was large enough to warrant the

formation of 2 complete teams: junior and a senior.

Members of the junior team are striving diligently towards developing their gymnastic talents for future competition. The team is coached by Pam

Hockey

Golden Bears should have their hands full with the Calgary Dinosaurs, who play this weekend at Varsity Arena. Games begin at 8:00 p.m. Friday and 2:30 Saturday afternoon.

The Dinosaurs are currently in second place in the Canada West division, only four points behind the Bears, who have yet to lose a game.

Calgary opened the season on Edmonton ice, losing 6-3 and 3-1 to the Bears, but have lost only once since that time, and could pull into a tie for the first place with two wins over Alberta.

The pair of games will be the last league contests for both teams until January, and the last appearance of the regular season here for the Calgary squad.

Swimming

Golden Bear and Panda swimmers see their first action of the year this weekend.

Friday night they host the Calgary Dinosaurs and Dinnies in a dual meet at the West Pool beginning at 7:00 pm.

Saturday, it's the annual

Golden Bear relays, featuring swimmers from across the province in age-group competition. Relays begin at 12:00 noon and go until 4:00 pm.



Bears should be strong again, with six members back from the squad that finished second in the nation, including John Starratt and Ross Nelson, both national individual event winners. Also Butch Skulsky, who won the 200 breaststroke event at the Nationals.

Pandas have eight vets returning, including four who were members of Pandas' national championship team last year.

Basketball

Bears and Pandas are in Calgary for their third weekend of league play. Dinosaurs are 3-1, compared to Alberta's 2-2 record, so Barry Mitchelson's Bears badly need this series. They'll get a boost from Bain

MacMillan, returning from ankle injury.

The undefeated Pandas (14-0 including exhibition play) should have a good chance to extend their streak, having disposed of the Dinnies earlier in pre-season action.

Volleyball

The University of Alberta Invitational tournament is held this Saturday, with 34 men's and women's clubs competing in "A" and "AA" divisions.

Action will be spread around the four gymnasiums (Education, Main, West, and Dance) with A event play slated for 5:00 pm. Men's finals are in the West Gym, women's in the Ed. Gym.



The AA finals will be held in the Main Gym - women's teams compete at 6:00 and men's at 7:00 p.m.

Pandas are undefeated this season, and Bears are defending AA champions.

Jocks clean up at track meet

Intramural Track & Field Meet Results

The Meet held last Saturday at Kinsmen Field House was very successful with 160 people participating.

Womens! Intramurals

Broomball - Finals will be held next Thursday, Dec. 4. The top two teams from both Tuesday and Thursday nites will be competing at this time.

To date participation has been good! Keep it up!

Ice Hockey - There were only five teams entered in this event, probably due to the short notice. This was run purely on a recreational level, but the Lizard Lovers and College St. Jean should be given special mention for their excellent participation. There will be another session scheduled in March.

Tennis - A total of 23 girls came out on Sunday morning to the Mayfield Tennis Courts. Everyone appeared to be having a great time!

Floor Hockey and Badminton Singles - Sign-up deadline is noon, Thursday, Dec. 4. These two events will be run after Christmas, so remember to get your name in.

ple participating. Everyone had a good time and there is a possibility that the U of A Track Team may see some new faces added to their midst as a result of the Meet.

Event	Winner	Unit	Results
Long Jump	Steve Pantaluk	PE	21'8"
50 m hurdles	Tim Magei	PE	8.9 sec
Shot Put	John Taylor	PE	17 meters
300 Meter	Rob Edmunds	PE	37.4 sec.
1500 Meter	Doug Kelker	Faculty	4 min. 21.8 sec
600 Meter	Wolfgang Jeske	PE	2 min. 11 sec
50 Meter	Rob Edmunds	PE	6.0 sec.
Pole Vault	Bob Maybank	Law	9'8"
High Jump	Jim Cornish	Dentistry	6'
4 x 200 m Relay		PE	2 min 18.9 sec

Challenge Ladders

This is your final reminder that you must play one game before Dec. 5. Failing to do so, your name will be removed from the ladders. Play that game if you desire to play in the tournament during second term.

Participant of the Week

The honours for last week are extended to Rob Edmunds of PE. Rob won the 50 meter sprint, 300 meter run and was member of the winning 4 x 200 relay team at the recent intramural Track & Field Meet.

CWUAA Hockey Standings (as of November 23rd)

Team	GP	W	L	T	PTS
U of Alberta	6	6	0	0	12
U of Calgary	7	4	3	0	8
U of British Columbia	6	3	3	0	6
U of Saskatchewan	7	0	7	0	0

TOP TEN SCORERS

Name	G	A	PTS
Jim Ofrim, Alberta	7	6	13
Oliver Steward, Alberta	5	7	12
Clark Jantzie, Alberta	3	6	9
Bill Ennos, UBC	5	3	8
Bob Laycock, Calgary	5	3	8
Ron Gerlitz, Calgary	4	4	8
Jim Setters, Calgary	3	5	8
Sean Boyd, UBC	4	3	7
Shane Tarves, Calgary	4	3	7
Pat Rooney, Saskatchewan	4	3	7

TOP GOALTENDERS

Name	GPI	MP	GA	SO
Dale Henwood, Alberta	3	129	1	1
Craig Gunther, Alberta	2	111	5	0
Ron Lefebvre, UBC	4	240	13	1
Jack Cummings, Alberta	2	120	7	0
Ian Wilkie, UBC	2	120	7	0

DEPARTMENTS

Most Goals - Ofrim, Alberta - 7; Steward, Alberta, Ennos, UBC & Bob Laycock, Calgary - 5.

Most Assists - Steward, Alberta - 7; 5 tied at 6.

Penalty Minutes - Guy Spencer, Saskatchewan - 57; John De... UBC - 31.

SNATCH this chance!

Two bonspiels, early in the new year will choose the curling teams that will represent the U of A at the Canada West championships in Vancouver March 4, 5, and 6.

The Golden Bear spiel goes

January 16, 17, 18 while the Pandas team will be chosen Jan. 10 and 11. Both spiels will be held on the SUB facilities.

Entry fee is \$8.00 per team and must be submitted to Mrs. St. Peter in PE 116 before December 20