

Bears end exhibition loop with 5-3 victory in Hanna

HANNA—The University of Alberta Golden Bears wound up their pre-season exhibition hockey schedule with a 5-3 win over the Drumheller Miners in the Hanna Arena Friday night.

In eight games, the Bears won four and tied one in three games each against the Edmonton Nuggets, and Red Deer Rustlers, and two with the 1966 Allan Cup champion Miners. They outscored their opponents 32-29 in the warm-up contests.

The Bears open up their WCIAA regular schedule in Calgary against the Dinosaurs Friday and Saturday.

Gordon Jones led the Bears with a pair. Brian Harper, who has never looked better, Del Bill-

ings, performing beyond all expectations, and the greatly improved Ron Cebryk scored in that order in the third period for the winning margin.

Veteran Ron Leopold scored twice for the Miners. Tony Kollman potted the other. It appears the only scoring punch the Miners possess is when Leopold and Sid Finney are on the ice. They are going to need a lot more if they hope to have a moderately successful European tour.

BEARS NEVER BEHIND

The Bears never trailed in the contest. Jones opened the scoring at 14.58 of the first period with a short, sharp-angled blast.

With Jack Nicholl watching from the penalty cooler, Kollman tied the score at 10.01 of the second phase. The goal broke goaler Hugh Waddle's bid for a thirty minute shutout. Coach Drake has alternated his two fine goalers Waddle and Bob Wolfe in most games with one playing the first half and the other finishing off.

Nicholl, embarrassed at his crime, made the Miners pay dearly. With Gene Lambert of the Miners cooling his heels in the box, Nicholl laid a neat pass on Jones' blade and the second-term Bear put the Golden Ones in front for good.

In the final twenty, the Bears, then the Miners, and Bears, and Miners and finally, Bears added to the score sheet.

The Bears opened strong in the first period and added lustre to that great skating performance against the Nuggets last week. They were forechecking extremely well and completely befuddled the Miner defence. As a result, the better part of the period was in the Miner end.

"That's the place to play the game," said coach Drake.

WADDLE, WOLFE SPARKLE

The second period opened up with a reversal of form for the Miners. This time, they put on their skates and harassed the Bear defenders with persistent man on

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Speaking on Sports

with RICHARD VIVONE

Molson's Brewery took the first big step forward.

They broke the scholarship iron curtain by offering to award tuition scholarships to six freshmen hockey players at the University of Alberta.

At long last, the university team would be helped player-wise in their effort to bring a champion back to Alberta.

Molson's formed a four man committee including E. S. Neils, the vice-president of the Molson's Edmonton Brewery Limited. Other members were J. S. Peppard, president of the AAHA, Athletic Director of the U of A, Ed Zemrau and John Dewar, Athletic Supervisor at the University of Calgary.

The plan was to advertise in the various parts of the province. Boys would submit letters to their hockey coach or someone at their school indicating they would like to be considered.

These letters along with personal assessments of the player would be forwarded to the committee. They, in turn, would examine the submissions and award the scholarships on the basis of academics, financial need, and the words of the sponsor.

Since the whole deal is entitled 'hockey' scholarships, I took the liberty of assuming the hockey team would be benefited by the new players.

But the committee dished out all six awards without personally examining the hockey abilities of the players. They took the recommendations at face value and never questioned the judging ability of each sponsor.

Of the original six, two remain on the squad as of today and both are pretty fair players and deserve the awards.

But two were cut so fast they hardly even saw the inside of University Ice Arena and two others were border line cases—just a shade below intercollegiate calibre.

This is especially nice when we don't have a junior hockey team at the university. Everybody who knows anything at all about hockey is aware that sitting out a year doesn't help the player.

If he doesn't want to sit out, then he will have to play on a team outside the city—always is helpful academically.

Look first - give second

But the real issue is the way they decided who would receive the scholarships. Nobody in their right mind buys anything without looking at the product. It's almost as bad as buying the Brooklyn Bridge.

They also used academics as a primary basis for the award. There is no reason in the world why they had to pick the best marks as a guideline—meeting university entrance requirements is sufficient.

The academic clause is a farce. There are countless bur-saries available to needy students without having to get in on the hockey money. They are hockey scholarships—they should go to good hockey players.

The Golden Bears can hold their own with any team in the province and probably on the prairies. When a player wants to come out for the team, he should have been at least one of the two best players on one of the best amateur clubs in the province. Needless to say, juvenile players haven't a prayer and junior B stars might have an outside chance if not too many veterans return—that is, if they are one of the top junior stars in the league. Anything less would be washing the money down the drain.

Example—one former Oil King is a freshman. He was a member of last year's Memorial Cup champions. Why couldn't he have gotten one? He met all the publicized requirements.

And the committee turned down one young fellow who is currently the second top scorer on the Bears. It seems that the best of the lot was passed over.

So what are they going to do about it? They can't go around and throw Molson's money away. Finances around here are bad enough without squandering others.

If they are going to spend \$5,000 on the players, they could at least spend some money to scout and screen the boys. Someone who knows something about hockey and is able to compare them favorably.

Because, until they do something about the situation, the scholarships on the present basis are going to be nothing but a farce and are not going to enhance anyone's education or further his hockey career.

At least, not a printable percentage of them. The university hockey team will come out a loser once again.