

Speaking on Sports

By DON MOREN

The Nationals did not have one of their better nights. "C'mon you guys, let's get moving!" barked a gruffy Coach McLeod as the team dressed and packed.

The team from Winnipeg had won 12-6 Friday night, but the fact that the Nuggets had scored six goals on them was enough to lure any intrepid journalist into the dressing room.

Not being an intrepid journalist, and not being especially concerned with the game, I timidly slipped into a hot, steamy dressing room anyway.



CARL BREWER

Jackie McLeod, coach of the National hockey team, was brooding over the evening's performance.

"Don't ask anything about the game," grumped the stocky, crew-cut veteran of international hockey competition. I didn't.

In fact, I had almost forgotten why I had come in the first place — to talk about university hockey.

The coach took a few minutes to dwell on the subject: "The only thing right now is that many good junior players go to college, but tend to forget about hockey. Perhaps when the second national team goes in down east, a lot of them will be given incentive to come down east and continue."

The success of the national team is the success of well educated young men. The team itself is a striking example of how education-oriented society is becoming.

As McLeod put it: "We have a lot of them now on the team. All but two of the boys have been to university. Six boys are graduates and the rest are going to university at the present time."

More and more people are emphasizing education. Collegiate sports are being faced with meeting the demands of the good hockey player who wants a college education.

I moved over to talk to Carl Brewer. Brewer is a product of this sophisticated, well-informed era. He combined a B.A. pattern in political science at the University of Toronto with a brief but starry career as a defenceman with the Toronto Maple Leafs.

Brewer, although he did not play hockey at the collegiate level has no qualms about intercollegiate hockey: "Sure the schedules are long enough. Twenty games is plenty . . . the calibre of play is good."

"Kids can still play hockey and go to college. I think the day is coming when more and more kids are going to be doing it this way."

I asked him if he were to do it all over again would he choose to play for a university club rather than a Junior AA team.

"I'm not going to say I have regrets in looking back," he replied, "Hockey's been good to me. I've had a good life, a full life."

Brewer boosts college hockey

Carl Brewer was one of the few that made it good. What would Joe Hockey of the Bush City Bums say if he was asked the same question?

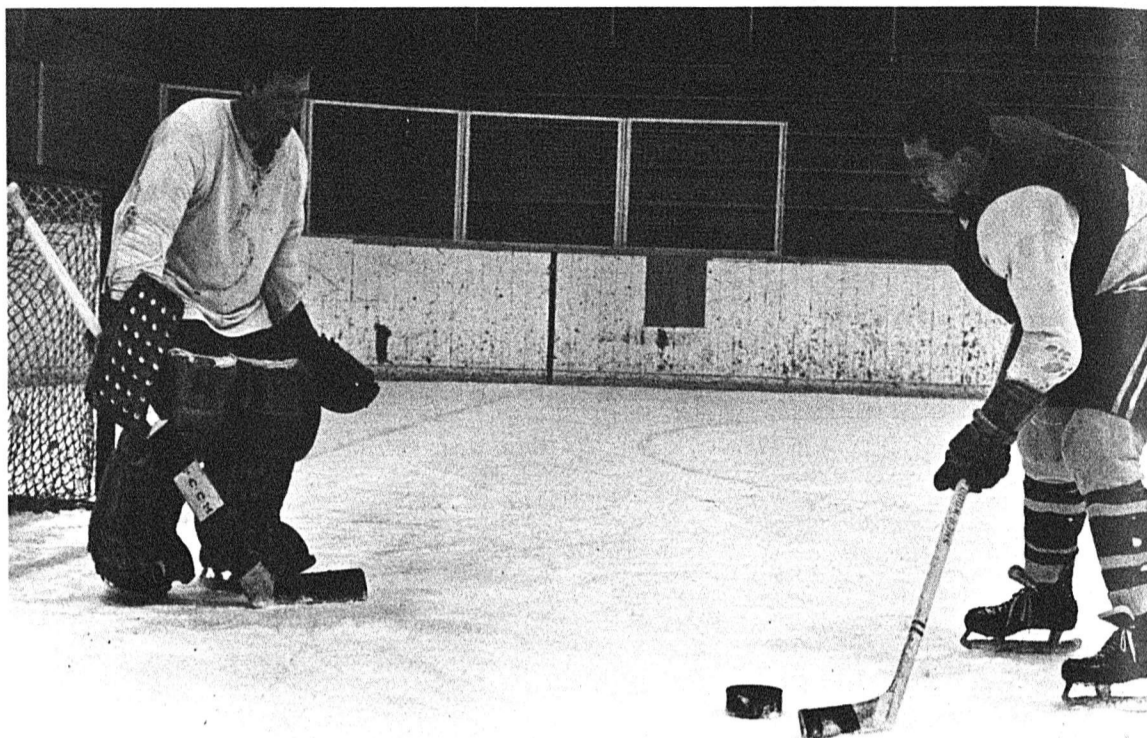
Good young hockey players are trying to combine a university education with the rigorous, semi-professional life of the super-duper Junior AA hockey star.

A small few will make it to big-time hockey. Many will lose out on the university degree. Despite Brewer's success he readily admitted that he did not combine education with his hockey wisely enough.

Players that graduate from university hockey are winners on two counts.

It was gratifying to hear the high regard McLeod and Brewer hold for university hockey.

College hockey is growing and perhaps will continue to grow. Maybe all it needs is a greater public recognition to keep growing to meet the educational and hockey needs of the promising young hockey player.



—Perry Afaganis photo

THAT'S NO PUCK, IT'S A CAN OF SARDINES—With a puck that size, Bear Gerry Braumberger could kill goalie Bob Wolfe. Then again, the team will be out for blood when they tangle with first-place Saskatchewan tonight in Saskatoon. The league lead is at stake, and the action should be fast and furious. Hopefully, though, the use of a regulation size puck won't hinder the Bear attack. It might even help.

Scholarships lauded

Molson men success on ice and undefeated in classroom

The hockey scholarship program established last year by Molson's Edmonton Brewery has been acclaimed "a definite success" by the chairman of the program, Ed Zemrau.

The purpose of the program is to provide hockey scholarships to cover the tuition fees of Alberta boys entering university in the province.

Twelve awards were made to matriculants in Alberta on the basis of academic achievement and hockey proficiency. Seven students are currently enrolled at the University of Alberta while five are

attending the University of Calgary.

"It would appear that the scholarship winners are doing well academically. One of the boys has already made the University of Alberta Golden Bears in his first year and several others hold considerable promise for next year," said Mr. Zemrau, Director of Athletics for the University of Alberta.

DEFINITE SUCCESS

"As the program had as its purpose the furthering of educational opportunities for boys with hockey abilities, we consider this first year to be a marked success," he continued.

The trustees also announced that

Dennis Kadatz, Supervisor of Athletics at the University of Calgary, will serve as a trustee of the program, succeeding Dr. John Dewar who has left the province.

Other trustees of the Molson's Hockey Scholarship Program in Alberta include Mr. J. S. (Stu) Pappard, President of the Alberta Amateur Hockey Association and Mr. E. S. (Al) Neils, Vice-President, Molson's Edmonton Brewery Ltd.

Mr. Zemrau said that letters would soon be going out to education and hockey officials in the province asking them to bring the program to the attention of potential candidates in their areas.

Number one Toronto Blues disinterested in winter games

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The Golden Bears' chances of winning the hockey tournament at the Canadian Winter Games next week will be heightened by the absence of the University of Toronto Blues.

According to University of Alberta Athletic Director, Ed Zemrau, McMaster Marlins from Hamilton will be representing Ontario at the tournament in Quebec City.

Paul Dingedine, in his sports column in the McMaster Silhouette, said only two out of more than a dozen universities in Ontario expressed interest in competing in the games.

These two universities were Laurentian and McMaster. They had a playoff to decide who would go and McMaster won.

McMaster is presently in sixth place in the nine-team Ontario-Quebec Conference with four wins and seven losses. Toronto is in first place with eleven wins and one loss and is also the top-rated collegiate hockey team in the nation.

Quebec will be represented by Laval University from Quebec City. Sir George Williams at Montreal, the top team in the Ottawa-St.

Lawrence Conference with 14 wins and 0 losses, will not be present at the tournament. Sir George is third-ranked in the nation behind the University of Alberta.

Fifth-ranked St. Francis Xavier at Antigonish, will be representing Nova Scotia. The X-men are in first place in the Maritime Intercollegiate Conference.

P.E.I. REPRESENTED

St. Dunstan's University at Charlottetown will represent Prince Edward Island. The Saints are in fourth place, six points behind St. Francis Xavier. St. Dunstan's downed Laval in the Centennial Tournament at Montreal in January.

The University of New Brunswick Red Devils from Fredericton are in fifth place in the eight-team Maritime Intercollegiate Conference and will represent the province of New Brunswick.

Memorial University at St. John's New Brunswick will represent Newfoundland.

Teams from the west will include the Bisons from the University of Manitoba, representing Manitoba.

The Saskatchewan team will be the University of Saskatchewan,

seventh-ranked in the nation and in first place in the WCIAA with 12 wins and 2 losses.

The Bears won the right to represent Alberta by dumping the University of Calgary Dinosaurs four straight.

Fourth-place UBC will represent British Columbia.

Senior teams from the Yukon and Northwest Territories will also be entered.

The Bears have more urgent matters at hand. Tonight they play the Huskies in Saskatoon to settle first place and probably the championship of the Western Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

The Bears are in excellent shape following their two week lay-off. Merose Stelmaschuk was sick with the flu earlier in the week but should see action. Defenceman Hugh Twa, who has been out with a bad shoulder since mid-December, could see action this weekend.

WCIAA HOCKEY STANDINGS

Team	W	L	T	Pts.
Saskatchewan	12	2	0	24
ALBERTA	10	1	0	22
Manitoba	6	6	0	12
UBC	1	8	0	2
Calgary	0	12	0	0