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CWUAA Hockey Preview

The University of Alberta and Clare Drake have traditionally found themselves over the years, on top of the Canada West University Athletic Association hockey standings in March.

In fact, in Drake's 17 years with the green and gold he has guided the team to 10 conference championships and 3 national titles, in 1964, 1968 and 1975. After a brief stint with the professional ranks last season, Drake has returned to the site where he has earned his reputation as one of the most successful College hockey coaches in North America. Upon his return he inherits the strongest team in the four team loop, plus an automatic birth in the CIAU finals, by virtue of Alberta hosting the tournament.

What follows is a pre-season prediction of the order of finish in the CWUAA and a look at how the teams stack up heading into the first weekend of league action.

University of Alberta

Despite having 11 new players on the squad from last year, the Bears have the strongest defence corps in the league, probably the most vital area according to all the coaches.

Back on the blueline from last season are 2nd team all-star Randy Gregg, plus Frank Clarke, Bill Andreassen and Kevin Bolton. Rookie Bear rearguards include Don Spring and Stan Swales, the latter who played with the junior Oil Kings for 2 years (rookie of the year in '74) and was a standout with the Spruce Gove Mets last year.

The forwards will still pack quite a punch with 1st team all-star Jim Ofrim leading the way. The Golden Bear MVP and league scoring leader will be joined by Kevin Primeau (2nd team all-star), Jim Carr, Brian Sosnowski, Rick Venance and Darrell Zaperniuk. Clarke Jantzie, the 2 year veteran, will be out till Christmas with torn knee ligaments. The Bears will probably have capable backup help in top newcomers, they are led by John Devaney, who led the Edmonton Juvenile leagues in scoring last year while with the Knights of Columbus Pats. Other forwards in their first year with the Bears include Dave Breakwell, John Danko, Bruce Rollin, Mike Bachynski, Jim Wishloff, Dave Hindmarch and Mike Broadfoot, who will miss action for 6-8 weeks because of a separated shoulder. Jack Cummings, at age 23, has had 4 years experience in the Western Canada Hockey League and one year in the CWUAA with the Bears last year, and should lead the league in goals against average, with a veteran rookie in Ted Poplawski handling the backup chores.

Despite injuries Bears should get off to a quick lead in the standings and coast to another league title.

University of Calgary

The Dinos upset the Bears for the league title last year on the last weekend of play, and knocked them out in the playoffs, two straight games. Dinos compiled a record of 17-7 and placed three players on the 1st all-star team.

The Dinos however, have had their defence corps riddled, and have only one starter on the blueline from last year, in Russ Hall. Coach George Kingston is without 1st team all-star Craig Stewart, 2nd team all-star Jim Setters, and Bob Murray and Paul Ciemny.

"The majority of the squad is a new team," explained Kingston. "We're very much weaker from last year. It's a rebuilding year.

We might be able to catch any team at the end of the year."

Despite the return of forwards Shane Tarves, Frank Raddatz, Rick Hindmarch, Joe Miller and Tom Yates the Dinos will likely have problems defensively, even with 1st team all-star Bob Galloway in net. Calgary will have a dog fight for 2nd place, with first place seemingly out of reach.

University of British Columbia

Dr. Bob Hindmarch has given up his coaching duties at UBC after over a decade and turned them over to his assistant coach, Bert Halliwell. Halliwell has lost some key personnel from last year's team that finished 12-12. Gone are goaltender Ian Wilkie, who is now practising law in Vancouver. His defence is also ripped apart with the losses of Bruce Brill, Brian Penrose and Wayne Henry. The offense will lose some spark with the absence of Bob Sperling, Keith Tindell, and Jim Lawrence.

One bright spot for Halliwell is the addition of WCHL star Danny Lucas, who notched 56 goals for the Victoria Cougars two years ago while playing on a line with Mel Bridgeman and Peter Morris, both now playing in the pros. Lucas played only till Christmas last year after having a squabble with then coach Pat Ginnell.

Lucas has decided to play college hockey, and at 18 years of age will undoubtedly be the top rookie in the league. Other than Lucas, Halliwell will have his hands full just trying to stay even with Calgary and ahead of the Huskies.

University of Saskatchewan

Coach Dave Smith says that only 11 players from last year's horrendous team that finished 3-21 will be back. Despite giving up 134 goals last year, Smith contends that the defence is not the primary area of concern, but the offence.

"We have to score more goals if we want to be competitive." Sask has some injury problems now and will only be able to go with 4 defencemen and 1 goaltender till Christmas. "We're on a wing and a prayer with our defence and goaltending," explained Smith.

When Smith learned of the injuries that the powerhouse Bears had received he was hardly sympathetic. "I'm happy to hear that. I'm not really sorry for them."

Smith claims that "this is the best team I've had since I've been here." Despite that boast it's going to be hard for the Huskies to escape the league cellar again this year.

Top gymnasts at U

by Darrell Semenuk

People in Edmonton will get a rare chance to see some of the top gymnasts in the world compete at the University of Alberta, Thursday, Nov. 4 at 8:00 p.m. when the Gold Rush International Gymnastics competition kicks off in the Main Gym.

Gymnasts from 10 countries are involved including Teodora Ungureanu, Romania's number two female gymnast behind Nadia Comaneci. Among the other top competitors are Andrea Bieger, who was the top West German gymnast at the '76 Olympics and finished 12th overall. Anna Pholudkova, from Czechoslovakia finished 10th over-all at Montreal and finished 4th in floor exercise, a narrow .2 points behind Comaneci.

The men are led by Ferenc Donath, who finished 13th all around in Montreal and was 4th in rings and 6th in horizontal bar. He helped lead his team to an overall 4th place finish.

The name most people are familiar with is Teodora Ungureanu. The petite Romanian, who was in the shadow of Nadia Comaneci at the Montreal Olympics, had few words to say at a press conference held at the Edmonton Plaza hotel on Wednesday, but did answer some questions through her interpreter and coach.

The 16-year old Ungureanu has been involved in gymnastics for 6½ years. Her daily practice routines last three hours. She says she is looking forward to the 1980 Olympics in Moscow, and hopes that she will reach a high level of competitiveness then. Despite her rigorous practice routine she still considers gymnastics "a pleasure."

She called gymnastics a very beautiful sport in which she can



Romanian gymnast Teodora Ungureanu had no trouble communicating with this small Canadian admirer, but she prefers to let the gymnastic talents do her talking. She'll be competing along with gymnasts from 9 other countries at the Gold Rush International at the U of A, tonight at 8:00 p.m. Photo Don Truckey.

bring out individual expression and communicate with herself. Ungureanu wouldn't reveal the new routines she has been working on. Her interpreter said that Teodora doesn't wish it to be

known until she competes. holds the patent to it, no else," her coach revealed.

The competition goes to U of A main gym on Thursday 8:00 p.m. Tickets are available at the General office in the Physical Education building and at all Woodcroft outlets. Prices are \$5.00 for adults and \$4.00 for U of A students and children under 12.

Sports Quiz

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- Who led the NFL in punting average last year? a) Ray Guy b) Bobby Walden c) Mike Bragg d) Neil Clabo (3pts)
- This man was the last Maple Leaf to be named to the NHL first All-Star team and he holds the Leaf iron man record of 486 consecutive games. Is it, a) Johnny Bower b) Tim Horton c) Dave Keon d) Allan Stanley e) Don Simmons (2pts)
- In each of 1966, '67, '68, a Cleveland Brown rushed for 1,000 yards, name the player. (3pts)
- Name the owners of the following teams. a) Oakland A's b) Toronto Maple Leafs c) Pittsburgh Steelers d) Chicago Black Hawks e) Birmingham Bulls (5pts)
- Guy Lafleur won the NHL scoring championship last season. Name the last three Montreal Canadiens to win the Art Ross trophy. (3pts)
- Which one of these men holds the record for most seasons as head coach of an NFL team? a) Paul Brown b) George Halas c) Curly Lambeau d) Vince Lombardi (3pts)
- Match the following players with the Colleges they graduated from. (5pts)

1) Tom Wilkinson	a) University of North Dakota
2) Fred James	b) University of Ottawa
3) Dave Fennel	c) Indiana University
4) Larry Highbaugh	d) Wyoming University
5) Dale Potter	e) University of Alberta
- Name the three men who were golf's leading money winners between 1962 and 1968 inclusively. (3pts)
- How many goals did Phil Esposito score in 1975-76? a) 21 b) 28 c) 35 d) 43 (2pts)
- Joe Dimaggio holds the record for most consecutive games batting safely. What was the magic number? (1pt)

Fencers enter Wetterberg

The Wetterberg Tournament, the largest open fencing tournament in Western Canada, will be held Nov. 6-7 in the University's West Gym. Fencers from across western Canada and possibly the east coast will be participating. The classification "open" means that fencers of all levels are allowed to compete, from rank novice to "A" (the highest international fencing rank) fencers. Among the par-

ticipants will be former national and present provincial champions.

Four weapons, Men's Foil, Ladies Foil, Sabre and Epee will be fenced. Men's and Ladies' foil will be held on Sat., the first, starting at 9:00 a.m. and the second at 10:30 a.m. Sabre and Epee will be held on Sun., the former commencing on 9 a.m. and the latter at 10:30 a.m. The events usually last all day.

Club ready for lifting experience

The U of A Olympic Weightlifting club one of the Canadian Collegiate Olympic lifting teams, will open its season on Nov. 6, at M.E. Lasswell Composite High school in its first contest of the year. The club will be headed by coach Rolf Kugelstadt and captain Kasten.

The U of A lifters are assured of a gold medal and many as three new provincial teenage and senior records in the 123 lbs class, headed by Rolf Kugelstadt. A silver medal and possibility of 3 more provincial teenage records could be gained in the 181 lbs class. Medal holders Gerald Huculak and Rolf Kugelstadt also exist in the 148 lbs and 165 lbs class.

Competition will come to Edmonton, Calgary, Lethbridge, Red Deer, Pincher Creek. Lifters from south of the border may also be present.

U of A participants include Jim Czelenski, Rolf Kasten, Rick Volpel, Ken Zimmerman, Erick Wilson, Tom Ford, Gerald Huculak and Rolf Kugelstadt.

Competition will commence at 11 a.m. Saturday.