

Valeriote: quarterback on the court

Terry Valeriote's contributions to the basketball Golden Bears seldom show up in the box score.

Yet Valeriote, without much fanfare, makes the Bears offence go. In a sense, he's a quarterback on the basketball court, perhaps an extension of coach Bob Bain himself.

His responsibilities include:

- Initiating each offensive thrust, primarily by dribbling the ball up court into the enemy's territory.

- Heading the flow of action and subsequently calling the appropriate play.

- Passing the ball to an open man.

- Providing leadership to a lively young team.

Such a "team man" is vital to any successful group.

"Terry is an unselfish player," says coach Bain. "To be a playmaker you have to enjoy seeing other people score."

Valeriote believes most sportswriters are fascinated with high scorers and flashy

ball-handlers. Unfortunately, this concern with the "star-syndrome" can debilitate amateur athletics.

"I feel sportswriters don't get into the heart of the sport. They look for the sensational type of reporting."

"To most young men, sport means fame," states Valeriote. "As a result, they stop early because they're not going to be professionals."

"But athletics are more than this. It's a fun way to keep in shape. The idea of sport is to help a person to establish self-control, to become a gentleman. It's not money or glory, but sportsmanship."

Bearing this sentiment, Valeriote decided over Christmas to publish a sports newspaper that would delve into the philosophy of sport.

Initially the paper, called "Bear Rug", will be sold within the athletic department only, for ten cents.

"We'll look at the average athlete, not the player who scores the points. It will stress the analytical aspect of athletics, styles of play, thinking on the court."

"Our writers are athletes

who know how it feels to compete."

For the moment, Valeriote plans to limit the paper's circulation at 150, with further expansion depending upon its popularity within the department.

"I think the general public would be interested," says Valeriote. "They'll be able to see some of the thinking inside the best Phys-ed school in Canada."

Valeriote is well qualified for the job of editor, having won a degree in English and a teaching certificate from University of Guelph.

He is working on a bachelor's degree in physical education at the U of A.

Terry Valeriote's performance with Bears this year is amazing considering that he hadn't played organized basketball in four years. At 26 he still has three years of eligibility left.

In fact, Terry has had only one year of college ball, under Canadian Football League great Garnley Henley at University of Guelph in 1968.

After high school, Terry studied two years in a seminary, then left because "it wasn't right

for me."

Graduating from Guelph, he taught high school for three and a half years before coming to Alberta.

He reported late to training camp this fall, carrying over 200 pounds on his six-foot frame.

He remembers the first few weeks of arduous practices run by that merciless tyrant, coach Bain.

"I couldn't walk for the first few weeks, I had so many blisters. People had to help me up from chairs."

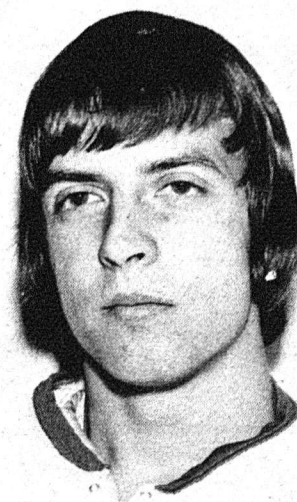
"We were impressed with the small things he did, the way he hustled and passed," recalls Bear coach Bob Bain.

Valeriote has since lost 20 pounds and as a result has greater mobility.

Valeriote hopes the newspaper job will be a stepping stone to a career in public relations.

"For me, it's a chance to gain experience in writing and organizing. I would like to get into the publicity field."

Golden Bear player of the week



Rick Wyrozub

Rick Wyrozub, Bears' number two scorer with 24 points, picked up five more—two goals and three assists—last weekend against Victoria and UBC. He leads the league in goal with 14 to his credit.

It was Rick's eleventh-hour goal that put the teams into overtime in that crucial first win over Thunderbirds Saturday.

"Normally I play the slot in a face-off," he said. "But Dave said his hand was bothering him and he wasn't sure he could get the puck back to me. He told me to stand at the right wing and he'd see what he could do. The puck went about six inches behind the BC centre's skate. I picked it up, carried it in and shot."

The fourth-year commerce student played for Ponoka Stampeders and Edmonton Oil Kings before joining the Bears two years ago.

U of A hosts Open squash tournament

Squash is one of the new, booming sports in Canada.

Its growing popularity is particularly evident in Alberta, where in the past ten years the number of players has increased meteorically from 20 or 30 over 2,000.

Strolling through the Physical Education Building, one usually observes its seven courts occupied by enthusiastic novice players. Reserving a court is like trying to make an appointment with the Prime Minister.

Justifiably, the U of A is hosting the third-annual Alberta Open Squash tournament this weekend.

Over 150 men and women players from Western Canada and United States will compete, including Rainer Ratinac of Calgary, the third-ranked professional in North America.

Ratinac captured last year's Open, held in Calgary's Glenco Club.

The Open returns to University of Alberta after a one-year absence.

The Open victory was one of many accolades Ratinac has earned since winning the New Zealand junior championship in 1963.

Also a former member of the Australian national team, he finished second to world champion Sharif Khan in the 1971 York University tournament.

Two weeks ago, Ratinac placed third in the North American Open championship in Pittsburgh.

Amateurs Steve Moysey and Colin Adair figure to give Ratinac his toughest opposition.

Adair is considered by many squash experts as the best in North America, while Moysey is

ranked number two in Canada.

Among the other accomplished squash competitors are Dick Radloff, the current Oregon State Champion, Robin Wade, the 20-year old Canadian Men's Junior champion and George Morfitt, winner of the 1971 Alberta Open.

The tournament has nine events: Men's A, B, C, D, and novice; Veterans (over 40 years), A and B; Ladies and Junior. A majority of the entrants are in B and C events.

Matches begin Friday night at 6 p.m. and end with the finals Sunday afternoon. Action on Saturday goes from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Bleachers for about 150 spectators will be provided.

A novel swim meet

For the first time, Women's Intramurals are introducing a Novelty Swim Meet to be held on Tuesday from 7-9 p.m. in the West Pool of the Physical Education Building.

The novelty events, which should prove to be hilarious as well as fun, will include a Strip, Cracker and Inner Tube Race as well as competition for the funniest dive.

Just bring along your swim suit; Intramurals will provide all other gadgets.

Volleyball

Pandas split weekend event

The University of Alberta Pandas split evenly this past week-end competing in the University of Calgary International Invitational Volleyball Tournament.

The tournament attracted 12 teams from across the Prairie Provinces as well as a squad from Montana.

Although Pandas lost a total of five they played well in a number of games winning 15-13 and 15-8 over the Winnipeg Alums, 15-13 over the University of Saskatchewan and taking the University of Lethbridge Pronghorns 15-11 and 15-10.

Excellent blocking by Chris Cummins and Susie Seaborn was exhibited in the Alberta 15-13 win over Winnipeg.

Pandas placed fourth in the Division A league to advance to the semi-finals on Sunday against the University of British Columbia Thunderbirds who secured first spot in Division B. The Thunderbirds handled Alberta easily 15-1 and 15-7.

The Calgary Cals took UBC for the Tournament championship.

Pandas travel to Victoria this week-end to take part in the first-half of the Canada West University Athletic Association Finals. The other half will be held in Lethbridge.

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