



Bears near final lineup

by Cam Cole

Forty-five minutes after Friday's intrasquad game, Golden Bear hockey coaches Leon Abbott and Lorn Behm reduced the number of players on the team's roster to 25.

The coaches cut 12 of the 36 names on the intrasquad program, including a goaltender, four defencemen, and seven forwards.

The 25th player in their lineup is Bryan Sosnowski, who did not play in the affair.

The game itself was fairly unimpressive, although Abbot must have seen something he liked, because he retained three more players than he had intended, and will have to do some more trimming to bring his roster down to manageable proportions.

A crowd of about 500 watched as the Green team, made up largely of rookies, downed the more experienced White squad 5-4.

Defencemen Frank Clarke and Kevin Bolton, and forwards Kevin Primeau, Barry Medorie,

and Jim Carr were the Green marksmen, while Dean Caouette, Randy Lemay, Gerald Braaten, and rearguard Randy Greg scored for White.

Braaten, Medorie, and fellow forwards Ed Shaske, Ken Pendleton, Neil Williams, Clint Armstrong, and Steve Lockwood packed their bags following the contest, as did defencemen Ken Vetsch, Greg McNeil, Dean Caouette, and

Rod Williams, and goaltender Norbert Scholz.

The departure of Lockwood was surprising because he had spent half a season with the Canadian champion Bears, and appeared to be having a good camp.

Abbott has kept three goalies, six defencemen, and sixteen forwards. In depth, the 75-76 Golden Bears look like this:

Goal		
Dale Henwood		
Craig Gunther		
Jack Cummings		
Defence		
Randy Greg	Kevin Bolton	
Gary Natrass	Frank Clarke	
Bill Andreassen	Ken Yaremkevich	
L.W.	Center	R.W.
Bryan Sosnowski	John Horcuff	Jim Carr
Rick Peterson	Bruce Crawford	Kevin Primeau
Clark Jantzie	Jim Ofrim	Oliver Steward
Dale Hutchinson	Blair Burgess	Rick Venance
Dale Fisher	Darrel Zaperniuk	John McKee

Basketball season closing in

by Darrell Semenuk

The first game for the U of A Golden Bears basketball squad isn't until October 25 when they take on the U of A grads, but coach Barry Mitchelson already has the roster trimmed down to the required twelve players.

The 39 hopefuls that ventured out to the first practice on September 11 were quickly weeded out, with about 15 players being cut after the practice.

Some of the newcomers who made the team are two freshmen from Calgary, Mike Abercrombie and Keith Smith, who played for Crescent Heights High School, last year's provincial champs.



Dave Holland will be a key to Bears' success or failure this season.



Mitchelson (top) is again at the Bears' helm, with some help from ex-player Wally Tollestrup (34), who returns as assistant coach.

Other familiar names back for another year are Doug Baker, Dave Holland, Len Davidiuk, and Colin Fennell. Also back again this year is Wally Tollestrup, who along with Tom Kendall will be assisting Barry Mitchelson with the coaching duties.

Coach Mitchelson feels that his year's edition of the Bears lacks the height of the

other teams in the CWUAA and will have to "make up in quickness what they lack in height."

Mitchelson sees a wide open race this year between four teams, University of Calgary, University of Victoria, UBC, and his own Golden Bears, the possible key to first place being the solution of the inconsistent shooting that plagued the Bears last year.

cole's notes

"New look Oilers" look bad

Forget whatever you may have heard about the charitable motives behind the Oilers' decision to admit the public free to their intrasquad game Sunday.

In a moment of what must qualify as unprecedented foresight, the Oilers' brass obviously envisioned the riotous protest which would ensue if, having lost two hours out of their lives forever, the fans also discovered that the sad display had actually cost them MONEY.

Unquestionably, the star of the proceedings was Edmonton's most glaring example of poor judgment, that scourge of the goal crease, Jacques Plante. With unexpected agility for a man of his advancing years, Plante succeeded in dodging most of the shots that came his way. So successful was he, in fact, that whenever management was desirous of a tie in the score, they simply shifted Plante to the winning side, and the matter was as good as resolved.

One can imagine Bill Hunter fending off the inevitable barrage of criticism from the press:

Journal: Mr. Hunter, I just wanted to say that, although the team as a whole played poorly, I thought Al Hamilton, in particular, and also Eddie Joyal and Bruce MacGregor were outstanding.

Hunter: Well, Wayne, I certainly agree with you 500%, although Hamilton is still out with a knee injury and MacGregor and Joyal only played a couple of shifts each.

Gateway: Aren't you a little concerned, sir, that after all the promises about Oilers being a serious contender, they might just look this bad all year?

Hunter: Well now, young man, I don't know just who you are or what you're doing here, but I would like to say this. I firmly believe, and I'm sure someone agrees with me, that once the team recovers from the pulled groin muscle it suffered in practice Saturday, you'll see a much more entertaining brand of hockey played here....

Gateway: But, sir, where was Norm Ullman (also known as the Second Coming), the man we all came to see?

Hunter: Well, uh, Normie suffered a real bad hangnail on his throwing hand, uh, that is his right hand, and he could hardly get out of bed today, but I fully expect him to be ready for the Houston game, and let me just repeat that I confidently feel that Normie Ullman will be a great addition to this club, uh, not only this year, but in years to come.

Journal: Mr. Hunter, did Jacques Plante run his two miles yet, and, if so, what was his time?

Hunter: Well, Wayne, as you know, Jacques has had a cold for the past week, and after all, he did practise Wednesday, but he has assured us, and we believe him, that he will run the two miles at some point in the season, probably during one of his three-week lay-offs in mid-season.

Speaking of predictability, only the uninitiated were sweating Sunday when the Eskimos were trailing the Stampeders 29-2 at half time. The rest of us knew it was in the bag. It's only when Eskimos lead 20-3 after two quarters that Eskimo fans start to worry.

Congratulations to "Fingers" Worobec, whose holding penalties didn't jeopardize Eskimos' chances as much as usual; to Dave Cutler, who made "routine" field goals from 45 and 55 yards, and blew two from under 20; and to Tyrone Walls, the WFC's best tight end, who refuses to cry even though he hasn't been thrown to in two straight games.

Golden Bears' left winger Bryan Sosnowski hit a two-run homer (and scored the winning run), leading the Edmonton Monarchs to their second consecutive Western Major Fastball League championship, with a 4-1 victory over the Winnipeg Colonels Sunday. Monarchs won the series 5 games to 2.

Hockey Shorts

Bears' coach Leon Abbott now has to start from scratch on his defence corps, as Howard Crosley, the only returning veteran defenceman, quit school last week, in favor of a job with the Ex.

Abby Hebert could return to bolster Bears' questionable blueline staff, but first he has to have a cast removed from a broken leg. Then, he has to regain the 30 pounds he has lost since the accident - could be ready for Christmas.

Rick Wyrozub has quit the team - again. The prospect of Brian Larsen, quarterback of the football team, playing defence for the hockey team, is looking better all the time.

Bears' intrasquad tussle, which at first glance seemed boring, was like a playoff game compared to the spectacle at the Coliseum 48 hours later.

Following Friday's intrasquad game here, Abbott has reduced his hockey team's roster to 25 players (see story on these pages).