

# Bear Rollerballers hammer, hospitalize hungry 'Horns

by Red Blazer  
Bears 7 Lethbridge 6

Saturday night at the Butterdome, the Roller Bears kicked Lethbridge butt in a hard-fought contest before a packed house of screaming fans.

Star forward Biff Trent jammed two big first period scores and assisted on another to lead the home team to its eighth straight victory.

Coach Chek Trowsers was pleased with the result. "I thought we skated hard and out-hustled their guys on the fence tonight," he said, "but they're a good team, and the Pronghorns always give us a good game."

Lethbridge led 6-5 at the second break, and looked like they were ready to break the home-side's four game winning streak on their

own boards.

An attempt-to-mutilate foul by Horns biker Stumpy White resulted in the Bears tying goal. Jammer Gunnar Sargeant got the ball to scoring ace Jackie Prokopetz with a nifty spin-o-rama handoff, and the 'Petz didn't hesitate. He beat two

defenders one-on-one and dove past the Pronghorns' charging bike for the stuff, with 3:50 to go.

With momentum on their side, the Bears furiously pressed the attack. The Horns defence wilted and Trent and Prokopetz got the assists on Bill Weakly's game-winner

with only 57 seconds left on the clock.

It was a light casualty report for the Bears. Norm Plane, left fullback, is out for the season with a shattered tibia he suffered in a second-frame collision with the boards and one of the Lethbridge

scooters. Otherwise, there were only the standard cuts and bruises, with one tailpipe burn.

Roller Bears' action continues January 10 when they invade Brandon to take on the 6 and 6 Bobcats in a rematch of last year's western semi-final.

## Salty Sather — tequila trades for lemons

by Scoop Poopman

Glen Sather ended months of speculation and rumour yesterday by trading Jari Kurri, Glenn Anderson, Paul Coffey, Grant Fuhr, and Wayne Gretzky. The multi-player, multi-team deal was in answer to what Sather calls a whole lot of

unnecessary scorn and abuse from the fans and media.

Sather started the proverbial ball rolling by trading sniper-winger Kurri for Detroit tough-man Joey Kocur. "In that deal I was looking for a solid fan-favorite replacement for Dave Cementhead . . . er Semenko."

Immediately after the Kocur deal, Sather's phone rang off the hook with General Manager's around the league offering to trade. "I didn't really expect all that much interest from the other G.M.'s. When the other calls started coming I just said 'what the hell'. I had a few more shots of Tequila and started dealing."

In other trades it was Anderson for Boston's Thomas Gradin. "I was really impressed with Gradin's feigning abilities. He should help us get more powerplays," said an elated Sather. Coffey went for New Jersey's Pat Verbeek. "I don't even

know what position he plays," laughed Sather, "I really just like the sound of his name. V-E-R-B-E-E-K, Ver-beek; I really like the sound of that. Neat, eh?"

In the last trade, a multi-player one, Fuhr and Gretzky went to the New York Rangers for centre Walt Poddubny, winger Pierre Larouche, defenseman Reijo Routsalaine and goalie John Davidson. When informed that he already had the rights for Routsalaine and that Davidson was retired, Sather retorted: "Oh well, you can't win 'em all. Heh, heh. Maybe John can be colorman for our game films."

## But can Vanna White shoot?

by Hoss Cartwright

At the beginning of the year when Sports Minister Auto Jellyneck was handing out athletic scholarships, there was one thing he forgot to tell the Golden Bears: in order for a team to be eligible they must have at least one female participant, therefore the Bears must find a female hockey player.

Coach A. Mallard says he will also change the name of the team to the Golden Birds. He states "The team has always been open to girls. My scouts have had their eyes on female prospects for years."

"This isn't just a symbolic thing, we need wingers that aren't afraid to go in the corners," the Coach added. "Now if only I could find one that doesn't shoot like a woman."

Al Bowing, veteran forward, stated "I wouldn't mind having a girl on my line, as long as she filed the picks off the front of her skates. She'd take a lot of the attention and maybe I'd be able to score."

Another hopeful, May Callyou, said she was comfortable in the dressing room after only a couple of days. "It was awkward at first changing with boys, but I'm getting to know them."

"I've played slopitch with guys in the summer, some of the other girls may take longer to adjust," Callyou later added.

"They're hard to stop because I have to make eye contact with the opponent carrying the puck in," said goalie Cal Anytime.

"Birds of a feather, flock together," remarked Shirley Yorkid-

ding when asked about animosity on the team.

When contacted at Coach Mallard's house, Head Referee George Swallow reflected "They're fair game. I don't give favouritism to anyone, and they better keep their pretty heads up or they'll get their blocks knocked off."

"The dressing looks a lot nicer and so do the guys," says Rob Thecradle, veteran trainer in his tenth season.

"Coach told me to watch the chest and don't fall for any head-fakes, just like usual," said defenceman Willie Kill, when asked if he defenced them any differently.

"We're getting a lot of press," says Manager Ed Grimley, "maybe Vanna White will tryout, that would be great, I must say."

## Bears to battle The Bos'

by Turk Raychanski

The NCAA has made some bizarre moves in the past but this one has to take the cake. The ruling body of college sports in the U.S.A. has announced that since they have been unable to find an opponent to play the powerful Oklahoma Sooners in the Orange Bowl in Miami on New Years Night, they have been forced to look elsewhere, namely Canada.

After searching through Divisions I, II, and III the NCAA could find no one who could outweigh the pros of going to one of the most prestigious bowls, with the cons of getting destroyed by a team that has dispatched teams by the scores of 77-0 and 64-0. The Sooners have



also racked up an impressive pile of injuries for their opponents.

Therefore, on January 1, the Sooners will take on none other than our own Alberta Golden Bears; the 1-7 Golden Bears vs. the 11-1 Sooners.

"They were the only ones dumb . . . er, gracious enough to accept our invitation," said Hymie Greenback, chairman of the Orange bowl selection committee. "Their record . . . well sure its terrible but they're going to get killed anyway . . . uh, I mean their record is misleading . . . er, they should be good competition . . . um, I gotta go."

Needless to say, they'll make their money anyways.

So there you have it, January 1st, the Bumbling Bears against the Superpower Sooners. So if you're into slaughters along the lines of the Lions vs. the Christians or mismatches similar to the German Panzer divisions vs. the Polish Cavalry, tune in.

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## Say Hey Joe

by Y. Petersen Julius Rabbye

Jimi Hendrix, the guitar-thrashing rock star, is reported to be alive, contrary to popular belief. He has been discovered playing baseball for the Caracas Halapenos of the Venezuelan winter league, reliable sources have said.

Hendrix has been the team's regular designated hitter since the beginning of the season. Apparently, Hendrix doesn't have the same quickness in the field since

his resurrection.

The word from the big-league scouts, however, is that Hendrix "can't hit the curve ball." Consequently, his minor-league signing rights have changed hands from the Pawtucket Red Sox to the Toledo Mud Hens in exchange for a pitching machine and a bat rack.

Hendrix himself explains that if he can't make the bigs, he wishes to return to music and perform a duet with Willie Nelson.

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