

OVERTIME

Ethical Reflections on Wayne Gretzky

We now take you to Dewey's where two young philosophy students, as will in Molson Malt and barbecue chips, tackle the most pressing issue of our day:

"Ah, come off it, he's the best hockey player in the world."

"Okay, maybe, I don't care. But that's not my point. As good as he is, Wayne Gretzky is still bad for hockey."

"You are what my psychology prof refers to as 'outta your tree.' Gretzky is going to make hockey the next big thing in the States. He brings excitement to every rink in the NHL."

"Excitement maybe, but he's stopped pulling in the fans. Edmonton with Gretzky is not a bigger attraction than any other top team. In fact, Edmonton is starting to bring down attendance in places like Hartford and Pittsburgh. Rivalries and competitive games are what draw the fans, not one-way wonderkinds."

"And that's what I'm trying to get at: his image. It's all wrong for hockey."

"Aw get real. He's got unbelievable skills. He's a clean player. Off the ice he's a perfect gentleman. Half the little boys in this country want to grow up to be just like Wayne Gretzky."

"But he hasn't grown up. He's a little boy playing a man's game. Hockey has always been based on strength and guts and hardwork; virtues that are important in real life. But Gretzky seems to succeed by elfin magic. On the ice he's a yappy, ill-mannered Peter Pan and I wouldn't want a kid of mine thinking he can grow up like that."

"It's about time someone took the boorishness out of hockey. Skaters like Gretzky, Savard and Cicarelli are going to run the goons right out of this league and turn hockey into a game of skill. You want fighting go watch roller derby."

"You're the one who's going to see fighting because with every Gretzky you're going to have a Dave Semenko to protect him. Hockey will become polarized: on one side you'll have free skating sissies

and on the other you'll have lumbering cement heads. Hard-hitting, hard-working hockey games become emasculated shootouts with regular breaks for brawling."

"What you're saying is that he's the best damn hockey player in the world and that's still not good enough for you. Gretzky also has to play hockey your way."

"No, Gretzky should go out and play hockey the best way he can. I wouldn't mind if he shut up and quit diving all the time but he'd be stupid to start playing like Mel Bridgeman or even Brian Trottier. The problem is that he's so good, he's so successful in a way that goes against what makes hockey worth watching. And that is going to turn off the fans."

"Gretzky is going to bring in more fans than ever before. Even in cities where they don't know hockey, people marvel at his playmaking. If they can appreciate what he does it won't take long before they learn to appreciate other hockey players and then you'll get crowds pouring in."

"You'll get a game like pro basketball that's all offense and bankrupt franchises. Pro basketball can't even get on network TV anymore while college basketball, without three point shots and rules against defense, is on two American networks Saturday and Sunday. Furthermore, hockey will never beat basketball as a game of skill because nothing Wayne Gretzky can do is half as amazing as Julius Erving going for the net."

"Bodychecking is not going to vanish from hockey just because of Gretzky. All that happened is that the league expanded too quickly and they had a huge influx of young players. In a couple years they'll all learn to play defense and the scores will come down. Then Gretzky will lead the NHL right on to American network TV. In the meantime it's your round."

"Yeah, just after all-star wrestling. Two more Malts and another bag of barbecue, okay?"

Kent Blinston

Sports Quiz U of A '82-'83

1. Name the U of A basketball players that made the Canada West All-Star teams?
2. The University of Alberta Rugby team came second in the Western Regional Tournament this year. Who scored the winning try?
3. Ace Brimacombe played for which Golden Bears team?
4. Name the U of A hockey player that was selected to the Canadian All-Star team.
5. The Golden Bears basketball team won their first game in the Western Regional Tournament 56-53. Who scored the Bears' final points and gave the team the victory?
6. Mary Burzminski helped the Pandas capture a Canada West title in Saskatoon. What sport does she participate in?
7. Dru Marshall coaches an intercollegiate team. Which one? How many home games did the team play this year?
8. What team did the Golden Bears football team defeat this year? What was the team's cumulative score against all opponents? A. 245-253, B. 202-178, C. 167-202, D. 153-287.
9. Clare Drake won his five-hundredth hockey game this year. Where did he win?
10. Canada's second-ranked gymnast attends the U of A. Name him/her.
11. Name the members of the 4x800 relay team that set a new Canadian record of 8:48.18.
12. Two CIAU National champions in wrestling can be found on campus. Name them.
13. Match the coach to the team:
a) Ron Gabinet Diving
b) Sue Rouse Basketball
c) Brian Watson Gymnastics
d) Colin Fennel Volleyball
e) Don McGavern Football
14. Match the player to the team:
a) John Waterhouse football
b) Ken Hodge track and field
c) Vlad Dzavik soccer
d) Cam Henning hockey
e) Brian Jones basketball
f) Tobin Walker swimming
g) Carla Corbett field hockey

Answers

1. Leon Bynoe, Fred Murrell, Toni Kordic
2. Fooled ya there is no intercollegiate rugby team.
3. Hockey
4. Ron Parent
5. Jay Lukes
6. Track
7. Field hockey, 1 exhibition game
8. Calgary, C. 167-202
9. Saskatoon, where he won his first game.
10. Heidi Ross
11. Britt Otto, Mary Burzminski, Sue Kallal, Maureen Cush.
12. Blake Dermott, Mike Payette.
13. a) football, b) gymnastics, c) volleyball, d) basketball, e) diving
14. a) football and basketball, b) hockey, c) track and field, d) swimming, e) basketball, f) soccer, g) field hockey

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Fun Run finishes
by Margo Schmitt

The Women's Intramural Spring Fun Run was held last Saturday with fifteen participants in each of the two races. In the 5 km. run, Susan Spence crossed the finish line with a first place time of 21:09 minutes followed by Colleen Kennedy with a time of 24:55 minutes.

Jo Bryant emerged as the winner of the 2.5 km. run with a time of 10:12 minutes. Maive Muldowney crossed the line less than a minute later with a time of 10:55 minutes. Third place went to Lisa Roberts with a time of 12:00 minutes flat.

Mark Walton, a second year Medicine Student is the Campus Recreation "Participant of the Week" for March 14-20. Despite his busy academic schedule Mark has found time to participate in the Campus Recreation program. He currently is playing on the Medicine "A" Co-Rec volleyball team, and just finished playing with the Medicine "C" men's hockey team and a Medicine men's volleyball team.

Mark's big participation area has been in the Stamp-Around-Alberta jogging program. He is a very regular jogger and since October has jogged 1260 kilometers, which is the equivalent of jogging from Edmonton to Calgary to Jasper to Edmonton and is half way to Calgary again. A Med student very keen on physical fitness and socialization - Mark Walton, "Participant" for the week of March 14-20.

A reminder to all Campus Recreation participants: the Intramural Awards Presentation and Social is March 30 at the Royal Glenora Club. Tickets are only \$5.00 and can be bought at either the Green or Gold offices.

Friday March 25 is the deadline for applications for Campus Recreation Administrative Assistants for the coming year. Anyone interested can pick up an application form from one of the Campus Recreation offices.