

cole's notes

**Bears-Blues clashes:
a touch of familiarity**

It will be just like old home week, when Tom Watt brings his Toronto Blues to town this Thursday, for the Canadian Championship series on the weekend.

Aside from the fact that Watt and UA's Clare Drake were both involved with the Student Nationals, along with 4 players from each of their teams, the two coaches have had a half-friendly, half-serious rivalry going for quite some time.

The Blues and the Bears play a very similar type of hockey, not surprisingly, since Drake and Watt have learned a few things from each other over the years.

You might expect to see a goodly number of time-tested coaching stratagems in evidence when the teams meet for the national crown.

The last time Blues were in town, in November, it was only exhibition play, but Watt, the most colorful college coach around, refused to be out of the spotlight.

With a few seconds left in the second period, Watt pulled his goaltender, with the faceoff to the left of Bears' net.

Watt had it all figured out - IF Bears won the faceoff, and IF they managed to control the puck, and IF they could get a shot away, it would still take the puck um.... let's see, say 60 miles per hour, 200 feet.... that's uh.... about 2 1/2 seconds, and if you lined up ten PRO players, never mind college kids, they probably couldn't hit the net more than three times out of ten with a quick shot. So, it's a risk, he supposed, but a calculated risk.

Incidentally, Blues very nearly scored on the play.

Watt also pulled the now-famous stunt wherein he pulled his regular netminder and warmed up his backup goalie for a few minutes (to give his defencemen a rest), then put his first-stringer back between the pipes, to the consternation of Drake, the Bears, and a couple of thousand hooting fans.

In view of the Maritimes' weather conditions over the weekend, while Watt was guiding his team to their semi-final victory, after a shaky start to the series, it is only appropriate to paraphrase Louis Armstrong (may he rest in peace).

After all, it must be said of Watt that "He coached the Blues right out of the storm", you know.

By rights, there shouldn't be a bare inch of cement on the inside walls of Varsity Arena, this weekend.

As it is, four banners (about the size of residence bed-sheets) adorn the walls of the rink, extolling the virtues of various members of the Green and Gold.

Now, the Athletic department has announced a banner contest, open to all floors in Residences, with prizes awarded to the best.

All banners must be up by Friday afternoon - banners brought to the rink and put up around game time won't be allowed.

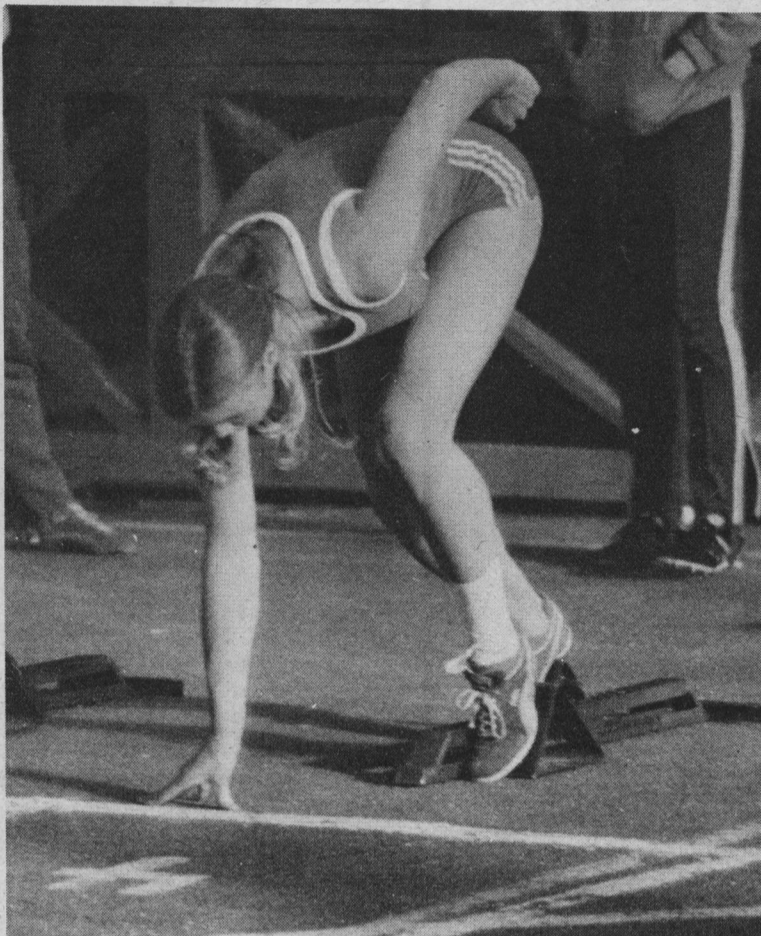
Here's another couple of reminders:

If you're planning to buy student-priced tickets for the games, you have to present a valid U of A ID card for every ticket purchased.

Also, every student ticket holder will have to present his or her ID card at the door.

Apparently, last weekend some students bought lots and lots of student tickets for lots and lots of non-students, and the system hates to get it in the ear too often.

Cam Cole



We don't know which event Diane Jones was preparing for here, but it doesn't really matter. It seemed like she won them all, anyway.

World record for Jones

by Al Cinder

As is fast becoming her custom at events held in this city, Diane Jones of Saskatchewan made something of a one-woman show of the Canadian Indoor Track and Field Championships, held at the Kinsmen Fieldhouse, last Saturday and Sunday.

Jones, who dominated the Golden Bear Open here 3 weeks ago, set a new World mark in women's pentathlon event and, along with new Canadian records in both 50 meter hurdles and long jump, won seven of the eight events in which she was entered.

Making up the women's pentathlon are the 50 m. hurdles, shot put, high jump, long jump, and the 200 meter event.

Her new Canadian record in the women's long jump was 6.22 meters (20'5"), while her

50-meter hurdle time was 7.09 seconds, bettering the old mark of 7.1 seconds.

The meet drew respectable crowds both days, much to the satisfaction of the organizers.

Edmonton athletes, chosen for the Canadian team that will meet West Germany in Montreal next weekend, include Shauna Miller, who qualified in the 3000-meters; Barry Boyd, in the long jump event; and Ron Jackson, for his performance in the 400-meter competition.

**UA team takes
CW badminton**

by Woody Racket

U of A's Badminton team won the aggregate competition in the Canada West Association championships in Calgary last weekend - by a whopping 30 points.

The Alberta U team, comprised of four men and four women, dominated the overall standings, finishing well ahead of both the Calgary and UBC entries.

The Pandas - Wendy Clarkson, Colleen Neeland, Lorraine Thorne, and Jennifer Oakes - successfully defended their CWUAA Ladies' title, also by a wide margin, while the Bears team, composed of Doug McGillvray, Dave Coad, Dave Hopkins, and Brian Hutcheon were just one point short of taking the men's trophy, won by U of C.

U of A was also tops in the mixed doubles competition.

The tournament was a round-robin affair, so that every player from a given team met every player from the other teams during the competition.

Individually, the Alberta squad has some impressive credentials.

Clarkson, according to coach Keith Spencer of the Bears, will likely be the odds-on favorite for the Canadian women's championships in Ottawa in two weeks. Thorne is an ex-Canadian junior champ, as is McGillvray. Oakes was on the Alberta Winter Games team, while Clarkson and Neeland are the senior ladies' doubles champions in Alberta.

Members of the UA squad have played all over the world in various competitions.

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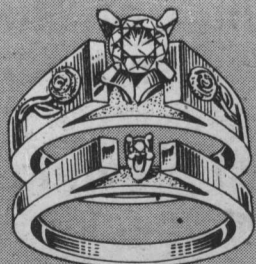


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