

# Chalk Talk

EDITORIAL  
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## OLYMPIC HOCKEY PROSPECTS . . . BLEAK

The problem of sending a qualified hockey team to compete against Europe's best in International play seems to be as acute as it was before Father Bauer's experiment. The pre-Olympic competition tends to support the supposition that Canada has performed poorly in light of the results of exhibition games with the Russian National teams. Their performances against the Czechs and the Swedes were more effective but still not becoming of the world's hockey power . . . and I do not say supposed hockey power as is becoming more popular with Canadian sports writers these days. There still must be an answer to this problem but no one has yet hit upon it.

I have the greatest respect for Father Bauer's courage and integrity in the undertaking of this challenge but how can college calibre hockey players be expected to compete on the same terms as those who have been classified on a par with the A.H.L. I contend that this is virtually impossible although I am confident that the Olympics will give a fine account of themselves. The fact still remains that Canada should send their best or refrain from competing.

The greatest problem in assembling an Olympic team is one of initiative. Our society is so oriented that professionalism provides the greatest incentive to the achievement of skill and advancement. It appears that the allure of National prestige is inadequate in the development of these qualities. How can those responsible for the selection of the Olympic team overcome these stumbling blocks?

Firstly, professionalism automatically eliminates superior hockey players in our country. Then, to whom should we turn for the selection of qualified players? A player must have the strength and stamina as well as ability to compete with the European teams. Intermediate and Senior teams are not the answer because they have reached a plateau of stagnation and the major European teams have now surpassed this level although it was once satisfactory. The college player does not provide the answer due to the fact that college hockey is not of sufficient calibre to provide the necessary skill level.

With regard for these observations, I take it upon myself to suggest a possible consideration which might provide a solution to the problem. Judging that the afore-mentioned degrees of hockey are not adequate to supply the necessary calibre, then the only other with the requisite qualities is Junior hockey. These players are still within the confines of amateurism and they are universally or nearly so, competing for advancement into professional hockey. It is with these considerations in mind that I feel that they best provide the necessary qualities of skill. Furthermore, these players are probably the most aggressive players in organized hockey in Canada for the very reason that they wish advancement. These factors alone direct attention to them as potential Olympic players. The only factor remaining which must be supplemented artificially is that of incentive. This could be provided by the professional teams who possess these minor league hockey players. If their support could be answered, then the plan could be consolidated.

The suggested plan is as follows: Each professional team would be allowed to sponsor two Junior teams which would create a league compliment of twelve teams. Each organization would create an 'A' and 'B' team so that the league would be divided into two divisions of six teams apiece. All other Junior leagues would be abolished at the Junior 'A' level, allowing only Junior 'B' teams. This league would function under International rules. At the end of each season, the team which won the League championships would be given a leave of absence to compete in the World Championships the following year. During the three years preceding the Olympics, the professional teams would be at liberty to call up any player in this league. The only stipend would be that after the year preceding the Olympics, an all-star team would be chosen to play under the coach who directed the Championship team of the past year. This team would be entered in the 'A' Division as a separate entity and would compete as pre-Olympic training, in this league only, since this would be the only league where the International rules prevailed. This familiarity with European conditions would make this league the only area where this innovation would be advantageous. During the preparatory period, commencing the end of the year preceding the Olympics, the professional teams would not be allowed to draft any player on the National team. It is obvious that the greatest honour for any player in this league would be to earn a position on the National team as the added prestige would increase their value as prospective professionals.

This suggestion is being advanced as a possible solution to the problem of adequate representation in International competition. It has not been proposed without awareness of the objections of all those who would be involved due to the inconvenience to the professional clubs. It is purely a point of view to again stimulate interest in the problem. It is not to be taken seriously by those who are avid enough to oppose the ludicrous nature of the proposal without understanding the intentions of the article.

### AAA NOTICE

The A.A.A. is in Process of revising its intramural athletic records. Anyone who has participated in intramural sports is requested to submit a form containing name, number, sport, year and manager. Ballot boxes will be left around the campus. Free Floor Time —

L. B. Gymnasium

Monday —  
8-9:30 a.m.  
10:30-11:30 a.m.  
12:30-2:30 p.m.  
4:30-5:00 p.m.  
Tuesday —  
8-8:30 a.m.  
12:30-3:30 p.m.  
Wednesday —  
8-2:30 p.m.  
Thursday —  
8-8:30 a.m.  
4:30-5:00 p.m.  
Friday —  
8-9:30 a.m.  
12:30-2:30 p.m.  
Saturday —  
10:30-1:30 p.m.  
5:30-7:00 p.m.  
Sunday —  
1-2:30 p.m.

### LETTER

#### TO THE EDITOR

The Mechanicals are obnoxious. We are sick of reading all about what the Mechanicals are doing. Don't you know that there are Electricals, Chemicals, Civil, Metallurgicals, Miners, Applied Geophysicists as well? I'm sure some other people in the Engineering Department are doing things — let's hear about them.

The Lone Miner

#### Ed. Note:

The Editor is Mechanical, the reporters are mechanicals, the writers are mechanical, therefore, there must be a mechanical advantage.

## MEET YOUR TEAM



BOB McMURRAY

A senior Physical Education experience and smooth play-student Bob McMurray adds his making ability to the Raider offense. He played for the Mt. Allison Hawks before he came to UNB.

He is beginning to drive more from his guard position than in past years and is one of the best ball handlers with the club.

Bob hails from Lennoxville, P.Q. and is one of the two frenchmen with the Raiders. With twelve games left on the schedule Bob's experience in clutch positions will aid the team's morale and give them confidence in their depth.



RICK COTTER

Rick is one of the fine Rookies with the Red Raiders of 63-64. A graduate of St. Stephen High he played a star role in his school's triumph in last year's New Brunswick Interscholastic Basketball Tournament.

Cotter plays the forward position for UNB and is noted for his fine jumpshot. He is particularly effective against a zone defense from his position on the baseline. His best game to date was the St. Dunstan Tilt where he kept the Raiders in the game in the first half and then paced them to victory in the second. He finished the game with 19 points.

This 6'1, 170 lb. 1st Year Physical Education student is the fastest man on the UNB team. With both his speed and his shooting ability we will be seeing a great deal of Rick Cotter during the games to come.

HAVE YOU

VOTED YET?

## Beavers Fear McGill

Twelve days ago the Beavers were extremely positive about beating McGill on February 1. Nine days ago the UNB Beavers climbed dejectedly out of the pool with a feeling of hopelessness about their chances of winning at McGill.

**PROBLEM:** Coach Amby Legere had just finished timing the swimmers in the main events which they will be entering at McGill. With one or two exceptions the times could not compare with those of the larger university.

**HEADACHE:** how to compensate for this deficiency.

**SOLUTION:** harder practices, better morale, and prayers that a few breaks will turn our way on February 1.

The problem is briefly this. If UNB can defeat McGill or at least come up with a commend-

able performance, the chances of UNB participating in the Canadian Intercollegiate Swimming Meet next year will be greatly enhanced, and Maritime Intercollegiate swimming will be accepted on a par with Upper Canadian swimming. With this in mind Coach Legere had stepped up training to an even greater level, with the Beavers doing a timed 200 yd. sprint and then sprints of 80-120 yds. with one minute rest between each set for the remaining fifty minutes of practice. To win the McGill meet has been the Beavers' goal during 6 months of hard training. Will the increased effort on the part of the coaches and swimmers during the last two weeks be enough to overcome the initial McGill advantage? Only time will tell. With fingers crossed we can only hope for the best.

## Bloomers Enter League Play

The UNB Red Bloomers won their first Intercollegiate league game last Friday when they defeated New Brunswick Teachers' College 46-32. Earlier in the week they were defeated by St. John Rotarians, 46-43, in a very hard-fought game.

The game against the Rotarians ended in a 39 point tie at the end of regular time with the Bloomers scoring three baskets in last two minutes of play. One overtime quarter was played and both teams scored two baskets, tying the game again. A sudden death overtime period was played in which the first team that scored two points was the winner. The Rotarians made one foul shot and then went on to score a basket, putting them three points ahead of UNB and winning the game.

Sandy Robinson of UNB was high scorer with 19 points, followed by Pat Pickard with 16 points. Although the Bloomers defeated Teachers' College,

they did not play a good game. Their passes were off and many fouls were committed. The referee handed out a total of 49 fouls — 24 to UNB and 25 to TC. The Bloomers have a lot of hard work to do yet before they reach their peak.

Mary McAfee of UNB and Jane Blanchard of TC were the leading scorers with fifteen points each while Pat Pickard of UNB followed with 12 points.

The Bloomers travel to Acadia and Dalhousie U's this weekend where they will resume their Intercollegiate play.

	Rotarians	TC
McAfee	3	15
Pickard	16	12
Robinson	19	3
Slater	2	7
Belmore		
Trenholme	3	1
Godden		
Allen		
McClafferty		
Pindar		
Carson		

### UNB RED ROVERS

The UNB Red Rovers, the women's JV basketball team, were defeated by the TC Senior team in the first game of the '63-'64 season. The final tally showed TC ahead 56-29.

As the score indicates it was a poorly matched game. UNB rallied in only one of the four quarters. The half-time score was 34-11.

High scorer was Blanchard of TC with 21 points followed by Gwen Hills of UNB with 15 points.

Gwen Mullin, the referee handed out a total of 43 fouls, 30 to UNB.

The Red Rovers play their next game on Tuesday, Jan. 21, at 7:00 p.m. in the Lady Beaverbrook Gymnasium. They travel to Moncton for a two-day tournament on Jan. 24th.

Come out and support the Red Rovers!

**TC** — Blanchard 21, Hetherington 14, Dobson 9, Hanson 8, Mason 4, Robertson, Vale, Melvin, Campbell, Bouchard, Harton, Kennedy.

**UNB** — Hills 15, Geldart 9, Martin 3, Storey 2, Vaughan, O'Neill, Estabrooks, Smith, Davidge, McKeigan, Shapiro.

### TEAM MANAGER POSITIONS

Applications for positions as managers, assistant managers, and trainers of all varsity teams are now being called for by the Amateur Athletic Association.

Applications should be submitted in writing, stating experience and interest, to Miss Sandy Phinney, Secretary of the Amateur Athletic Association, not later than February 15, 1964. These positions apply to the 1964-65 year.

Article 5 Section 7 (a) AAA Constitution reads:

- i. "Managers shall be juniors or intermediates if possible.
- ii. Managers should have previous experience as assistant managers.
- iii. Assistant managers should not be seniors."

These positions play a key role in varsity and junior varsity athletics on our campus. We strongly urge you to give them serious consideration. The AAA will inform applicants by mail in early March as regards appointments of these positions.

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LIFE CLASSES

SUNDAY 2:00