

Abbott pares down camp roster

Golden Bears hockey camp is still going strong, but only 23 rookies remained, as of Monday. Pickings are pretty slim for the forwards, as almost all of last year's forwards are back. One who isn't back is captain Steve McKnight, who was a surprise cut by the Oilers yesterday. McKnight, a dark horse throughout the Oilers' camp, had been showing very well with the pros and appeared to be on the verge of cracking the lineup when he got the axe Monday. After some soul-searching, he has decided to play with Oilers' farm team in Spokane, hoping to make the big team before too long.

Jim Ofrim was also released by the WHA club, and is back with the Bears, as is Clark Jantzie, who returned to practice Monday after a week with the Washington Capitals.

Abby Hebert, who broke a leg in two places this summer, is hoping to be on skates inside two months, and could be a big plus for the Bears, who will be sadly lacking in experienced defencemen without Brian Middleton, John Simkin, and probably Ross Barros, who is attending Roadrunners' camp in Phoenix.

OPINION:

Wyrozub no longer sure starter

by Cam Cole



Wyrozub-recognition didn't used to be a problem.

The biggest surprise at Bears camp this season is the return of Rick Wyrozub, who really seems determined to play this year. Wyrozub's really had some ups and downs (mostly downs) in the last few years.

Three seasons ago, he was the league scoring champion. Two seasons ago he suffered a broken ankle and never got untracked. Last year, he had to decide between a fight to make the Bears as a tenth forward and law school - and by the time he decided, he found himself left out of coach Clare Drake's plans. This season, when he asked new coach Leon Abbott what time the Bears were practicing, Abbott is supposed to have asked "Who are you?" - to which he replied, "Rick Wyrozub" - to which Abbott replied, "Rookies report on the seventeenth."

Nobody doubts Wyrozub's talents, but this year he's facing an even tougher battle in trying to crack Bears' roster-if he should make it, and the odds aren't that good, his toughest battle may be to swallow his pride, and possibly sit on the bench for awhile before he gets the chance to prove he belongs.

Wyrozub didn't get much of a break from Drake last year - maybe Abbott will see his potential, and give him half a chance to show it.

Regina hosts martial arts championships

REGINA - This city has been chosen as the site of the First Canadian Open Tae Kwon Do (karate) Championships, General Choi Hong Hi, president of the International Tae Kwon Do Federation, announced today.

The Championships will be held at Exhibition Auditorium October 18, with more than 200 competitors from Canada and the United States expected.

General Choi, now living in Toronto, developed the martial art known as Tae Kwon Do while in Korea. Since his arrival in Canada a few years ago, the style has quickly spread across the country.

The tournament is under the directorship of Master Sung Ju Kim, a seventh degree black belt instructor who operates a Tae Kwon Do school in Regina. "While this is a Tae Kwon

Do tournament, rules have been modified so that all styles of karate may compete on an equal basis," General Choi said.

"We expect students of many different karate and martial arts styles to be competing for championship medals in Regina."

The events schedule includes sparring and forms (kata) competitions for all belt levels. While men's and women's events in sparring will be divided, competitions in forms will be mixed.

Eliminations for all events will begin at 11 a.m. on October 18, and continue through the day. Championships will be decided in evening competitions.

In addition, demonstrations illustrating breaking techniques, self-defense and forms

will be scheduled throughout both afternoon and evening sessions. These demonstrations will be conducted by Masters and instructors from competing martial arts schools.

Spectators are invited to attend the Championships. Advance tickets are priced at four

dollars. These are good for both afternoon and evening events.

A limited number of tickets will be available at the door, priced at two dollars for afternoon events and three dollars for the evening finals.

General Choi will be in attendance in Regina as a guest of the tournament.

Team Handball tryouts re-scheduled

The practice times for the U of A men's and women's team handball tryouts have been changed. The practice time this Friday shall be from 7 to 8 p.m. for the men and from 8 to 9 p.m. for the women. Both practices

are in the Ed. Gym. Once again Julius Fodor former Canadian National Team coach shall be in attendance. All interested athletes are welcome to come out and try the game.

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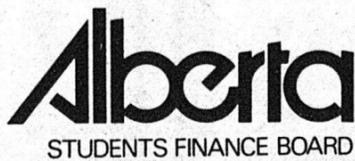
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