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Blues, Lancers claim league championships

By Canadian University Press

The long process of manufacturing hockey and basketball teams for the Olympiad '67 entered final production stages on the weekend.

Canada's top rated hockey and basketball teams, Toronto Varsity Blues and Windsor Lancers, became the first clubs to claim league championships on the weekend.

Toronto defeated second place Waterloo Warriors 7-2 Friday to capture its second straight Ontario-Quebec league title. The Blues must now win a four-team playoff series to enter national finals at the Olympiad, the athletic part of Second Century Week, to be held March 6 to 11 at the universities of Alberta and Calgary.

Toronto, who are defending national champions, have lost only

one of 14 games in the Ontario-Quebec league so far this season. Nine of the OQAA's top scorers are Toronto players.

The country's top-rated basketball team, Windsor Lancers, moved within two games of Olympiad '67 Saturday, by dumping McMaster 103-55 in Windsor.

The game clinched first place for Windsor in the OQAA's western division and moved them into a two-game playoff with the league's eastern division winners Feb. 24 and 25 in Windsor. Unranked Queen's Golden Gaels lead the eastern division with an undefeated record in five games.

Selection of a western hockey entry to the national finals was left squarely up to second-ranked Alberta Golden Bears at the weekend.

Western title up for grabs

The defending league champion Bears split a two-game series in Saskatoon with seventh-ranked Saskatchewan, winning 6-0 Friday, and losing 6-3 Saturday. The Bears are one game behind Saskatchewan, but have played two less games than the leaders. The championship will be decided Feb. 24 and 25 in a two-game series in Winnipeg between Manitoba and Alberta.

Both Saskatchewan and Alberta are entered in the Canadian Winter Games this week in Quebec City.

In western basketball at the weekend, Calgary kept their hopes for a second straight league championship alive by handing Manitoba their 20th and 21st consecutive losses, 87-45 and 79-52 in Calgary. The Dinosaurs now have

a three-game lead on second place British Columbia, but have played four more games than the Thunderbirds.

Next week should see championships decided in the Maritime conference, where basketball's Dalhousie Tigers and hockey's fifth-ranked St. Francis Xavier have commanding leads.

Playoffs are used to determine league championships in Ottawa-St. Lawrence hockey and basketball. Sir George Williams, once-beaten and nationally third-ranked, will defend their league championship against unranked Loyola, while the basketball title will be decided between MacDonald (LCD) College, league leading Bishop's and tenth-ranked Carleton.

Intramural Scoreboard

By GRANT SHARP

Engineers tightened up the intramural race by winning the skating races, followed by Physical Education and Delta Upsilon.

Dave Milmine (Eng) cruised by 34 opponents to finish first in the individual race. He was followed by Al Markin (Eng), Willy Littlechild (Phys Ed), and Gary Schielke (Lower Res).

The relay event was captured by Physical Education.

Phys Ed continues to terrorize the hockey scene as they rolled over Education 7-3 and walloped Dutch Club 11-4.

A strong Delta Kappa Epsilon squad defeated Theta Chi 8-2 and tied Lambda Chi Alpha 2-2. Phi Delta Theta outscored Dentistry 9-3 while Arts and Science trounced Sigma Alpha Mu 13-0.

In other games, Law defeated Varsity Christian Fellowship 7-1, Lower Res over Dutch Club 4-2, Engineers beat Medicine 6-2, St. Joe's defeated Delta Upsilon 6-0, St. Steve's edged St. John's 5-3 and Upper Res over Kappa Sigma 5-2.

Waterpolo is well underway with most teams having played two or three games. Theta Chi has an impressive 2 wins and 1 tie, while DKE "A" has yet to lose in two games. Watch for St. Steve's, Lower Res, DKE "B", and Delta Sigma to finish strongly.

Volleyball commences on Feb. 20, not on Feb. 11 as previously announced. Schedules are available in the intramural office.

Curling will be held on the weekends of Feb. 25-26 and March 4-5 at the Sportex, from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Competition is a double knockout tournament. Draws will be posted on the intramural notice board well in advance.



PUCK! PUCK! WHERE ART THOU?

... actually, it stuck on the end of number eight's stick

X-Men bomb Golden Bears in Quebec winter tourney

By DON MOREN

QUEBEC CITY — The X-Men from St. Francis Xavier gave the Golden Bears a rude awakening Tuesday morning at the coliseum.

Alberta lost its first game of the first Canadian Winter Games 8-4 to the Nova Scotia squad. The game, played at 10 a.m., appeared to catch the Bears asleep as the X-Men popped in three quick goals in the first period. Alberta never recovered this margin.

Murray Kelly with two and Jack Churchill fired those three goals within five minutes. Kelly's came at 14:36 and 19:05 and Churchill's came at 15:26.

Kelly continued the St. Francis scoring spree at 2:01 of the second frame and picked up his hat trick.

Left-winger Gerry Braunberger put the Golden Bears on the score board at 2:35 but the X-Men from Antigonish had built up a commanding 4-1 lead.

CUT SHORT

The Bears attempted to get a rally going but a St. Francis goal always cut them short. Fraser McPherson scored for Nova Scotia at 3:08.

Gord Jones scored the prettiest goal of the morning. Defenceman George Kingston fired a centering pass across in front of the crease and Jones was right there to bat it in past Nova Scotia goalie Tom Purcer.

But back came the X-Men. Clement Farenzena scored at 10:28 to make it 6-2. Gord Jones scored his second of the period for the Bears on a penalty shot, which was awarded to Alberta when an X-Man threw his stick in a desperate attempt to stop an Alberta breakaway. Jones coolly skated down the ice and flipped it into the lower left-hand corner.

Bear captain Brian Harper opened the scoring in the third period. Harper sent a slow roller toward the Nova Scotia goal from the edge of the crease and it somehow eluded Purcer.

GOOD CHANCE

The Bears now had a good chance at overtaking the Maritime team but goals by Churchill at 3:40 and Farenzena at 6:02 put the contest out of reach.

The upset marked the first game

Alberta has played this season against Maritime competition and the Bears were not at their best.

The X-Men dominated the first period with a display of checking and good positional hockey.

Bob Wolfe was unsteady in the Bear nets and coach Clare Drake replaced him with Dale Halterman, who played last season with the junior Bears. Halterman allowed two goals during his shift.

The Bears showed some fire in the second and third periods and dominated most of the play. The game was not all on the scoreboard. As Clare Drake put it, "We gave away too much. Four or five mistakes, that was the game."

Drake was understandably disappointed with the goaltending: "It's something you expect to hold you up over the rough spots and it wasn't there."

Many of the Bear players felt they weren't ready for the game.

Centre Ron Cebryk said, "We

needed one good hard practice here." The only practice the Bears got was a light workout at the coliseum between periods of another game.

Coach Drake's biggest problem is not enough players. The Bears have only two regular defencemen — Ralph Jorstad and George Kingston. Hugh Twa, back after a shoulder injury that laid him off since December, saw limited action. Gary Link is out for the season with a broken wrist suffered against the Huskies in Saskatoon at the weekend. Jack Nicholl is back home working on his law studies.

On the forward lines, Del Billings and Jim Seutter were unable to make the trip because of academic pressures.

Sunday, the Nova Scotia squad tied the University of Manitoba 4-4. Other teams in section "A" are Quebec, The Yukon, Manitoba and Prince Edward Island.

Basketball team has new home

The 1967 Canadian National Basketball Team will train at the University of Calgary campus for one month prior to, and in preparation for the Pan-American Games which will be held in Winnipeg in July.

Canadian Amateur Association president, Doug Potvin of Montreal, also announced that the coach of the team will be Ruby Richman, a Toronto lawyer. Richman was the playing coach of the 1964 Canadian Olympic Team but he is not expected to play this year.

The team will reside in the university residence and train in the university gymnasium in the Physical Education building.

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