

Rolin back

by Shaune Impey

Some new faces will be in the line-up this weekend as the Bears host the Saskatchewan Huskies to open the post-holiday segment of the Canada West hockey schedule.

After playing the first eight regular season games with just four defencemen, Bears' coach Clare Drake's blueline contingent has nearly doubled. Two veterans, Bruce Rolin and Duncan Babchuk, and one rookie, Dave Recknagle, are all available to play. Which ones will actually dress is still uncertain as Drake says he plans to go with only five defencemen against the Huskies and hasn't decided who they will be yet.

Rolin has played for the Bears the last four seasons while Babchuk was a rookie last year. Rolin didn't attend school in the first semester and was therefore ineligible to play with the Bears although he has been practising regularly. Babchuk has been out with torn knee ligaments since training camp. He's been skating the last five weeks and according to Drake only needs some conditioning and his timing back before he'll be back to one-hundred percent. Drake also says lack of game time has hurt Rolin as well. "In the exhibition games against NAIT his timing was off

although he started to come on. Practising is just not the same as playing."

Recknagle is a former Camrose College player who spent the first part of the season with the Leduc Riggers of the Capital Junior Hockey League.

While the Bears were idle over the Christmas break, Saskatchewan was busy on a European tour to Holland, West Germany and Austria. They played, and won, four games against some fairly good competition during their 12 day visit.

After two victories over top club teams, the Huskies beat the West German National Juniors 6-4 and 2-1. That's the same West German team that beat Canada's representative, the Cornwall Royals, 7-3 in the World Junior Championships.

Saskatchewan coach Dave King says he expects a different style of game from the Bears than in their previous meetings when the teams split two games earlier in the season in Varsity Rink. He says, "The Bears are always tougher in the second half. Rolin coming back will certainly help them."

Drake says, "Saskatchewan is the most improved team and while all teams are tough, they



Veteran Bruce Rolin (4) will add some valuable experience to the Bears' defensive corps when he returns to the lineup this weekend.

seem to be more consistent than the others. We're going to have to work hard if we want to start with a flurry in the new year."

BEAR FACTS

Saskatchewan will be missing their leading scorer for at least

the next four weeks, and maybe for the rest of the season. Former all-Canadian Greg Wiebe suffered a skate cut on the white of his eye while in Europe. It took seven stitches to close the gash and King says there is still a possibility of a

detached retina.

Joel Elliott is the Bears' leading scorer with 14 points in eight games. Chris Helland leads in goals with seven.

Game time is 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday night.

Something for everyone in '81

by Garnet DuGray

With the new year upon us and everyone full of Christmas spirit(s), it is time to get back to intramurals and work off that turkey.

In the women's department, the 3-on-3 basketball league will be run on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 7-9 p.m., January 12 to 29 in the West gym. Entry deadline for the event is by 1:30 p.m. Thursday, January 8 in the women's office.

A quick note from the women's office on their daily hours sees the office now open from 1 - 2 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday.

The Co-Rec people are equally excited about the start of the new term. Their first major event upcoming is the innertube water-

polo. It goes in both pools on Mondays and Wednesdays from January 12 to February 4, starting at 7 p.m. Entry deadline for the waterpolo is one p.m. on Friday, January 9 in the Co-Rec office. Co-Rec co-ordinator John Wishloff stated earlier that, "This event (waterpolo) along with volleyball, is one of our most important and popular activities of the year." Wishloff also said, "Because of its popularity a team shouldn't wait until Friday to get in their entries. Get them in now."

There are also numerous clinics coming up for all those greenhorns who are looking into taking up a new sport or for those who just want to learn a few new things about their sport. Wednesday, January 14 at 1 p.m. in any of the three offices, is the deadline for both squash, (Saturday, January 17, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. in the East courts) and the X-Country Ski Meet for men and women (Saturday, January 17 at Kinsmen Park), while the deadline for the Badminton clinic is a day earlier on Tuesday, January 13, at 1:00 p.m.

A final note from the Co-rec people concerns the post-Christmas fitness program with a Wednesday, January 14 deadline at 1:00 p.m. in either office. The program will be run at the noon hour in the Dance Studio from

January 21 to February 27 on Wednesdays and Fridays.

In men's action, this is the final week of the regular basketball league with the playoffs beginning next week. Be sure to check for your playing times and locations in the playoffs. Speaking of basketball, the men's 3-on-3 basketball league will run one week on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, January 19 to 22 in tournament style in the Main gym. Sign up deadline for the basketball is 1:00 p.m. in the men's office on Tuesday, January 13.

The men's Division II and anklers hockey gets underway this Sunday and runs Sunday to Thursday, from 7:00 to 12:00 p.m. except on Sundays when the action starts at 5:00 p.m. Finally in the men's area, the x-country ski race will go at Kinsmen Park on Saturday, January 17 at 10:00 a.m. Sign up deadline in the men's office is Wednesday, January 14 by 1:00 p.m.

Last, but certainly not least, is news about the ever popular Intramural Awards Banquet and Social. Because of a conflict of other major functions the gala event will be held on Saturday, March 21st and not on Friday, March 20th as was previously stated. Unit managers be sure to mark that important date on your calendars.

Grapplers group

Wrestling fans will have a good chance to see the Golden Bears and this year's competition when the U of A hosts an invitational meet this Saturday in Varsity Gym.

Teams from Regina, Saskatoon, Calgary and Montana as well as individual wrestlers from various colleges and high schools will provide opponents for the Bears. Lakehead University, last year's Canadian university champions and Simon Fraser, an independent team which wrestles

against U.S. squads, are also expected to send some competitors according to coach John Barry.

Last year the Bears won the Canada West title and were third in the Nationals behind Lakehead and Guelph. Several members of the Bears that qualified for the Nationals last year are back this year to provide a strong nucleus.

The Bears spent part of the holidays training in California with other Albertan wrestlers and just arrived back last night.

Tough schedule for Bears

by Karl-Ann Quinlan

The Bears ski team's competitive schedule is short compared to the pre-race training period, but the schedule's brevity is countered by its intensity.

For instance, after a successful training camp at For-

ress Mountain, the Bears competed in an internationally sanctioned slalom race December 20 and 21 in Red Deer. The Bears' best result December 21st on the steep icy Canyon pitch was a 7th

place by Ted Redmond. Bear Mark Stein also finished 10th on the 21st. In

December 20's race, the best U of A result was a 13th spot by Magic Johnstone. Jasper's Rob Klettli won both slalom events.

The next race, starting a January schedule which has four events on the calendar, was a Pontiac Cup slalom at Mt. Norquay. The U of A squad ran into tougher opposition and the best result was again turned in by Redmond who placed 19th on last Monday. Ex-Bear Jack Bennett skied to a fourth place Monday.

Bears head coach Bruce Wilson points out the competition in the Pontiac series is tough, especially from the B.C. racers. The Pontiac series is a training ground for the national team. In the FIS and Pontiac series the Bears compete against full-time racers whose season often starts in the summer in New Zealand or Austria. Still, the U of A team's performance is not expected to peak until late February and the encouraging early results could change into outstanding ones.

The next round of slaloms start this weekend, again at Mt. Norquay, with a B class race. The week after the squad will compete in an A class event at Paskapoo. As usual the Bears will send strong teams to both events and top three results are a distinct possibility.

Athlete of the Week



TRIX KANNEKENS

Named the 'Most Valuable Player' of the Huskiettes Invitational Tournament in Saskatoon this past weekend, Trix Kannekens scored a phenomenal 101 points in three games. Her performance included a big 38 point game against No. 1 ranked Bishop's University (Pandas lost 72-69 in overtime). After 6 Canada West games, Trix is second in conference scoring, averaging 16.6 points per game.

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Sports Quiz



by Dick Hancock

1. What Oakland A's player pitched in all seven World Series games in 1973?
2. Who is the leading scorer on the Winnipeg Jets this year?
3. In 1972 this Los Angeles King scored two goals in six seconds against the Boston Bruins. Who was he?
4. Who did Los Angeles trade to obtain Juha Widing? What NHL team did they trade with?
5. Who was the Buffalo Sabres first choice in the 1970 NHL expansion draft?
6. Which Detroit Red Wing player scored 50 goals in two consecutive seasons?
7. Which New York Ranger was the first NHL player to score hat tricks in two consecutive games?
8. Which Ranger, in 1962-63, scored a goal in ten consecutive games?
9. Which Rangers players composed the GAG line? What does GAG stand for?
10. Who was the first New York Met to have over 100 runs batted in during one season?

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