

Tories shortchange amateurs

by Karl Wilberg

Canada's results in the 1980 Olympics will indicate the regression of national sport programs says Dean Roger Jackson. Dean Jackson, head of Calgary's university physical education faculty and ex-Sport Canada official stated in an interview that 1980 Olympic results will be below those earned in 1976 and below what may have been achieved under the Liberal's sport policy. Jackson spoke at a Sears press conference held in support of the Junior Olympic and Olympic programs.

The Tory government policy, where it exists, clearly spells a decrease in commitment to amateur sport and in particular to university sport.

Jackson mentions that under the Liberal government, amateur sport was guaranteed an extension of the Lottery and a policy paper outlining a future for amateur sport had been assembled. There had been he stated "a strong development in funding until a year ago." In addition, hopes for improved national sport programs were

"kept alive because the Lottery was to be continued last 1979." The Lottery was to provide \$40 million this year.

However the Tory government has changed much of this in two ways. First there has been a

decentralization of funds. The Tories, and fitness minister Steve Paproski have given Loto Canada rights to the provinces, but terms are unclear. What is clear is a reduction from the proposed \$40 million subsidy for amateur sport to the present \$12 million level.

Secondly is the absence of concern at federal and provincial levels. Jackson blames a "lack of attention from the federal government" for regression of Canadian sport programs. Present funding reflects this attitude. So too does reduced funding to intercollegiate travel. Also, the Alberta government, after the Loto money transfer, has been unable to provide proposals on money allocation and priority.

These conditions may in-

terfere with Jackson's hopes to see universities strengthen national programs. Jackson declares "the country has relied on the club system" to develop athletes and he adds "very few clubs came through." However, success occurred from "clubs and the federal government" cooperating.

Jackson states that to be internationally successful national programs should use universities' "expertise, sport sciences, and subsidized coaching." Jackson states sport governing bodies have "not established formal contacts and concludes the federal government "has to help national governing bodies to involve universities."

Justification for university sport funding, Jackson explains, also lies in its contribution to sport. Universities, he states, do a "lot of research" both biomechanical and psychological. In addition, university resources can supply strong support that in East Germany

has helped athletes to succeed. Jackson points out the East Germans gain the advantage because "they are more committed and organized." Still, as Jackson points out, "equipment here is better than the East German's, but is neglected because Canadian coaches must be "managers and planners" too. Jackson emphasizes the potential at universities for providing sophisticated coaching. He quips "We can out East German the East Germans."

Consequently, it seems Canada is capable, through federal support, of making the commitment for international success. However, the commitment now is lacking and available resources like univer-

sities are not being exploited. The answer for a long term renewal of success is probably the funding of national programs that can use sophisticated collegiate resources. As an example, Jackson points out the U of C's support of national hockey, swimming, basketball, and gymnastics programs.

However, a change in priorities too may be necessary. Whereas Tory commitment to amateur programs was vague in the transfer of Loto money, the commitment of three million to the Edmonton Coliseum was not. The priority for spending that this arrangement suggests is not encouraging when one considers the Coliseum's contribution to amateur sport.

Terry Jonestown



THIS GUY'S NO PANSY. Brian Heaney is a guy on the go from St. Mary's Nova Scotia where he brought college basketball to the number two spectator sport next to U.I.C. line-up racing. It's about time he's here because the U of A needs men of reason. When Brian says "Facial fuzz off" you know the players' razors will be busy. Brian knows the *Leave it to Beaver* look has crowd appeal and will get mom and dad out to see the Bears battle the Lethbridge Pronghorns. Brian knows a first class product needs first class downtown facilities. The Bears will start the season against the 97st. Aqua Velvas at the Boyle St. courts. Come on out and bring your Lysol. This university is missing that distinctly red, white, and blue touch Brian can supply. Before long, thrilling marching bands and frisky cheerleaders should be stirring the backward U of A population into real expressions of the intellectual spirit.

IT'S NOT TRUE PRINCESS ANNE will boot the opening kick for the College Bowl in Toronto this November. Actually her pet horse Dribbler will flog the old pigskin. Anne, in an exclusive interview, exclaimed: "oh it makes me tingle allwover, all those young men strapped in strange 'arness grasping each other." During a football game last year Anne was overheard to say "Cor, he's got 'im by the bleedin' 'ead.! Oooo, fancy that, the little beggar's been grabbed about the behind!" Anne later commented on the "dignity of the sport" and the "elevation of man's struggle to the playing fields".

GPAC mystery tour



photo Russ Sampson

GPAC's probably wishing they never invited the Bear's over to play.

by Danny Nakamura and Derek Drager

The rookie-laden Golden Bear hockey team had its baptism by fire this weekend. The team survived a ridiculous travel itinerary that saw them play two games in eighteen hours, the second one coming after five hundred miles on plane and bus, and with only four hours sleep. Surprisingly, they came away with victories against what are considered to be the two top teams in the Great Plains Athletic Conference (GPAC).

The Bears opened in Brandon Saturday night, facing a Bobcat team slightly in awe of the defending National Champions. Sophomore Coach Andy Murray felt that the greatest obstacle his club had to contend with was the Bears' fearsome reputation. Nevertheless, after a shaky first period, Murray's charges played well enough to extend the Bears to a ten minute overtime period, when Alberta rookie Terry Sydoryk notched the winner at 4:30.

Another Bear freshman, Garnet "Ace" Brimacombe, opened scoring in the first frame

by putting home a Joel Elliot shot that came from just inside the blueline. The combination of Elliot, Brimacombe, and veteran Mike Broadfoot was the Bears' best all-round unit on Saturday. Elliot broke a 1-1 first period tie with the line's second goal of the game and the trio went on to play solid defensive hockey for the remainder of the contest.

At 5:52 of the second stanza, Chris Helland dug the puck out of the corner and fed Danny Arndt who put the Bears up 3-1. Brandon fought back with three unanswered goals and Alberta looked to fluid-skating Terry Lecision to send the game into overtime on a Chris Helland rebound at 4:32 of the third period.

It was left to Sydoryk to play the role of the hero. He was substituting for Greg Skoreyko who had been ejected earlier after slugging out a unanimous decision over a much bigger Brandon player. Hard-working Jim Lomas brought the puck up-ice and Brad Schneider worked it to the slot where Sydoryk bang-

ed it in. The Bears hung on for the 5-4 win despite being outshot 34-33 on the game.

Coach Bill Moores saw the victory as an important learning experience for his young squad, who had to work hard to beat a disciplined Brandon club. He was particularly pleased with his rookies, singling out Joel Elliot, Dan Peacocke and Duncan Babchuk for praise.

The Bears stumbled into Regina for a 2:00 p.m. Sunday game with the highly rated Cougars. They were exhausted from a needless, expensive and frustrating detour back to Winnipeg from Brandon in the wee small hours of the morning. Amazingly, the Bears jumped to a quick 7-0 first period lead, scoring on an early power play and exploiting Regina's resulting loss of composure. The Cougars later regained some of their GPAC championship form but Alberta was able to coast on to a 10-1 win.

Greg Skoreyko turned his efforts from pugilism to point



photo Russ Sampson

Roger's angels were almost this close winning the West Conference.

Angels go to heaven

The U of A women's cross country team won the Canada West conference on a slippery Victoria race course.

However they have not outrun financial restraint that has cancelled a national championship. Bev Bush led Birget

Otto, Janice Turner, and Mary Burzminski to score only 26 points.

The men's team did well in a somewhat stronger field of runners and placed second to Saskatchewan.

production and notched four goals on Sunday. Joel Elliot was close behind with three, Danny Arndt, Chris Helland and Brad Schneider had singles.

Ted Poplawski started both games in goal for Alberta and Brad Hall came in to relieve him for the last half of the Regina game, in which the Cougars

outshot the Bears 41-31.

It was a weekend that saw Alberta veterans provide leadership and stability under trying conditions. Also evidenced was the promise of good things to come from the rookies, who are quickly catching on to the winning tradition of Golden Bear hockey.