

Speaking on Sports

with RICHARD VIVONE

You're a hockey player. Ever since you can remember that's all you wanted to be.

Back in Regina, you toiled pleasureably on the outdoor rinks hour after hour because it was fun. When you went to the arena or listened to the radio or watched television, you visualized yourself performing there some day. It would be good and you would like it.

When the junior team called, you went even though you were only 15. You had to follow in your brother's footsteps. Fans would know your name because they expected the same things from you.

You played well for the juniors and the pros saw you. One year they took you to the minor pro training camp and suddenly you didn't want to be a pro anymore. Hockey, for them, wasn't a game. It was a business.

Then, a new man was creating headlines across the country. This was 1963 and Father David Bauer wanted players for a National hockey team. The first training camp was held in Edmonton's University Ice Arena and you went.

But all went bad. A gimpy knee finally gave out and an operation was required. But the knockout blow was an attack of hepatitis. That was the end of hockey for the winter. But Clare Drake, Alberta hockey coach, impressed you and you thought it would be good to play for him. You enrolled in Physical Education.

But the year went quickly and before you knew it, there was ice in the arena again.

That year was a good one for you. There were 13 goals—best in the league—and an All Star berth. But the Bears didn't win and that made it an unsuccessful hockey season.

The next year, 1965-66, made up for it. This time, you scored 17 goals, made the All Stars again and the Bears lost only one league game all season.

The team went to Sudbury for the Canadian Championships and the memory of that game still haunts you. No one knew what happened.

But it was your graduation year and Father Bauer was looking for players again.

Wanted to play

You went to the advance camp in Montreal. They said they were looking for prospects for a B team next year. But they didn't want that for you. You would stay with the big club. But, they asked, would you play if you could not make the trip overseas with the team?

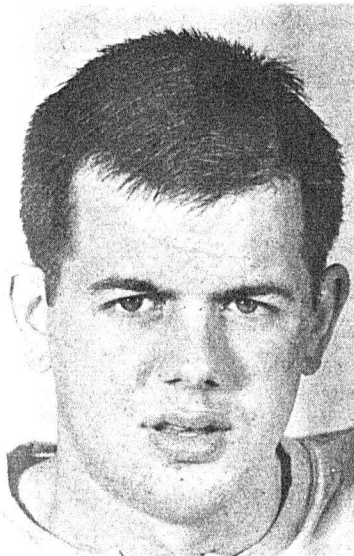
This was not what you wanted. You wanted to play. They wanted you to watch. It was no deal.

You came back to Alberta. If you didn't play with the Nationals, Alberta was the sole alternative. And Drake needed you to bolster his club because it was depleted by departing graduates.

The 1966 team looks good to you—young but good. You would enjoy playing with them. The rookies are coming along well and the defence has been fortified with a couple of veterans returning to university.

The general consensus was that last year's team was the best Alberta ever had but you feel that this team can be just as good.

But next fall, the Olympic Season, when David Bauer is looking for players again and he calls 'Brian Harper', you'll go again because that's where you really want to play.



BRIAN HARPER

U of A volleyball teams sweep Calgary open

Two volleyball teams from Edmonton won first place in the Calgary Open tournament last weekend.

The men's team comprised of students from the U of A won 14 straight games. They beat the Calgary Vikings 15-4 twice and advanced to the finals against the University of Calgary. The Dinnies defeated Mount Royal College Cougars to reach the finals.

The finals proved easy for the Edmonton entry as they walloped the Dinnies 15-4 and 15-6.

Coach Costa Chrysanthos has once again molded together a fine club that will have an excellent chance to represent Alberta in the Quebec Winter Games. A provincial playoff next month will decide the entry.

WOMEN WIN TOO

The women's team continued their winning ways also. They were victorious in eight of nine games in the six-team single-rebin meet.

They met last year's champs from the U of C in the finals and

took 15-12 and 15-8 decisions.

Coach Audrey Carson said her team played unbelievably well with only a month of practice. Standouts were Taffy Smith, Nancy Fay, Lynn Cooke, Chris Mowat and Sharon Kent.

It is unfortunate the University Athletic Board thinks so little of

these two championship calibre teams that they wouldn't allow them a budget for the trip.

Both squads have a fine opportunity to represent the province in the Quebec and CIAU championships. To keep the calibre at a high level, good competition is required and without money, it is nearly impossible.

Three teams share in football title

By LAWRIE HIGNELL

Inclement weather resulted in the cancellation of football playoffs in each division and the winners of each league shared the bonus playoff points.

In Division One, DKE "A", Phi Delta Theta "A", Dutch Club "A" and Education "A" will be co-holders of the flag-football trophy as they were respective winners of Leagues A, B, C, and D.

Division Two saw Phi Delta Theta win League E, DKE "B" win League F and St. Joe's "B" capture the League G title.

In division three Upper Residence "D" won the League "H" title and Engineering "D" captured the League "J" crown.

HOCKEY

With two weeks of play finished in the hockey schedule, Division Two has two teams at the top of their leagues with three wins and no losses. In League "G" Dentistry "E" and St. Joe's "C" are tied for the lead with two wins and one loss each. St. Joe's "B" and Phys. Ed. "B" hold the top spot in League "J" with two wins and no losses.

Phi Delta Theta "B" is on top in League "H" with a 3-0 record and Phys. Ed. "C" leads League "F" with three wins in as many games. Peter King is the top scorer in Division Two with seven goals in the three games he has played for Phys. Ed. "C" including two 'hat tricks'.

In Division Three Agriculture "D", Eng. "E" and Delta Sigma Phi "C" are all tied for first place with one win and one loss each.

BASKETBALL

After one week of play in basketball most teams have had two games and Delta Upsilon in League "D" holds the lead with Doug Krenz and Ron Finch starring in the two games.

Agriculture "A" in League B holds down top spot with two wins and is led by Rod Chernos with 24 points against Pharmacy "A".

In League G two teams are tied for first with two wins each. DKE "B" led by Tutty and VCF "B" with Rod and Ray Martens hold the top position.



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