



photo by Jim Nolen
Rick Peterson, surrounded by teammates, (clockwise) Barry Nabholz, Bob Markle and Doug Currie

Rick Peterson: young man with a 'dual personality'

by Allyn Cadogan

"Put some weight on that kid and he'll be one great hockey player." This feeling is common among those who've seen Rick Peterson, Bearcats' five-foot-seven 140 pound centre, in action.

Classed as a Bearcat regular, Rick has also played on the Golden Bear team this year. Both Clare Drake and Dick Wintermute wax prolific in their praise of his hockey abilities. They like to describe him as a "thinking" player.

"I've been impressed with the way he's handled himself in the games he's played and the practices he's had with the Golden Bears," says Drake.

"For his age, he's a very heady player. He thinks well and has good anticipation. He has a feel for where the puck will go—good 'puck sense.'"

"He's a good skater," Drake adds. "He's quick, agile. Size is his biggest drawback at the moment."

Bearcat coach Dick Wintermute echoes Drake's sentiments, adding, "Rick has very good timing. He does all right so long as he's moving, but he can't always be moving and he gets pushed out of the way a lot, physically. He isn't afraid of the contact, though."

"In university there is more emphasis placed on skating and checking. In junior hockey, the emphasis is on body contact. I don't like to think I'm afraid to

go into the corners," says Peterson.

He enjoys working with Bearcats, although looking forward to graduating to the senior team next season.

Rick says there's less pressure playing with the juniors. "With the Bears, you're expected to do more because it's the varsity team."

He's also more than satisfied with the coaching he's received this year. "By the time you reach university, you've learned all your fundamentals of hockey. Here they concentrate on teaching the small details, refining your play. I'd like to say Dick is the best coach I've ever had, just a great team man."

Rick played his first organized hockey at the ripe old age of six in Grande Prairie where he grew up. Last year he aided the Grand Prairie North Stars junior 'B' team in their battle for league championships.

After leading his league in scoring honors with 27 goals and 51 assists in a 28-game schedule, Rick got off to a rather slow start this season with Bearcats. He collected four goals and nine assists in Bearcats' first 11 games.

Then Wintermute made some line changes a few weeks back, pairing Peterson with Darcy Lukenchuk and John Kuzbik, and everyone has been pleased with the results. Last weekend the line picked up a total of 11 points in a game against St. Albert Bruins, with

Peterson scoring a hat trick.

"Both my wingers are big," Rick says, "and if I can't get through, I know I can give the puck to them and they'll take it in."

Without a doubt the smoothest skater on the team, Peterson is a joy to watch as he stickhandles his way through and around an opposing team.

"Rick's shot has also really improved in the last little while," says Wintermute. "And naturally his scoring's improved. He's definitely a potential for the varsity team. He's very close to it right now."

"Rick has a good total picture of the game," he continues. "He knows what's happening on the ice all the time."

"Yes, he's got an excellent chance of making the Bears next season," Drake adds.

The first-year arts student, majoring in history with intentions of going into law, says he regards hockey more as a hobby than anything else.

"I don't have my heart set on going into pro hockey. There are too many other things to take into consideration."

To improve his performance he does regular weight training exercises along with several other members of the Bearcats club.

"I think he'll get big enough to play good hockey," is Drake's opinion. "He'll never be big, but big enough."

Saskatchewan Huskies shock foes in CWUAA

At the beginning of the season it was a cut-and-dried affair who would take the Canada West University Athletic Association pennant, so far as hockey forecasters were concerned.

U of A Golden Bears would remain in first, almost as a matter of divine right. UBC and Calgary would haggle over second place while Saskatchewan would sit complacently in fourth. And of course dependable Victoria would bring up the rear.

But apparently Saskatchewan Huskies didn't get the news: They've given every team in the league a tough run for their money and have been raising merry hell with the odds-makers all year long. The latest star in their escutcheon was a surprise 4-3 upset over UBC last Friday.

Said Thunderbirds coach Bob Hindmarch after the rather stunning defeat, "Saskatchewan is a good team, tough at home, and they deserved their win. They're going to surprise a lot of people before the season's over."

Clare Drake admits that two months ago he figured the pennant race would be between just two teams, obviously referring to UBC and Alberta. However, those two haven't really come up to expectations while Calgary has adequately demonstrated that Dinosaurs are far from extinct in this part of the world.

Drake feels that "This is still

a four-way battle. I think a team can only really afford seven losses if they expect to take the conference. UBC has seven now. Saskatchewan has six. Calgary and UBC are still definitely in the running."

This weekend, Bear fans will have their first chance to see the new breed of Huskie that has set the league on its ear.

Alberta hosts Saskatchewan in Varsity Arena Saturday night at 8:30 and Sunday at 2 p.m. The following weekend, Feb. 3, Huskies return for a repeat encounter. And the sixty-four dollar question is, can Alberta take Huskies three times in a row?

Bears also play their last two regular season games against Huskies, in the notoriously awful Rutherford Rink in Saskatoon. In this light, Drake feels it is very important to win this series as "it would hurt us to go into the last of the season and have to win."

Bears played Saskatchewan in their season opener last November, downing them 4-2 in what Drake described as a "close, tough game."

"Saskatchewan started with inexperienced players, but they're improving all the time. They skate well, check well, and get excellent goaltending from Kevin Migneault. Their only trouble is in scoring."

"Unless they play completely differently away from home, they should give us trouble," Drake concluded.

John Kuzbik shoots puck-uh baskets for 7th Henday

(C.S.A.) defeated Neil Falkeid (Phi Delts).

The finals in all three Divisions of Intramural Basketball were held Monday. Second Mac, led by John Kuzbik's 10 points (all on wrist shots) walked over Seventh Henday 41 to 23 to capture the Division III crown. Wayne Elsmar managed 10 points for Seventh Henday.

In the Division II final, L.D.S. 'B' had to come from behind with less than two minutes remaining, to squeak by a scrappy Dentistry 'B' team 30-27. Fern Jubber of L.D.S. led all scorers with 16 points and Rick Krenn of Dentistry had 10.

All finals should be close battles, as was certainly the case in the Division I final. The partisan Latter Day Saints crowd saw their 'A' team upset by Medicine 'A' 38-36. L.D.S. was ahead 20 to 19 at the half but then former Golden Bear, Ian Walker started hitting from the outside to pull Medicine slightly ahead. Walker finished with a game high of 13 points.

Final unit results in basketball have already been calculated. L.D.S. has moved back into first place in 'B' conference with a total of 868 points, Recreation is second with 842, and Education is third with 609. In 'A' conference, Law now has 1732 points, Dentistry has 1322, and Kappa Sigma has 1287.

Tuesday evening, the Men's Intramural Wrestling Tournament was held. Following are the results of the finals in each weight class: 123-pound weight class - Barrie Schula (A. & S.) defeated Dale Zarski (Phi Delts); 130-pound weight class - Drew Makinen (K. Sig.) defeated Greg Davidson (Commerce); 137-pound weight class - Harvey Clark (L.D.S.) defeated Laurent Caux (L. Res.); 147-pound weight class - Guy Sunada (L. Res.) defeated Phil Dunn (L. Res.); 157-pound weight class - George Gibney (Rugby) defeated Dennis Cook (K. Sig.); 167-pound weight class - John Stothart (Rugby) defeated Ed Parent (L. Res.); 177-pound weight class - Glen Hornland (A.A.A.) defeated Ken Oleschuk (K. Sig.); 191-pound weight class - Ken LeLacheur (Deke's) defeated Jim Barton (P.E.); Heavyweight class - Don Kates

The deadline for Volleyball is Tuesday, at 1:00 p.m. Seven names must appear on each team list before they'll be accepted.

The Co-Rec Badminton tournament was held last Saturday and K.C. Er and Marlene Maden were the eventual champions.

The Men's Badminton and Racquetball draw goes this week and next and those signed up should check the draw across from the Intramural Office. Also, the Bowling Tournament goes Sat. and Sun., Jan. 27 and 28, and three-on-three Basketball starts tonight.

Our 'Participant of the Week' is Dave Keeler of Latter Day Saints. On Monday night Dave helped his L.D.S. 'B' Basketball team capture the Division III title. Then on Tuesday night Dave and his L.D.S. hockey team ran into a tough Medicine 'E' team and lost 8-0.

Swimmers place first

Coach Sandy Drever was rather pleased with the overall performance of her Panda Speed Swimming troupe as they took first spot with 68 points in the Tri-Swim Meet.

University of Calgary and the Y Torpedoes from Calgary also competed last Saturday here at Hamilton Memorial Pool.

Calgary finished second with 58 points followed by the Torpedoes with 23.

Pandas placed first in five out of the ten events. Sue Smith took the Senior Women's 200 yard Individual Medley and 100 yard Breast. The 100 yard back-stroke was captured by Brenda Martin.

Both the Senior Women's Relays—400 yard Free and 400 yard Medley—were taken by the Panda teams.

The Golden Bears placed first in all eleven events to amass 103 points while the Y Torpedoes lagged behind with 30 points followed by the U of Calgary with 22.

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