

Air strike ravages WCIAA scheduling

Campbell, Stewart rate recognition

Bruins ain't goin' nowhere

by Ron MacTavish

Bob Morris and Mike Frisby, the long and the short of the Bears' basketball fortunes have been receiving the majority of the team's publicity this season. In between these two extremes, however, is a group of talented athletes who are deserving of more recognition.

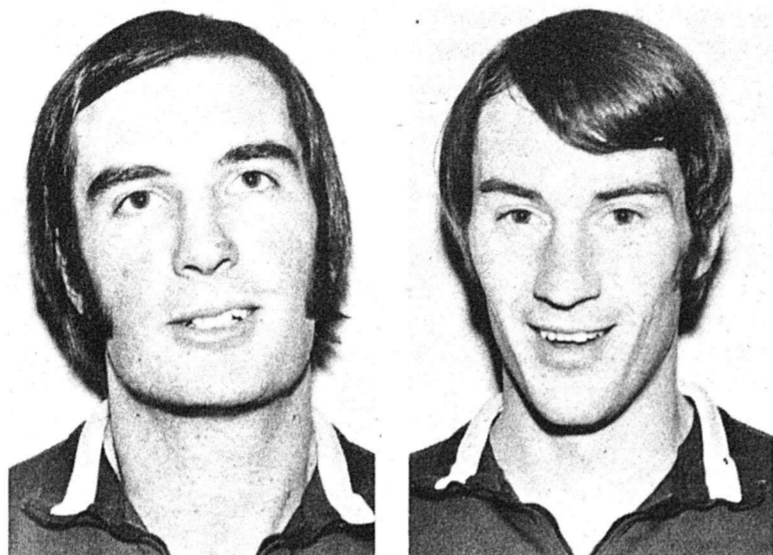
Typical of this group are Garry Campbell and Greg Stewart, the long's and the short's replacements. Both players are in their second year with the Bears and as coach Mitchelson explains, "they tend to complement each other." This is a reference to their differing styles of play with Stewart the poised ball handler and accurate shooter contrasting with Campbell who excels in the rough going with his aggressive rebounding being his prime forte.

The pair's association originated in their high school days at Bonnie Doon where they tarrered on the city championship team. The following season Stewart toiled for the junior Bearcats while Campbell went south to centre the Mount Royal College squad, the Canadian Junior men's champions of that year.

Mitchelson elaborated further on these individuals: "Greg is a very steady ball player, one who can be inserted at any time without fear of him losing his cool." This poise of Stewart was well illustrated in a recent game against UBC, where he spotted a T-Bird attacker twenty feet, paced the length of the court and clocked an attempted lay-up just as the ball was entering the hoop. The fact the play occurred in the dying minutes of the game with the Bears holding a slim two point lead made the sequence all the more dramatic.

On Campbell Mitchelson added, "Garry has the ability to turn a game around." This statement is certainly valid as Campbell tends to change the tempo of a contest; who benefits from his muscular play is sometimes in question. What can not be questioned, however, is Campbell's desire as he is one of the few big men who is always hustling. While no threat to Rudolph Nureyev in the style and grace department, Campbell comes to play and he will try and beat you any way he can whether; it be an elbow swinging rebound, an unorthodox hook or an ungainly steal.

Stewart and Campbell are just part of a strong bench that enables coach Mitchelson to substitute freely, especially this weekend, as all players will receive equal playing time. None at all in fact as the Bears, innocent victims in a labor-management dispute in the airlines establishment have been forced to reschedule their series against UBC for mid-February.



GARRY CAMPBELL

GREG STEWART

Drake gives youngster chance to play

by Stu Layfield

The few dozen fans who braved the elements and took in Tuesday night's game between the Golden Bears and the Edmonton Monarchs at the Gardens witnessed a new first. Nothing as auspicious as Jack Gibson scoring ten goals in one game and complaining that he got too much ice time, or Coach Drake storming onto the ice to register his displeasure with the visual and/or mental faculties of a local official, but an unprecedented event nonetheless.

For the first time in Golden Bear history, a high school student donned the Green and Gold and played for the University of Alberta in an athletic contest. While this is hardly an earth-shattering occurrence and may even precipitate a few facetious remarks from die-hard Oil King or Dinosaur fans about the Golden Bears being so hard up for hockey talent that they must use high schoolers to round out their line-up, the actual circumstances behind the event are worth noting for what they say about at least one aspect of minor hockey in our city and about Clare Drake, coach of the Golden Bears.

David Liden is a sixteen year old Grade 12 student who also happens to be a reasonably good young hockey player. Good enough that he was able to make the jump from Jenner Motors team in the local Midget "AA" league where he played last winter, to the Edmonton Maple Leafs of the Alberta Junior Hockey League. Certainly not an uncommon achievement by any means, one made by perhaps fifteen or twenty boys who step from Midget hockey to either the Oil Kings, the Maple Leafs, or the latter team's across city rival, the Edmonton Movers, but still one a youngster can be proud of since it is an indicator that he does possess hockey talent. However, at least in the

estimation of his coach, Al Lymer, Dave wasn't quite good enough to play regularly and consequently was languishing on the bench.

The Maple Leafs had a practice scheduled for 5:00 p.m. one afternoon a few weeks ago at the Edmonton Gardens. David informed his coach he would be late because he would have to travel across the city from his home in the west end to the Gardens by bus after school; a good student at Ross Shepard Composite, he hopes to earn a scholarship to university in the United States next year. He was told not to bother coming at all if he couldn't come on time and a couple of days later was cut from the team by his coach. About a week later Dave was contacted by Bill Hunter, General Manager of the Edmonton Oil Kings, the junior team which holds his rights and operates the Maple Leafs as a farm team. Mr. Hunter told the boy not to worry, that he would be playing for another team soon, that everything was being looked after, and so on and so forth. The controversial Oil King leader left Edmonton the next day on matters concerning the fledgling World Hockey Association, in which he is a prominent figure, and Dave hasn't heard from him since.

But while awaiting news of some development from Mr. Hunter, the New Year arrived and Dave found himself victimized from another corner, a ruling which forbids the transfer of a minor hockey player from one team to another after December 31. This regulation probably has some reasonably sound theoretical background, but it doesn't appear to make allowance for exceptions or special considerations. What this means is that Dave can't play junior hockey for any other team without the permission of the organization which is currently ignoring him, the Oil Kings, nor can he return to a lower calibre of play such as the Juvenile or Midget "AA" leagues. Thus a teenaged boy with recognized talent and a desire to play doesn't have a team to play for.

The boy's father mentioned the matter to Coach Drake who is familiar with the boy because

Bruins meet Dinnies

by Stu Layfield

One of the many areas where the latest instance of Canadian labor strife has had repercussions is in intercollegiate athletics. For example, as a result of the current air controllers strike, the University of Victoria Vikings and the University of British Columbia Thunderbirds hockey teams will be unable to venture east of the Rockies to play their scheduled weekend series against the Golden Bears and the University of Calgary Dinosaurs respectively. Consequently, this weekend's schedule has been juggled with that of the weekend of February 18 and 19 such that the Bears will travel to Calgary to meet the Dinosaurs on Friday and Saturday nights while the Thunderbirds and the Vikings will clash on the coast.

The games in the Cowtown loom as crucials for both the Golden Bears and the Dinosaurs. While it is undoubtedly safe to assume that the T'Birds will have no difficulty disposing of the hapless Vikings, the outcome of the Bears-Dinos series is anybody's guess. The Bears have been playing only mediocre hockey of late, while the Dinos have recently been playing their best games of the season. Moreover, Bear coach Clare Drake has been conducting rather relaxed practice sessions this week in expectation of hosting the last place Vikings, while the George Kingston coached Dinosaurs have been preparing in dead earnest for their scheduled vitally important series with the Thunderbirds. The Dinos and the T'Birds are currently battling for second place behind the Bears in the Western Division of the W.C.I.A.A. standings; to the eventual winner goes a playoff spot, to the loser a long holiday. Granting the two victories over the Vikings to the Thunderbirds, the Bears must win both games against their arch-rivals to the south to preserve their one game first-place margin over the T'Birds.

Coach Drake will take a healthy squad to Calgary on Friday. Center Dave Couves, certainly one of the more outstanding Bears in recent games, has had his elbow in a cast all week to help heal a nagging injury he suffered from a fall to the ice earlier in the season, but will play. And if his hat-trick last Saturday afternoon against the Brandon Bobcats was a true indicator, then Harvey

RALLEY!

Doing anything Sunday?

If not, why not drag out the old auto and participate in the Monte Carlo Rally. Sponsored by the Campus Auto Rallyists and BACUS in conjunction with the Monte Carlo festivities this weekend, the rally is the biggest of the winter, with over \$300 in prize money.

The rally gets underway from room 142 SUB at 9 a.m. Sunday Jan. 23. There will be free parking for contestants in the car park, and any type of car can enter. The only stipulations is that one of the persons in any car be a university student or faculty member. The rally is a novice one, which means that anyone who has finished in the top ten in any national rally is ineligible to compete.

Poon has fully recovered from his badly bruised back. The Bears defeated the Dinosaurs by scores of 6 - 2 and 5 - 1 at Varsity Arena in mid-November but the Calgarians are currently riding the crest of a seven game win streak, including an impressive 13 - 4 shellacking of the Manitoba Bisons in their last game.



ACTIVITIES

In last week's article we failed to mention the final results of Co-recreational Inner Tube Water Polo. So by popular demand/command we have them for you now. The finals were held just before Christmas Exams and "The Beavers" upset highly favoured "Kennedy's Killers" 3-2 to win the championship. Janice Wotherspoon, "The Beavers" stalwart goal tender, was aided by the Men's I-M staff on defence. The offensive punch was provided by Doreen Walsh, Ann Jordan, and Candice Clendenning, who worked cross-overs to penetrate "Kennedy Killers" defence.

Basketball playoffs start Thursday evening and in Division 1 "Law "A" seem to be the team to beat. Things are not quite as clear in Division 11. Kappa Sigma "B", P.E. "B", Arts and Science "B", or Lower Res "B" should be the team to capture the title. In Division 111 predictions are also a little bit difficult. The Division title should either go to St. Joes' "D", 2nd Mac, or 7th Mac.

We have quite a few important dates coming up. On Monday, January 24, the weigh-in for the Intramural wrestling tournament will be held in the men's locker room from 7:00 to 9:00p.m. Those wishing to compete should show up. At 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 25, entries close for the Second Half of the Track and Field Meet, men's field hockey and men's bowling.

By this coming weekend we should know the champions in Co-recreational Racquetball. Kent Harris and Susan Burns will be battling against Don Mah and Sandy Shenton for top honours.

In Co-recreational Volleyball P.E.V seems to have quite a stacked team. The Chinese Students or Doug Weisbeck's "Wallieballies" might rise to the top.

The Men's Cross Country Ski Relay was held last Saturday at Kinsmen Park and Ken Schow of L.D.S. had the best time for the day. But the Phi Deltis won the team standings with Faculty placing second and third.

Our "Athlete of the Week" is chosen from Division III Hockey, and he is Larry Stephenson of 3rd Mac. In their league opener Larry knocked in two goals to lead his team to a 6-5 victory over Chemical Engineering last Thursday.

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