

# AJHL's top rookie will stick around

by Blaine Ostapovich

The Golden Hockey hockey camp is currently in full swing, and despite a lower than average number of tryouts in camp the story this season may be quality and not quantity. Head Coach Clare Drake has already trimmed the numbers to a workable 50 or so, and he expects to have that down to about 30 players come Friday.

On the forward ranks don't be surprised if yet another young recruit makes the Green and Gold. A year ago Coach Drake kept two highly touted 17 year olds. After shaky starts both Shaun Clouston and Bret Walter showed enough to be drafted by the New York Rangers in the third round of the amateur draft. This season the fresh face on the forward ranks may be Rob Glasgow. As a seventeen year old in the Alberta Junior Hockey

League last year he copped top rookie honors. Coach Drake describes Glasgow as a "good skater with a good sense of what is happening around him."

The goaltending cuts may be the easiest. Returnees Darren Turner and John Krill have both had solid camps thus far. Krill in particular has been stellar in his attempt to capture a spot on the club. Nadr Jomha, who played with the Bears in the early parts of last season, has also shown well.

On defense the picture is not so clear. Veteran Ron Vertz is gone and for the moment Colin Chisholm is still with the Minnesota North Stars. That creates at least two spots on the blueline. Parie Proft, who was a Golden Bear two years ago and with the Canadian Olympic Team last season looks as good as ever, particularly



photo Alex Miller

Rob Glasgow (left) is making an impression at the Golden Bears hockey camp.

when on the offensive. A newcomer who has impressed so far is NAIT grad Dean Clark. He is a no nonsense type blueliner who may fill the role left by Vertz.

Glasgow played for former Oiler defenseman Al Hamilton in Sherwood Park and is looking forward to the challenge of making the jump from the Crusaders to the Golden Bears. "All in all, the speed is a lot faster, and comparatively the guys are much stronger," says Glasgow. Should he be one of the players who stick, the pace of the College schedule appeals to him. "I think that with fewer games it is an

advantage because you can get up for them."

However, for a rookie trying out with the club, this season may be one of the more difficult times to try and hang around. "The calibre of players who are out this season is excellent. But with the number of returning veterans, not many of the young players will stay with the team. It just means that they are here at the university and there's a good chance that they will eventually be with the team," says Drake.

The Bears continue their workouts nightly with a workable roster in place by the weekend.

## Stadium sidelights

by Alan Small

Saturday's game at Commonwealth Stadium has the chance of being a pivotal one for the Golden Bears this year, and the history of the Bears Football for years to come.

Firstly, the University of Calgary Dinosaurs are coming to town, which means a must game for both teams. The rivalry between the Bears and the Dinos is always intense.

Secondly, with the cooperation of the Edmonton and Calgary Shrine Clubs, the North-South Shrine Bowl has been developed. It is a two-game total point series between the Bears and the Dinos.

Also, the game is being played at Commonwealth Stadium, with TSN covering it on National pay TV.

Finally, the one MVP of the two-game series will have the enviable chance of playing in the East-West Shrine Bowl in California with some of the best college players in North America.

With all of these distractions for the players, will this seriously affect their play?

"That will last until they get their first hit," said Head Coach Jim Donlevy. "We're a young football team whose maturity has impressed me," he also said.

The players felt similar to Donlevy, but some said they would enjoy playing the game in California.

"I'd love to go," said Andrew Ostashower, cornerback for the Bears, "but you still have to concentrate on this game."

Some still had reservations about the Dinosaurs, though.

"Calgary lost to UBC last week so they'll want to win this week," said Dale Mounzer, defensive end for the Bears.

When we discussed the fact that TSN would be there to cover the game, the players seemed to like the idea, but it wouldn't affect how they would play.

The East-West Shrine Bowl in California has had a few Canadian representatives. Tom Spoletini, then with the University of Calgary, went in '84. Two years later, he is starting on the offensive line with the Calgary Stampeders. Kent Warnock and Mike Schad played last year in the game, which rewarded Schad with being a first round draft pick by the Los Angeles Rams. Warnock was picked number one by the Calgary Stampeders, but was also given a tryout by the Pittsburgh Steelers. It was one of their final cuts. He then signed a contract with the Stampeders.

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