

# s hockey — 1985-86

## Defense

The Bears were looking at having half of their defensive corps return from last year, but injuries to all three veterans have felled Alberta at the start of this year.

Team captain and four year vet Ron Vertz will be out until Christmas with torn ligaments that required surgery. Sophomore D.J. Havrelock has undergone cartilage surgery in his knee, but should be back this weekend against Lethbridge. To top it all off, the third defensive vet, Colin Chisholm, also came up with a knee injury which required surgery. He should play this weekend though.

Vertz is the Rod Langway of Canada West hockey, and when he returns fans will see Alberta's goals against go down proportionately. He will captain this year's Bears.

Havrelock is a big kid (6'2", 195), and attending the Oiler camp along with Koebel has improved his play.

Colin Chisholm opted for another year of university hockey over a possible spot in Scotty Bowman's Buffalo Sabre farm system.

Five newcomers adorn the Bears' blueline this year. Eric Thurston and Howie Draper have been the most impressive rookies thus far. Jay Reid was released by Drake last season, but will stick this year. He is returning this weekend from, you guessed it, a knee injury.

Steve Cousins and Guy Paradis compliment the defensive corps in their rookie season.

This defensive unit will be as involved in the offensive scheme as in years past. Up until Christmas, when Vertz returns to stabilize the blueline, fans will be treated to a number of high scoring contests. The key here is not their standings in Canada West, but the establishing of a winning attitude heading into the nationals.

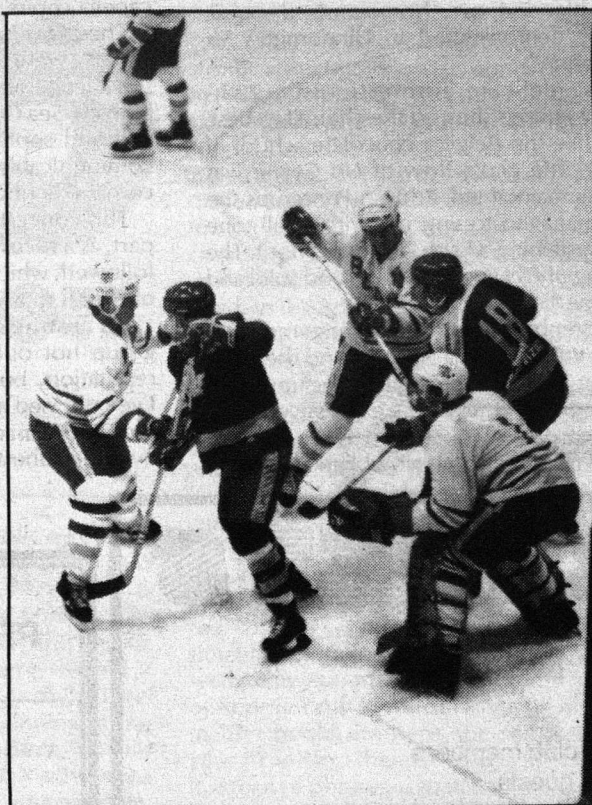


Photo Ron Dumant

## Coaching Staff

The Dean of college hockey coaches, Clare Drake, enters his 25th year behind the bench of the Golden Bears. Last year he was selected Coach of the Year in Canada West. He has already enjoyed a favourable start to the season, as Drake became the winningest college coach in North America with his 556th career victory against the Red Deer College Kings.

With the departure of Billy Moores, ex Golden Bear goaltender Jack Cummings will be the Bears only assistant coach.

With 28 years of combined coaching experience behind the Bears' bench, look for them to once again be a very disciplined squad. Alberta traditionally excels in powerplay and penalty killing situations.

With ten spots to fill from last year, Drake's coaching ability will come to the fore. And obviously, with a 15-1 start behind him, Drake is once again doing the job.



Photo Leif Stout

## Goaltenders

After losing Ken Hodge to graduation and Kelly Brooks to retirement, Drake invited eight goalies to fight it out at camp for the two open spots. Everyone had their fair shot, but when all was said and done only two remain.

At 5'7" and 140 lbs, Nadr Jomha is a small but quick goalie. Jomha played last season with the Canadian Bruins Juvenile 'AA' club. He saw lots of ice time at camp this year and dispelled any doubts concerning his small stature.

John Krill won the starting job at camp this year. He stands at 6'1/2", 190 lbs and must concentrate on playing his angles better in order to keep his goals against down. He comes from the Maple Leaf Juvenile program, and like Jomha is only 19 years of age.

Don't expect a repeat performance in claiming the goals against trophy again this season, partly because of inexperience but mostly due to the young defense.



Photo Alex Miller

So the Alberta Golden Bears embark upon a rebuilding year. In the past coach Drake has not wasted any time in recouping after a heavy graduating year. In the last ten years, hiatuses from the CWUAA title have been only one, one, and three years respectively.

The Bears' next action is against the Lethbridge Pronghorns this weekend. Game times are 7:30 on Friday and Saturday nights.

The Friday night game can be heard on CJSR radio, 88.5 FM, with the pregame beginning at 7:15 pm.

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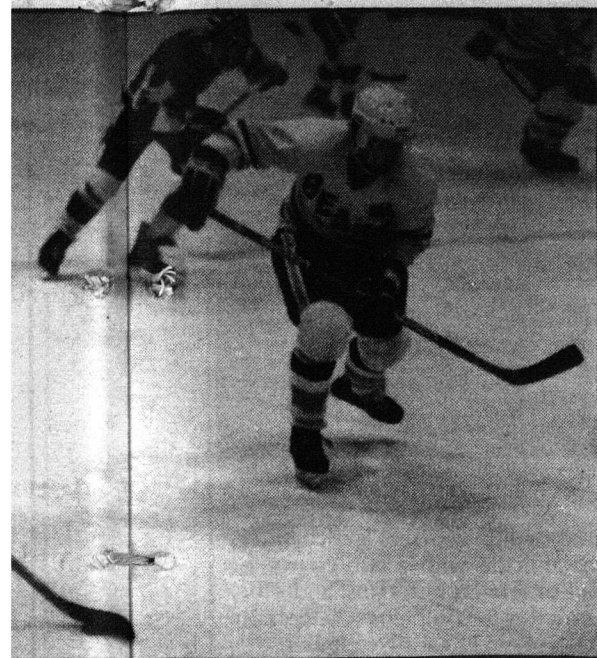
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part of one of the Bears' best lines along with Dennis Cranston and Curt Brandolini.

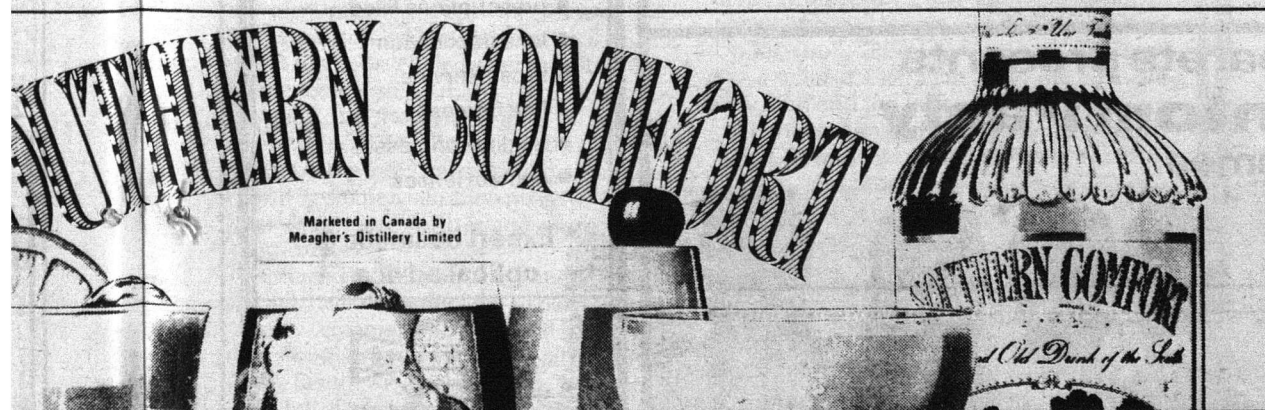
Brandolini is 6'0" 195 lbs, and along with Koebel began the year on the point because of injuries to key blueliners. He is no stranger to danger as he has always been at home in the corners.

Centerman Dave Otto returns for his third year. Otto is a smooth center who will see playing time on the penalty killing unit.

The rest of the returning veterans are as follows: A healthy Craig Dill returns after a two point per game year was stopped at 24 games due to a leg injury; Jack Patrick is a workman like winger that will score in bunches; John Reid and Bill Ansell are two versatile wingers. Both averaged just less than a point a game last year and can muck it up when necessary. Jeff Helland and Denis Leclair were both victims of the numbers game last season but should see a regular shift this year.

New to the fold for the Bear forward lines, are rookies Jeff Fenton, Sean Clouston, Al Tarasuk, and Bret Walter, as well as Sid Cranston.

Clouston and Fenton have had the most promising starts of the rookies this year. Clouston suffered a thumb injury and missed some of training camp.



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