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Leaf loving latest fad

Here's a few short thoughts to accompany your whatever — roast java in this, a most timely short week:

The latest fad amongst the so called "intelligent hockey people" that inhabit this part of the world is **Leaf Loving**.

All the people that laughed at **Harold Ballard** and his hapless heroines for the last few seasons are now greeting Toronto's rise from futility with cries of glee.

It's become cool to say "What's the score in the Leaf game?", and give a spontaneous sounding "A-right!" if they are ahead.

It has even infiltrated the **Northlands Coliseum** pressbox, where once there were a few suffering faithful there now are handfuls of truly caring followers.

Estimated time of the **Terry Jones** bandwagon leap: February 18th, the day that Toronto pays their first visit to Northlands.

That is if the blue and white are still worthy.



Speaking of bandwagons, there's a few seats open on the **Edmonton Oilers'** cart these days, having been hurriedly abandoned by self-proclaimed Oiler fans after back to back losses to the **Calgary Flames**.

It has been said that Edmonton has become "the best sports town in Canada", truly "Major League".

If you saw the game against the **Montreal Canadiens** on Saturday night, you saw a humbling testimony of what "Major League" really means.

Many people stayed home on a cold night to catch the game on T.V. Those that did show up, as usual, sat on their hands while the Oilers, a team in the midst of a dreadful slump, played hard to overcome their own awkward play and earn a win against the defending **Stanley Cup** champions.

I liked it better when Edmonton was "Minor League", and it was an event when the mighty Habs came to town.

Not an encumbrance.



If you ever listen to **John Short's Sportstalk** radio show, you'll probably agree that it's a good thing that some of the horse traders that can be heard each night talking to host Short aren't running the show instead of **Glen Sather**.

I heard a guy say the other night that the Oilers should trade both **Mark Messier** and **Glen Anderson** just to shake things up a little bit.

Thanks for your opinion. Line two go ahead.



12 year NHI veteran **Danny Gare** came off the bench on Saturday with an inspired performance against Montreal. The veteran winger knows that it is in the New Year, not November, that the chips are down.

"No one likes a slump anytime, but if you're going to have one, it's better if it comes earlier," Gare says. "Then you still have time to gear up for the playoffs."

"But you can't just turn it off and on. Some people think that the regular season doesn't mean much. But it does in earning home-ice advantage, and preparing for the playoffs."

U of A swimmers test the Washington water

by Carolyn Aney

The Bears and Pandas swim teams were busy this weekend participating in three meets in Washington.

The first meet was the 12th annual Husky relays at the University of Washington on Friday. This meet is relatively relaxed and the team looks forward to it each year. Competing this year were the Universities of Alberta, B.C., Puget Sound, Victoria, and Washington.

The Pandas tied for 4th place, winning the 500 yd free relay and placing 2nd in the 400 yd I.M. relay.

The Bears took 3rd place overall finishing 1st in the 500 yd freestyle relay and finishing 2nd in the 400 yd butterfly relay, 400 yd breaststroke relay and 400 yd freestyle relay.

On Saturday, the U of A competed in a dual meet with the U of Washington. Even though both the men's and women's teams lost (men 65-30 and women 67-28), executive manager John Hogg called the meet "hard fought".

There were several individual winners, but few other placings. Judy Cowan, however, had a fantastic day, setting two meet records: the first in the 1000 yd freestyle and the second in the 400 yd individual

medley. She also placed second in the 100 yd back. Other Pandas who swam well were Elaine LeBuke placing first in the 50 yd freestyle and 2nd in the 100 yd free and Mary Jo Clark placed 2nd in the 200 yd free.

On the Bears' side of the meet, Scott Flowers, Regan Williams, and Sam Sim all turned in a first and second place finish. Scott won the 200 yd free and placed 2nd in the 500 yd free; Regan won the 1000 yd free and came 2nd in the 100 yd fly; Sam won the 50 yd free and came 2nd in the 100 yd free. Larry Schulhauser turned in a 2nd in the 400 yd I.M.

The final meet of the weekend was at the beautiful campus of Puget Sound. Here the scores were

much closer. The Pandas lost 52-43. The Bears turned in their first win since 1983 with a score of 51-44.

The Bears started the meet on a winning note by taking the 400m medley relay. Regan Williams led Alberta, taking three firsts. He won the 100m, 200m, and 400m freestyle. Scott Flowers took two firsts: in the 800m free where he set a new meet record of 8:29.92 (he finished 25.43s ahead of the 2nd place finisher from Washington); and the 200m fly.

Howie Ewashko won the 200m breaststroke and placed 2nd in the 200m I.M. Second place finishes were also turned in by Larry Schulhauser in the 200m fly and Sam Sim in the 50m free.

The Pandas fared well with Judy

Cowan leading the way for the second day. Judy took three firsts. The first in the 800m free, the second in the 200m I.M., setting a new meet record of 2:29.98, and the third in the 400m free. Elaine LeBuke won the 100m free and placed 2nd in the 50m free. Stephanie Lake won the 200m back and Colleen Delaney placed 2nd in the 800m free. The Pandas finished the meet with a win in the 400m free relay finishing 8s ahead of Puget Sound.

The swim teams have several C.A.S.A. meets before Christmas. The next intercollegiate meet won't be until January when they travel to Vancouver to compete against the UBC Thunderbirds.

U of A judo vies for top berth

by Glenn St-Germain

Some Olympic-level athletes are expected to be among the approximately 100 fighters that will compete at the University of Alberta Invitational Judo Tournament to be held in the Maury Van Vliet Centre next Saturday.

"There are some '84 Olympians expected to be here," said Ron Senda, instructor of the U of A Judo club and himself a fourth-degree black belt.

Canadian champion Joe Meli, who finished fourth in his weight class (under 95 kilos) at the 1984

Olympic Games in Los Angeles, may be among those attending, he added.

Male and female judokas from across Alberta will be competing, including some members of the U of A club. The tournament starts at 11:00 a.m. in the main gymnasium.

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