

Gateway Sports



Bob Anderson ... one man's opinion

Well, it's that time of year again.

That time where we here in The Gateway and athletes clear across campus head back to the books for one last attempt at trying to get ourselves over the academic hill, so to speak.

It's a sad time of year in a way, too. It will be many months before Varsity Arena, Stadium and Gym ring with the cheers of Golden Bear fans yelling their respective clubs on to victory.

While it may be a sad time for athletes and writers, you the fan are probably rejoicing that no more comments will be forthcoming from this space.

May the good fairy burp in YOUR bippy!

Looking back on the past season from, naturally, an athletic point of view, this campus once again did itself proud in the area of intercollegiate competition.

Although the football club folded midway through the season, some exciting action was seen in these parts, and the club appears to have a solid foundation for coach Harvey Scott's second season as head coach.

The other two major sports of basketball and hockey provided fans (increasing numbers of them at that) with both controversy and excitement.

The lightning-like start by Barry Mitchelson's bounceballers followed by their collapse at mid-season, and the fiasco with the officials during the playoffs in Manitoba were the highlights (or lowlights) in this area.

And who can forget Brian McDonald's puck Bruins?

Here was a club that had all the talent in the world, on paper at least, but who waited until the last moment to put it all together in the playoffs against Calgary.

We won't mention the following week in Charlottetown and what happened there.

Turning to the so-called minor sports (not used in a derogatory sense), it's not hard to see why this campus is rated at or near the top of the ratings when it comes to athletic endeavors.

To start with, Ray Kelly's judo club, coached for the most part this season by Ron Powell while Kelly was in the hospital, kept its incredible success string going strong. The squad has never lost the Kabuto Trophy, emblematic of Western judo supremacy, in the five years it has been up for grabs.

Bert Taylor's wrestling Bears won the West this season and placed six men on the delegation that represented the WCIAA in the Canadian Championships held in Varsity Gym.

Success also visited Geoff Elliott's gymnastics teams and they too put on a great show last weekend in the National finals, also staged in Varsity Gym.

Although largely ignored for most of the year, the track and field efforts of coach Geoff Watson and his squad placed this campus up among the powers to be reckoned with in college track and field annals in the future.

Of course, there's always the danger in doing such a resume as this of ignoring other teams and individuals who have come out on top in their respective areas. Such an overlooking is strictly unintentional, and I apologize for it.

In a way a sportswriter is blessed in being able to work out of a place such as this campus. There's always lots going on, winning clubs are plentiful and controversy always seems to abound.

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And remember, we'll still be approachable in September.



1969-70 WCIHL CHAMPIONS—Back row (left to right): Bob Devaney, Harv Poon, Sam Belcourt, Gerry Hornby, George Repka, Mel Baird. Middle row: Brian McDonald (Coach), Dick Wintermute (Jr. Bearcat Coach), Oliver Morris, Don Falkenberg, Jack Gibson, Dennis Zukiwsky, Dave Couves, Tom Devaney, Mike Lemieux, Jim Halterman, John Blackwell (Managers). Front row: Dale Halterman, Mike Ballash, Gerry Braunberger, Bill Clarke, Bob Wolfe, Ray Kelly (trainer).

New faces for 1970-'71 puck season; 11 players gone as Drake returns

Golden Bear puck fans will more than ever need a program next season to tell who's who among the players.

No less than 11 members of this season's Western Champion outfit will have departed the ranks in search of whatever it is that is supposed to be "out there."

Starting at the top, veteran coach Clare Drake will be back on campus following a one-year sabbatical leave while obtaining his doctorate at the University of Oregon.

Brian McDonald, who took over the coaching reins on a temporary (and successful) basis this season, will probably return to the Junior Bearcats, where for six previous seasons he helped to develop future Golden Bears.

Gone due to the fact that their five-year eligibility period has expired are Gerry Braunberger, captain of the club over the past three seasons, Bill Clarke, who played three years in the U.S. and Mel Baird, who toiled with Waterloo Warriors before joining the Bruins two seasons back.

Most of the other non-returnees finish up their academic program this year and will be out in the work-

ing world if all goes well. These include Don Falkenberg (education), Dale Halterman (pharmacy), Bob Wolfe (commerce), Sam Belcourt (education), Mike Ballash (education), Tom Devaney (commerce) and brother Bob (education).

Rookie defenceman Mike Lemieux has indicated that he may not play next season, and you can usually count on one or two others not returning because of academic reasons.

What it all adds up to is the chance for several members of the

Bearcat club to make the big jump into intercollegiate play next season. In addition, there may be the odd Junior "A" hockey player who may decide to go out for the Bears, as well as the Molson Scholarship winners.

Then there's Drake himself. It was only two seasons back that "Super Coach," as he is called by a number of people, took a rookie-laden club all the way to the Canadian title in Montreal.

Maybe lightning will strike twice in the same place.

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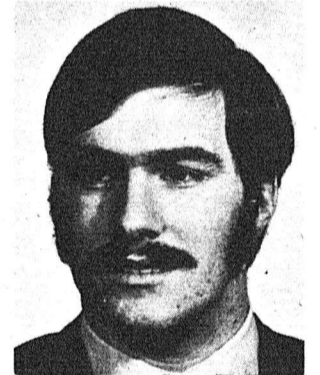
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