

# Autumn the only time of year for Leafs fans

by Blaine Ostapovich

Ah, the joys of autumn; the cool wind blowing in your hair, the snow flakes fluttering in the air, and the multicoloured leaves of brown, red, yellow, blue and white. Blue and white? Yes, the blue and white leafs are none other than the Toronto Maple Leafs.

For all diehard fans of the Hogtown hoofers, now is the time of year that we are revelling in the exploits of our favorite hockey club. For the Leafs are tied for the best record in hockey, they're undefeated, and Harold Ballard has yet to call any of his players a cancer.

Yes, at this time of year Toronto is on a par with the Oilers, Flyers and Capitals. Now is a time to remember those names that mean so much to us: Doug Favell, Mike Pelyk, Garry Monahan and Dave Dunn. Sure these men are not hall of fame quality, but to those who remember Lanny MacDonald B. M. (Before Moustache), these men are immortals who grow legendary as the years pass by.

Close your eyes and think of these players. Claire Alexander, Inge Hammerstrom, Tim Ecclestone, Errol Thompson, Rocky Saganiuk, Jack Valiquette, and Dunc Wilson.



The four finalists in the most forgettable Toronto Maple Leaf contest.

No team in pro sports has assembled players with so much character and lack of talent than the Leafs.

Who among this year's team will join those men. Will Wendel Clark join Valiquette on the all-time

enigma team? What about little Alan Bester? How about Gary Lehman, Jim Korn and everyone's favorite Walter Poddubny. Who among these players will be seen playing on the Old-Timers team before they reach their 30th birthday?

Perhaps no person is held more highly in the hearts of diehard Leaf fans than Brian Glennie. No talent,

all heart. A face only a mother could love. An actor (selling McCain's pizzas). This man epitomizes Toronto.

So for now, the Leafs are great. The year is full of hope as we remember those players whose hockey cards fill old shoe boxes in the bottom of our closets.

If you don't bleed blue and white you can also enjoy autumn.

Find a small quiet dark place or go to a bar with some friends and talk about Orland Kurtenbach, Wayne Bianchin, or Ralph Backstrom. Enjoy it while you can because by Christmas, Mr. Gretzky will be closing in on 50 goals, Ballard will have called Rick Vaive every name under the sun, and the Oilers will be destroying everyone in the way. Ah, the joy of Autumn.

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## Rugby takes Brown Jug

by David Donnelly

Last Saturday the University of Alberta Rugby Football Club defeated the Calgary Stags' finest fifteen by a decisive 21-12 margin. Following the victory, captain Ron Horten was presented with the Little Brown Jug, the trophy over which the two clubs have competed for three decades. It has been thirteen years since the award was last presented and the victory marks the first time since 1962 that the Jug has been won by Edmonton.

Calgary opened the scoring with a try early in the first half. Strong play by Edmonton held Calgary largely in their own end throughout the game and the Stags could

only manage three tries for 12 points on the day; their kicker was 0 for 3.

Their initial 4 point lead proved insufficient as the U of A totaled their 21 points before the half had ended. Bears winger Dave Bridgeman scored twice, one try coming from a 65 yard burst, and forward Don Brownell also gained a try. Full-back/Kicker Gareth Davis completed the Bears scoring adding 9 points; he went 4 for 4 with three converts and one penalty kick.

The Bears expected three games during their stay in Calgary, but Cowtown's Irish side opted out of the first Saturday contest and the Sunday Survivors game was can-

celled due to the fact that only four Stags showed up to play in the -3 degree temperature and 2 1/2" of snow. (harumf!!)

The U of A Rugby Football Club begins training again in January when Coach Dwight Zakus will prepare the team for a tourney in Victoria during late March. With a moral victory for being the only team to show up for the Survivors game, and only one player being thrown out of a bar and encouraged to join a de-tox program by Calgary's boys (girls?) in blue, the club enjoyed a successful weekend.

David Donnelly is a member of the U of A rugby team.

## Athletics gets into gear

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On Tuesday the 15th, Athletics will hold a wine and cheese social at the Bear's Den pub to which they would invite everyone from faculty administration to fraternity leaders. The purpose of this social would be to field suggestions from the various groups on campus as to how Athletics can most suitably involve them in gameday events. Most important in this area would be the residences and the fraternities.

On the following Friday the first of the two tuition draws would take place at the hockey game which begins at 7:30 pm.

Saturday would see the bulk of what Chairman of Athletics Bob Steadward refers to as "a carnival like atmosphere" take place.

Two hours before the 2:00 pm football game between the Bears

and the Calgary Dinos there would be a beer gardens held in the north-west corner of the Butterdome. After the game-ball is delivered via parachute to midfield, what should prove to be the rowdiest football game in recent memory at Varsity Field would get underway.

Calgary has already sold 300 tickets for this game to fans as part of a package. Coupled with ticket requests by a local U of C alumni group, as many as 400 Dino fans may be in the stands for this contest.

Athletics would also sponsor a "Cheer for Beer" event in which the loudest group of fans would take home with them several cases of suds.

At halftime The Old Spaghetti Factory would hold a spaghetti eating contest on the stadium track. Groups of three must submit entries by Thurs., Oct. 17 to be eligible.

After the game players, coaches, and those others that would usually go up to the Bear's Den would instead be going to The Ship in Lister Hall for a post-game social that would, in future weeks, be changing venues in order to familiarize fans and players.

This social would go until about 7:30 at which time the opening face-off at the second "tuition night" would take place.



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