

Sports

Hoop Bears in tough against McMaster

by Mark Spector

The basketball Bears take to the floor tonight against McMaster and Saturday against Lakehead University.

Tonight's game marks the return of the **San Diego Chicken** to the U of A. The Chicken always seems to think of some new way to antagonize the refs or the opposing team, so it should prove to be a good time.

Because of the astronomical fee that the Chicken (alias **Ted Giannoulas**) charges, all tickets for the game will be \$5.00.

As for the Bears, they're looking forward to this game to perhaps get some sort of bearing on just what kind of club they'll have this season. "McMaster finished second to Waterloo in Western Ontario last season, so we're hoping that this game will show us just where we are country-wide," commented head coach **Don Horwood**.

And Bears fans will finally get a chance to see highly touted rookie **Eddie Joseph** tonight. "Eddie's been playing hard in practice this week

so we should get a chance to see what he can do against McMaster," said Horwood of the 6'3" M.E. Lazerte grad. Joseph has been out with a back injury and Horwood has been especially careful after seeing star forward **Mike Suderman** forced to retire last year with a nagging back that never did fully recover.

The men's hoop team has been hit with the 'flu' bug just like the rest of the campus. "Two guys missed practice on Monday and three missed yesterday (Tuesday)," reported Horwood. Even assistant coach **Steve Roth** caught the bug.

There will also be an exhibition between the **Northern Lights** wheelchair basketball team and the **Western Wind**. That game begins at 6:00, the Bears' game starts at 7:30.

Saturday's contest against Lakehead starts at 7:30, in the main gym.

The hockey Bears head off to the windy city for a two game set against the **Lethbridge Pronghorns** this weekend.

The Pronghorns are at the bottom of the pack in the CWUAA and should be an easy sweep for the Bears. News from the Alberta camp has ex-Golden Bear, **Randy Gregg**, practicing with the club while his Oilers are on the road. Gregg is recuperating from a painful rib injury and that will keep him out of action for a while yet.

Alberta could use him on the point, however, as defenseman **Colin Chisholm** left the practice ice on Tuesday after hurting a bad knee that he had injured earlier this year. Chisholm should be okay for Lethbridge though.

Ron Vertz is back on skates for the first time in about seven weeks. He won't be back until after Christmas, but he'll probably work his way into shape on the lovely tour of Switzerland that the Bears have planned for the Christmas break.

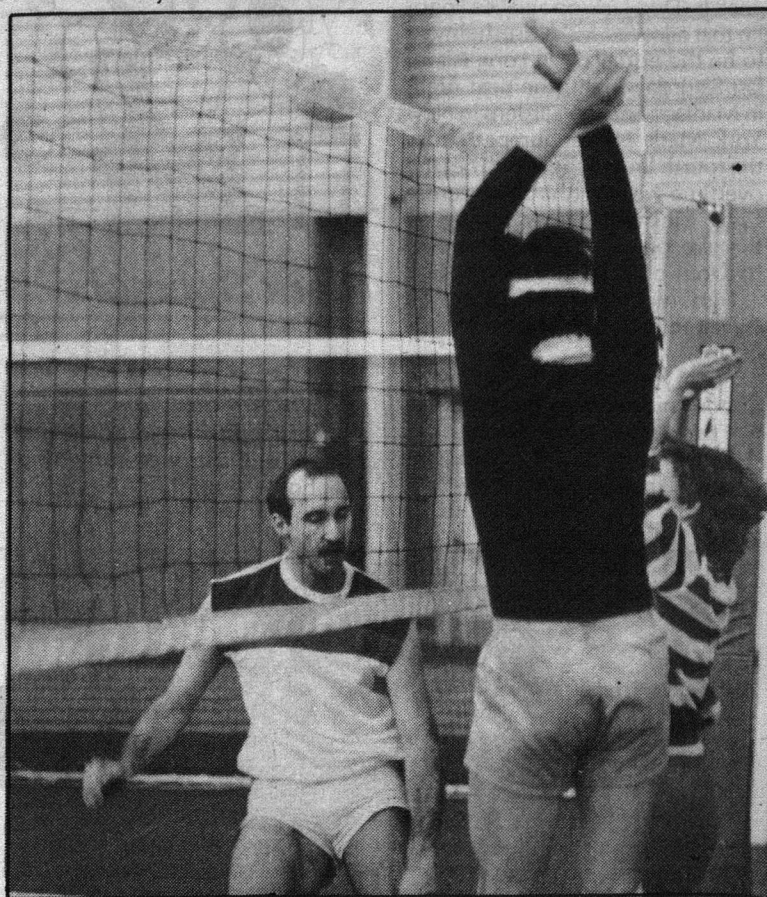
In other news, **Howie Draper** will play this weekend after hurting some ribs in a nasty collision in the first Manitoba game. **Bill Ansell** is skating with the team while recovering from some damage to the

thumb ligament in his left hand.

And **Sid Cranston** got out of hospital Tuesday after surgery to repair a torn knee ligament. Sid was second in scoring on the Bears when he went down with the injury, but he probably won't get a chance to add to those totals as he will most likely miss the rest of the

year.

Both the Pandas' and the Bear's volleyball teams play the **University of Saskatchewan Huskies** twice this weekend. Action on Friday is at 6:30 (women) and 8:30 (men), and on Saturday it's 2:00 (women) and 4:00 (men).



Intramural volleyball action from the U of A Varsity gym

Intramurals notebook

On Tuesday, November 20th, Campus Recreation Co-Rec Intramurals held the fall volleyball league playoffs. The top two teams from each (Competitive, Semi-Competitive and Purely Recreational), from each night (Monday - Thursday), came together for the final playoffs.

In the Purely Recreational leagues, Sax and the Dirty Reeds

beat I.S.O. Volleyball (11-7, 11-5) in the finals to take the championship.

The Semi-Competitive leagues saw the Tossups win over the Motor Morons I (11-6, 11-6) to take the final match.

The real excitement of the evening was in the Competitive league. In one semi-final, the P.E. Grads beat the Dirt Bags (11-7, 11-9) to advance to the finals. The other

semi-final saw Wrecking Crew win narrowly over Fred's Bar and Grill (11-0, 9-11, 11-5).

In the final match of the night, the P.E. Grads turned it on over a tired Wrecking Crew to win the championship (11-7, 11-8).

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