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Weary Olympians Ready To Recharge



1980 U.S. Olympic Hockey Team

Front Row (L-R) Steve Janaszak, Bill Baker, Mark Johnson, Craig Patrick (Ass't. Coach), Mike Eruzione (captain), Herb Brooks (Head Coach), Buzz Schneider, Jack O'Callahan, Jim Craig. Middle Row (L-R) Bob Suter, Rob McClanahan, Mark Wells, Bud Kessel (Equipment Manager), V. George Nagobads (Physician), Gary Smith (Trainer), Robert Fleming (Chairman), Ralph Jasinski (General Manager), Warren Strelow (Goalkeeping Coach), Bruce Horsch, Neal Broten, Mark Pavelich. Back Row (L-R) Phil Verchota, Steve Christoff, Stu Moss, Dave Delich, Jack Hughes, Ken Morrow, Mike Ramsey, Dave Christian, Ralph Cox, Dave Silk, John Harrington, Eric Strobel.

Despite a case of the January Blahs, the U.S. Olympic hockey team is ready to face its final home test of its pre-Olympic schedule tonight against Dallas of the Central League.

"The hard part is over," said U.S. Coach Herb Brooks. "We've been a weary hockey club for part of January, and it's caused us to make some little mistakes that I don't think we would have made otherwise.

"We played 46 games on the road in the span of about half the NHL season, and the NHL teams play only 40 road games in a whole season," Brooks added. "So it's understandable we might be a little weary."

Since playing Fort Worth last

week, the Olympians have had most of a week to practice — something which they've had little time for with their hectic travel schedule — and to rest up and heal some nuisance injuries.

Brooks must name a 25-man Olympic roster by Feb. 2, and then must submit a 20-name roster Feb. 10, which is two days before the U.S. collides with Sweden in the first game of the Winter Olympics at Lake Placid, N.Y. Two days after that, on Feb. 14, the U.S. faces Czechoslovakia, followed, at two-day intervals, by Norway, Rumania and West Germany.

"That's the bracket we're in," said Brooks. "The Russians, Canada, Finland, Poland, Hol-

land and Japan are in the other bracket. The two top teams in each bracket for the preliminary round advance to the final round, where four teams will compete for three medals.

"We're actually in the tougher bracket, from our standpoint, because the Czechs and the Swedes are two of the three favorites for the (gold) medal."

The Soviets are clearly the favorite for the gold, but Brooks' analysis is that the Czechs and Swedes rank 2-3 behind the Soviets, and since two from each bracket advance, it might be easier to aim for second in the Soviets' bracket than fight it out with the Czechs and Swedes for two places in the U.S. bracket.

But this hasn't been an easy season for the U.S. players, although they've beaten Brooks' objectives. He set out to have the team lose no games against college teams, and the U.S.

rolled up an 8-0 record against the colleges. He wanted 20 points from the pro teams the U.S. would play, and the Olympians had 36 points in hand before last week's game with Fort Worth.

The U.S. is playing a daring style, unconventional in North American pro-oriented hockey circles. The forwards weave and interchange, curling back and forgetting about traditional lane assignments, seeking control of the puck as much as possible without dumping it into opposing zones and working for turnovers.

But the key to the whole system is the personnel, and while Brooks is already feeling the pain of having to cut some prospects, the players are brimming with talent and speed.

In goal, Jim Craig of Boston University is clearly the No. 1 fixture. He has had an outstanding season and will be the workhorse for the U.S. Steve Janaszak has been No. 2 most of the season and is fully capable, as is Bruce Horsch, who rejoined the team recently after playing some minor-league hockey for Montreal.

On defense, University of Minnesota standouts Mike Ramsey and Bill Baker have been exceptional. Ken Morrow (Bowling Green), Jack O'Callahan (Boston U.), Bob Suter (Wisconsin), and

Stu Moss (Nassau C.C.) have played solid roles. Les Auge, loaned to the Central League, is also available. And David Christian, a quick, strong center or right wing, has filled in during injuries at defense and could play regularly there, giving Brooks added flexibility on the blue line.

At center, the team is overloaded. Mark Johnson, Neal Broten and Mark Pavelich have logged the most regular time at center. Mark Wells has played considerably in the last six weeks. Steve Christoff and Eric Strobel have played center in spots, alternating at right wing besides. Christian has played briefly at center, while Rob McClanahan hasn't played center but was a star there at Minnesota last season. And Dave Delich, loaned to the North Stars Oklahoma City farm club, is also available.

Left wing is the most secure spot on the team. McClanahan has been outstanding there, and Buzzy Schneider, Phil Verchota and Captain Mike Eruzione have been solid and steady contributors. All four are consistent two-way skaters, helping defensively when the other team has the puck.

Right wing is as insecure as left wing is solid, however, and that is where Brooks faces some

decisions. (John (Bah) Harrington looks solid on the right side because of his consistency with and without the puck (the line of Pavelich-Schneider-Harrington has been together for over a month and played well). Dave Silk and Ralph Cox have come on after slow starts on the right side, where Christoff is probably another certainty after some time at center. Strobel and Christian could wind up there, too, and so could Tim Harrer, the leading scorer in the Western Collegiate Hockey Association with the University of Minnesota, who has been trying out for the club the past two weeks.

After tonight's game, the only tests remaining for the U.S. team are a game at Warroad against the senior amateur Warroad Lakers on Sunday, a brief preliminary game against Canada at next Tuesday's NHL All-Star game, and a major test against the Soviet Union's Olympic team a week from Saturday in Madison Square Garden. That will be the only game against the complete Soviet team for the U.S. before a possible Olympic encounter.

To face the Soviet powerhouse in the Olympics, the U.S. will have to be in the finals, battling for a medal. And that's exactly what Brooks and the players have in mind.



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Tonight's Lineup



DALLAS

2	Stu Moss	D
3	Ken Morrow	D
5	Mike Ramsey	D
6	Bill Baker	D
8	Dave Silk	RW
9	Neal Broten	C
10	Mark Johnson	C
11	Steve Christoff	RW-C
12	Jack Hughes	D
14	Ralph Cox	RW
16	Mark Pavelich	C
17	Jack O'Callahan	D
19	Eric Strobel	RW
20	Bob Suter	D
21	Mike Eruzione (C)	LW
23	Dave Christian	RW
24	Rob McClanahan	LW
25	Buzz Schneider	RW-LW
27	Phil Verchota	LW
28	John Harrington	RW

Goaltenders

1	Steve Janaszak
30	Jim Craig
31	Bruce Horsch

General Manager: Ralph Jasinski
Head Coach: Herb Brooks
Ass't. Coach & Ass't GM: Craig Patrick
Goalkeeping Coach: Warren Strelow
Physician: Dr. V. George Nagobads
Trainer: Gary Smith
Equipment Manager: Bud Kessel

2	Gord Buynak	D
3	Bruce Affleck	D
5	Larry Goodenough	D
6	Jeff Bandura	D
7	Chuck Arnason	RW
8	Dave Ross	LW
10	Dave Salvian	RW
12	Ernie Hicke	C
14	Rob Tudor	C
15	Stu Ostlund	C
18	Dirk Graham	RW
20	Gerry Minor	C
21	Steve Hazlett	LW
22	Bill Himmelright	D
24	Brad Gassoff	LW
25	Brad Smith	RW

Goaltenders

1	Ken Ellacott
30	Curt Ridley

Coach: John Choyce
General Manager: Ed Terhune

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