

Life as an Admiral over for Riders' Kulka

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The 1994 Canadian tour of SunLife Stars on Ice has already sold out six of 11 shows, including two in Toronto on April 15 and 16. The show is scheduled to headline **Kurt Browning, Brian Orser and Kristi Yamaguchi**. It stops in Winnipeg on April 21; in Calgary on April 23 and in Edmonton on April 27. . . . Of course, Browning is scheduled to be part of the Eaton's Skate the Nation tour that stops at the Agridome on May 8 at 7 p.m. . . . So, what did **Don Cherry** think of the Vancouver Canucks getting **Craig Janney** as compensation from St. Louis for **Petr Nedved**? "I feel so sorry for **Pat Quinn**. He got shafted big time," said Cherry who, among other things, referred to Janney as a "sore-kneed floater." Of course, the Canucks have since dealt Janney back to the Blues. . . . **Roller Hockey** International's Vancouver VooDoo

— hello there, **Tiger Williams** — used a second-round draft pick to select former Swift Current Broncos playmaker **Brian Sakic**. . . . The University of B.C. competed in 15 varsity sports this season and won league or national titles in nine of them.

The Winnipeg Goldeyes of baseball's Northern League are trying to land third baseman **Rance Mulliniks**. Left-hander **John Cerutti** turned them down a couple of weeks ago. . . . The Northern League all-stars will meet the Colorado Silver Bullets, the touring women's pro baseball team, at Winnipeg Stadium on May 24. . . . How did Browning end up alongside **Dick**

Taking Note



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Enberg on NBC-TV's telecast crew at the worlds in Japan? NBC wanted **Tracy Wilson** but CBS wouldn't release her from her contract. . . . The Hamilton Tiger-Cats are holding a quarterback camp in Phoenix tomorrow. It's expected that Houston Oilers third-stringer **Bucky Richardson** will be there. . . . Don't look for centre **Peter Stastny** to play for St. Louis next season. It's expected the Blues, who signed him to a \$2.2-million contract a couple of weeks back, will retire him as a player and he'll get a position within the organization, perhaps scouting in Europe. . . . 'Tis said that **Madonna**, who was spotted a few weeks back on the arm of Miami Heat star **Brian Shaw**, is in the market for an NBA team to call her own. According to the March 28 issue of *New York* magazine, she is interested in the Detroit Pistons, Orlando Magic or, yes, the Heat.

These days it's looking like Las Vegas Thunder centre **Radek Bonk** and Windsor Spitfires defenceman **Ed Jovanovski** will go 1-2 in the 1994 NHL draft. Florida and Anaheim will pick first and second. . . . Now the word is that Buffalo centre **Pat**

LaFontaine (knee) won't be back for the postseason. He's preparing to spend the summer on a rehab program. . . . Running back **Orville Lee**, who had a cup of coffee with the Riders a while back, was inducted into the Simon Fraser University Sports Hall of Fame on Thursday. . . . The International Ice Hockey Federation is talking about doing away with the shootout format. . . . Bad news for baseball fans. TSN apparently isn't going to pick up ESPN's Sunday night package, meaning we will be denied the thrill of listening to **Jon Miller**. . . . New York Yankees third baseman **Wade Boggs** has 673 multi-hit games in his career. What's so nifty about that? Well, he has 642 one-hit games. Games without a hit? 453. Take that, Michael. . . . Ottawa Rough Riders defensive lineman **Glenn Kulka** has ended his hockey career. He played 10 games with the ECHL's Hampton Roads Admirals before deciding he didn't want to risk an injury that might damage his football career. . . . Montreal Canadiens tough guy **Gerry Fleming** was 6-foot-5 and 260 pounds of muscle at training camp. He's a nephew of former NHL enforcer **Reggie Fleming**.

Don't bother trying to tell Ottawa head coach **Adam Rita** that Winnipeg boss **Cal Murphy** is upset over the Rough Riders' decision to sign former Blue Bombers running back **Michael Richardson**. "That's the same guy that took **Matt Dunigan** from us when I was in

Toronto," Rita says. . . . In the deep south, the Big Eight now is the Big Dozen (Texas Tech, Texas, Texas A&M and Baylor are on board) and it also has a five-year, \$57.5-million deal with ABC-TV that kicks in come 1996. If you're keeping score, ABC also has deals with the Big 10, Pac-10 and ACC. . . . **Hillary Rodham Clinton** will toss out the first pitch at the Chicago Cubs home opener on April 4. She was scheduled a year ago, too, but bowed out after her father died. Also on hand for the opener will be U.S. speed skater **Bonnie Blair**. . . . Is there anyone lower than a minor hockey coach who would instruct a youngster on how to turn his/her back and take a hit between the numbers? . . . The Toronto Argonauts have **Jim Harbaugh** on their negotiation list but won't make a move until the former Chicago Bears quarterback has seen if any NFL teams are interested in him. . . . The newest member of the IHL's Las Vegas Thunder is U of Saskatchewan left-winger **David Neilson**, the son of former NHL defenceman **Jim Neilson**. The younger Neilson signed with the Thunder for the rest of this season.

An interesting liner note in the latest album of country music's **Collin Raye**. The album is *Extremes* and midway through the notes is this: "Thank you **Emmitt Smith** for signing." No explanation, just the note. . . . Moosehead Breweries Ltd. will own 60 per cent of a QMJHL franchise that will begin play in the fall. It'll be based in Halifax or

Dartmouth. . . . Watch for **Dave Barr, Ian Baker-Finch, Wayne Grady** and **Steve Pate** to play at Paradise Canyon Golf Club near Lethbridge, June 2 and 3. . . . Former NHLer **Red Berenson**, a former Regina Pats sniper who now coaches the U of Michigan, has pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of impaired driving. Berenson, 54, was originally charged with drunken driving and urinating in public (it was outside a bar in Ann Arbor) on March 16. He has yet to be sentenced. . . . The Toronto Maple Leafs have said that as soon as the Pats season is over, defenceman **Nathan Dempsey** will join the AHL's St. John's Maple Leafs.

The Weekly Nancy/Tonya Update: Wondering where **Tonya** is going to get the coin to pay the \$100,000 fine, \$50,000 to Special Olympics and \$10,000 in court costs? Well, hello there, *Hard Copy*. The tabloid TV show has paid her up to \$300,000 for her co-operation. NBC will be first out of the gate with a made-for-TV movie. *The Tonya and Nancy Story* airs April 30. It'll be followed by an ABC production based on **Nancy**. And you can watch for Nancy on the *Walt Disney World Happy Easter Parade* special. It's on ABC on April 3. No word on how close they'll let Nancy get to **Mickey Mouse**. That's it for this week. . . . Did you catch Nancy at the Oscars? She was there on behalf of Revlon. What? You thought she may have been on her own. Yeah, right. (Taking Note and