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In this, the December, 98, Issue:

- Too many "In This Issue" headings
- Wasps Exec. take the mountain to the Mahammeds by scheduling AGM at the Bridge. Predictably, there was an excellent attendance although minutes are smudged with pizza and paralyzer and also include birdsies results. Other details are sketchy.
- Helmut clashes with the Eagle and, perhaps still dazed, slams into soccer posts at snow rugby. Later claims that the Eagle was noticeably harder.
- Tainted Saint falls deeper into the mire after misleading Wasps banquet organisers about his attendance. In the absence of the spiritual leader, the job of saying 'grace' was left to the Eagle amid cries of derision from the audience.
- Gary Nicholson shyly admits to being selected to to Wales Rugby Canada squad to Wales on a coaching mentorship program. He looks forward to being involved at a higher level. "I don't think any of those guys have ever been called buffalohead, and I'm sure some of them aren't getting enough water".

Thunder from Down Under

Need some CA\$H?? There are about 15-20 Wasp jumpers that are in various states of disrepair. The club is prepared to pay somebody to stitch these jumpers up but as yet we have been unable to find anybody...

A number of people owe money for shorts. You know who you are and, despite the fact that I may have had a beer in my hand when I sold them to you, I know who you are. \$sho me the money!!

People often ask me, they say "Tobes, you're a doctor, what should I do when somebody goes down injured on the field?" Well, it's always best to leave it to the professionals but here's a few quick tips to remember if there's nobody around.

Step 1. When somebody goes down and I am called onto the field I always have a look around to see what weeds are present to help determine how thorough you need to be with the injured player. I make a quick mental note to recommend a herbicide to the curator if necessary.

Step 2. Assuming that there are numerous weeds in the turf (eg dandelion, ragweed, purslane and thistles), then the first thing I do is to brush all the organic matter off the injured players kit. Seed attached to socks/shorts in the form of fluff or burrs (only in unkempt fields such as those encountered in Dauphin; Sturgeon Creek; Field 3 at Maple Grove) is one of the most common yet preventable causes of the spread of weeds on rugby fields in this Province.

Step 3. In the case that seeds/ burrs are deeply engrained in clothing, **DO NOT** be afraid to strip the player of the offending garments which should then be quickly destroyed (burning is an effective way of killing weeds).

Step 4. A quick glance can determine the extent of any injuries suffered by the player. In the case of a concussion, it may be possible that the player's head hit the ground. In this case, give the players hair a firm and thorough tousling to ensure any grass/weed seeds that may have lodged there on impact are removed. (Knotted hair may need to be clipped). Note: if the player has complained of tingling/numbness in the extremities then firmly grasp the neck while carrying out this procedure.

Step 5. An area often overlooked is the possibility that weeds may be in the soil encrusted in the players boots. If you suspect this is the case then it is crucial that the boots are removed and cleaned. To remove boots twist firmly from side to side, making sure to ignore any screams from players with knee/ankle injuries. He/she might be enduring a little pain at the

time but will probably thank you later when reminded of the sociological and economic benefits of PREVENTING THE SPREAD OF WEED SEEDS.

Step 6. It is **the law** that when transporting grain in this province, the load should be fully covered. Similarly, in the unfortunate situation that the player has lost consciousness or passed away, ensure that the body is fully covered to prevent any weed seeds blowing off in transit.

(Co-editor's note - Todd earned his degree in the faculty of agriculture. We do not actually recommend any of the above practices in case of injury. Except #6, we'll use that one)



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Words of Wheelsdom

Have you got your finger on the Wasp pulse? It has fallen upon me to carry on the tradition of formulating the "Year end quiz" where Wasps members get to test themselves about various events of the past year.

1. Who recorded the highest pitch scream in 1998?
 - a) Miles Jones after being told that the pizza lady had sold out and would not be back for an hour
 - b) **BIG CHINA** after the Caribs coach swung his father's BIG BERTHA into the river at the SNAFU BBQ
 - c) Sawmill restaurant patrons who saw Bufty get naked at Rugbyfest
2. Which Wasp scored his 100th try this year?
 - a) Stu Cox if you include all the ones he could have scored if only he had caught all those passes (correction - he tried to score 100 times this year - Ed)
 - b) Saint, Yes he only scored one-but he is believed to be averaging one per season.
 - c) Ward King, hahahahahahahahahahaha, hee hee, just kidding!
3. What are the most likely ramifications of Miles Jones departure from Winnipeg?
 - a) Earls on Pembina relocating to Vancouver
 - b) The pizza lady opening a franchise in Vancouver

- c) Absolutely no change in the DART house Washing up roster.
4. The most touching/pathetic story from 1998 was:
 - a) The Clapper admitting to his girlfriend that he was not totally faithful to her in Edmonton
 - b) Stu Cox sidelined for a month after stubbing his toe.
 - c) curious George breaking up with Cindy citing "personal space" reasons and proposing marriage weeks later.
5. The quote "...and there was much wailing and gnashing of teeth..." refers to:
 - a) scenes of desperate people in HELL who had lost their souls--as described in the Book of Revelations
 - b) scenes of desperate people at SNAFU who had lost Jerry--as described in the August RAG
 - c) the sound of the Wasps singing Christmas Carols
6. In the making of the movies "Exiles" this year, which incident pissed Geregthy off the most?
 - a) The director who insisted on using the loud hailer despite the fact that she was only feet away
 - b) Gordie attempting to manoeuvre himself from extra to Head Producer
 - c) Andy the Kiwi continually wandering off set, searching for Sid's mythical 'sheep-shaggin wagon'
7. Maria Luciano is:
 - a) The Tropicana spokesperson
 - b) Drew Carey's (Hungarian Mike) mail-order bride
 - c) The real name of the pizza lady
8. You know it's time for a change of executive when your best fund raising ideas include:
 - a) Stealing Tuna's chiclets and holding the tooth fairy to ransom
 - b) Calling crimestoppers to report hundreds of missing electoral signs
 - c) Selling off the remains of the Dark Cloud's belongings after he left for Down Under...
9. At the Wasps 2nd Annual 70's car Rally which event did NOT occur?
 - a) Capt. Caveman, defecated into a ziploc bag to satisfy requirements in the "something smelly" section
 - b) Barfske and the Eagle had penis kissing contests
 - c) Thumper went in the Club 200 gay bar and was not seen again that night
10. As part of the 1999 Regina snow 7's competition, possible improvements on this years events include:
 - a) Moving the competition away from Regina
 - b) Inviting 'Wasps only' prostitutes (editor's note-I think Andy is saying that he has to pay for sex...)
 - c) Include a 'Wasps only' hot tub

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Play"

Labatt's for evening festivities, Tropicana for morning recoveries, now all we need is a knee surgeon and a law

firm to sponsor us...



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- 1994 Tempo, 4cyl, 4dr, at, low mileage.
- '88 Pontiac 6000, 4 dr, 6 cyl, safetied, \$2750

Paul Haskins and Faye Hein are getting married. March 6th! Everyone's invited to the dance at 7:30 p.m. (in Edmonton). More news next issue.

Wasps Christmas Wish List

You'd better not pout, you'd better not cry, cuz Santa'll dis ya. And yes, Stu, he does know that you've been naughty...Many waspies have hung out their black 'n gold socks with care, hoping for some very specific items. Our contact at the North Pole has let slip some of the more notable request.

Sid Roberts would like another visit with national Coach Pat Parfrey. "Give me three hours and

30 or so beer and Parfrey'll forget all about Gareth Rees!"

Garther Cheung wants a wristband attachment for his Father's Big Bertha driver. "When we almost lost it I thought I'd be reenacting the shower scene from Psycho when I got home. It's a good thing the Red River is too thick for anything to sink in it!"

Dave Fraser wants people to quit laughing when he calls himself "Doctor"

Liam Brunham has asked for a Jerry detection kit so as not to lose it ever again. "I figure the U.S. weapons inspectors turfed from Iraq have equipment for locating large quantities of hazardous substances, and if they're not using it..."

Darren Raesides didn't want much, "All I want for Christmas is my two front teeth. And some molars would be nice."