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In this, the October, 2000 Issue:

- - DOBs (DART household boys) confrontation averted as last minute withdrawal prevents female resident.
- - Australian duo unravel on finals day- post match function instead features the Wasps own fighting Scotsmen.
- - Wasp student identified in Frosh week hit and run in the biggest scandal to rock the club since the Tainted Saint went on a wild post-Tier II victory binge in 1997. Alcohol is once again believed to be a factor.
- - What four letter word sends shivers down the spines of Wasps family and friends when uttered in public. That's right, it's "tour" and Tank Den Tueling is the man pulling the reins for a trip to the lands where drugs and prostitution are legal...
- - - Romanian duo reappear as snow rugby gets underway- every Saturday at 1.30pm, Vincent Massey School.

Thunder from Down Under

- **The Wasps AGM is being held on Monday the 27th November at Sports Manitoba on 200 Main St.** Among other things, the club will be discussing fundraising options for 2000 (even though it appears we had a sound year in 2000) including a long distance telephone plan using EXCEL phone company.
- Contrary to scurrilous rumours I did not succumb to a neck injury as a last ditch effort to attend homeland (Para) Olympics. Thanks to everybody who called and offered support over the last couple of weeks.

- The club thanks Coach Gary Nicolson for all his time and efforts in 2000. We would like to see him return, particularly as some forwards were just beginning to grasp his lineout calls as the season ended.
- Tank is a man who likes to make sure his weight doesn't get out of control in the off season by playing indoor soccer. Anybody interested in joining him for a "winter of fun" (his own words), call him at 261-6284 or 229-6231 or e-mail at jenryan@pangea.ca for more information .
- In addition, Tank is also the fulcrum for a potential upcoming Wasps tour to Holland in June 2001. See below for details and call myself or Tank if interested.

1. Date:May 25- June 4,2000
2. May 25, departure Wpg International Airport
3. May 26, arrive Schiphol. Train to Down Town Amsterdam (Hotel beside Heineken Brewery).
4. May 27: Game A.A.C (r.f.c Amsterdam)-WPG Wasps
5. May 28: Departure Nijmegen (Tanks old town)
6. May 29: Game n.r.c The Wasps-Wpg Wasps (this game could also be played later in the week)
7. May 30 -May 31 still open (shopping and siteseeing)
8. June 1: A night in down town Nijmegen
9. June 2: Giant Party 30 th Anniversary N.R.C the Wasps
10. June 3: Marieken van Nimwegen Tournament (10's a side)
We will enter 2 teams(and win this tournament)
11. June 4,2001 Depart for Winnipeg
12. June 5,2001 back to work.
13. You need 6 vacation days cause may 28 is a stat day.
14. This program is subject to change.
15. Airfare cost (departing Winnipeg) is \$869.00(including al taxes).
16. Nijmegen wasps will hoste us and will billett us.
17. We only need 2 hotel nights in Amsterdam cost up to \$75.00 p/p.
18. We also need travel insurance aswell tour gifts, and for us Jersey,polo and sports bag.

The Thrill of the Chase is Over: The Cheetah's Wedding Speech

I heard an incredible toast at a friend of mine's wedding, and it basically said that this was what a wedding was all about; good friends getting together to celebrate the joining of two best friends. And that was one of the most profound descriptions I had ever heard, and it really struck a note with me.

I would like to thank you all for coming. I would also like to thank my family and my friends old and new; I would never had the success I had in life if it was not for you. I have had the

fortune to have had some fantastic people as my friends. I hope I have been as good a friend to you guys as you have been to me. You made me what I am today, a man. You also scarred me for life but that is a separate matter that we will talk about at the bar.

All my life I thought I was a pretty lucky guy, travelling all over the place, experiencing some pretty cool things and playing with the two best rugby clubs (and the Travelling Giapuccis of course) in the world, but just looking at all you people here to help Kathy and I celebrate our wedding proves to me that I am the luckiest guy on Earth. And for that, I am grateful. I am truly glad you could all come today, but I am sad that a few of my friends could not make it today due to other commitments and some I lost along the way. Fellas, my thoughts are with you, wherever you are.

The only wish I had for today is probably going to make every guy in the place shake his head. I wish I could have met my mother- in- law, and my other brother in- law just to thank them for their part in developing this beautiful woman I have the pleasure of calling my wife. Kathy, you are the most beautiful person I have ever met and it is the greatest thrill in my life to say I am your husband, even if you sometimes drive me nuts. Every day I wake up next to you is the start of a great day. You have made me so happy; I just hope I can make you feel the same in return.

The last things I am going to say are to my new brother in- law, Steve and my father in- law, Fred Sanford. Steve, I don't care if you phoned West Jet and there is room on the flight, you are still not coming with us on the honerymoon. Henry, I don't care how good a deal you got on the lumber in the dumpster behind Home Depot, I am not leaving to go pick it up.

And now, I want to be with my friends and family, new and old. So let's hang out, have some cheer and enjoy being outside. I'm getting a kickback from Muskol, so the more we're outside, the more I make. Thank you once again for coming and I hope you have as much fun as I am having with you here.

THE HAKAS OF THE WORLD

Seeing how the All Blacks were motivated by performing "The Haka" before their world cup games, the other nations were asked to suggest pre-match rituals of their own.

- The England team will chat about the weather, wave hankies in the air and attach bells to their ankles for a while before moaning about how they invented the game, and gave it to the world, and how it's not fair that everyone can beat them now.
- The Scotland team will chant "You lookin' at me Jimmy?" before smashing an Iron Bru bottle over their opponents heads.
- The Ireland team will spilt into two, with the Southern half performing a Riverdance, while the Northerners march the Traditional route from their dressing room to the pitch,

via their opponents dressing room.

- Unfortunately the Welsh suggestion has been vetoed by the RSPCA.
- 6) "He's looking for some meaningful penetration in the backline."
- Argentina will unexpectedly invade a small part of opposition territory claim it as their own "Las In-Goals-Areas" and then be forceably removed by the Stewards.
- Two members of the South African team will claim to be more important than the other thirteen whom they will coral between the posts whilst they claim the rest of the pitch for themselves.
- The Americans will not be there until half time. In future years they will alter the records to show that they were in fact the most important team in the tournament and Hollywood will make a film called "Saving No8 Lyle".
- Five of the Canadian team will sing La Marsaillaise and hold the rest of the side to ransom.
- The Italian team will arrive in red, penis-substituting cars, sexually harass the female stewards and then run away. Finally..."I don't like this new law, because your first instinct when you see a man on the ground is to go down on him"
- The Spanish will sneak into the other half of the pitch mow it and then claim that it was all in line with the European "grass quotas". They will then curl up under the posts and have a kip until half time.
- The Japanese will attempt to strengthen their team by offering good salaries to the key opposition players (over 35) and then run around the pitch at high speed in a highly efficient manner before buying the ground (with a subsidy from the UK Government).
- The French will declare they have new scientific evidence that the opposition are in fact all mad. They will then park lorries across the halfway line, let sheep lose in the opposition half and burn the officials.
- The Australians will have a barbie before negotiating lucrative singing and TV contracts in the UK. They will then invite their mates to come and live with them in Sheperds Bush before beating up all the women on the touchline.

Mac's Picks: 35th Anniversary Picks:

As you may know it is the 35th anniversary of the club this year and RAG staff have invited me, as long time Wasps member and rugby follower, to pick my best team of Wasps over those years. After much thought and a few beers here is my top list for the past 35 years for the Wasps RFC.

Position	1st Team	2nd team	Short Stay*
Fullback	Riley Barkman	Gord Foulkes	Bryan Shettler
Wing	Rob Flannigan	Steve Anderson	Wayne Sargent
O/centre	John Swindlehurst	Darren Raeside	Rob Callis

I/centre	Todd Andrews	Craig Peters	Cam Randall
Wing	Dan Hotel	Lloyd Dawes	Willie Fehr
S/off	Sid Roberts	Jon Jenkins	Don Cooper
S/half	Steve Tait	Marc Rampaul	Jeff Barlow
# 8	Geoff Ellwand	Gary Nicolson	Gregg Sedun
Flank	Paul Harland	Scott Harland	Barry Hisco
Flank	Jerry Dann	Ron Enberg	Scott Cox
Lock	Bill Chambers	Stew Denston	Bruce Coverton
Lock	Kirk Gorham	Shane Hiebert	Jeff McCord
Prop	Garther Cheung	Ward King	Glenn McNutt
Hooker	Gary Pacholuk	Roddy McLeod	Jamie Baron
Prop	Dave Fraser	Ralph Hicks	Bob Moffatt
* Players who were only with the club for a short time			

Wee Heave Leaves Chez Tuna in Tatters (RP-Rag Press)

At a recent after wedding soiree, young Rob Brogan did all he could to end what had been an enjoyable evening. "Tuna's party was just starting to click until Brogan made a mess of the music system", stated one observer. "People were enjoying what Tuna was spinning, but Rob decided we needed a "fresher" mix", said another. " I showed Robbie where my newer stuff was, and that's when all hell broke loose.....!He put his beer ontop of the t.v and accidently bumped the 30 or so cd's that were sitting there. Then,he tried to catch the remainder before they fell, but in doing so toppled over his full beer onto the floor and onto the broken cd' s. But, beore I could stop him, he was putting some broken disks back ontop of the t.v, and like a recurring nightmare, knocked the remainder off! I guess the party kind of fizzled from there, Tuna remarked.... With lack of tunes the party cleared, trying to drag young Rob out before he could do any more damage. But he wanted no part of leaving."I'll stay and listen to music with you Tuna, he slurred, showing full effects of a night out with the "big DOGS!" "It was like shoing a big crow away from a fresh roadkill", Tuna remembered. I kept walking him to the waiting cab, but back he'd come... "I told him, all that's left for music is some of Darren's old L. P's, and even I'm not allowed to touch those!", Renee added. Finally, Tuna told Rob that if he stayed, there was a hot tub in the back yard with some strict, new drinking games, and off he ran, mumbling something about not having his "sea legs...."



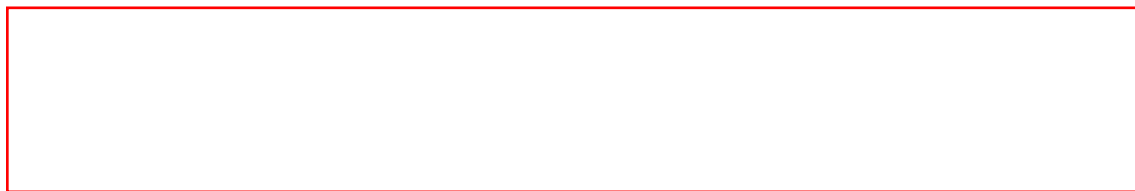
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Classic Car Castaways- the 1st in a new series where RAG staff recall some of the yesteryears

Remember those carefree days when cruisin' in the car meant more than just rushing to make Wasps practise on time. well, some of us have had a ghost or two in our "vehicular closets" that can be loosely interpreted to represent a "classic car". The first that comes to mind is Pacman's 60's something "Lithuanian Limo".

This monster truck/car could have just as easily been the first wasps bus! No problem packing the first 15 in the front seat, a few of the "Legends" in the back, and three cold kegs in the trunk.

When Pacman parked this beast at the 'Bridge, Merriam St. was blocked off from Pembina Hwy. The tree which Pacman hit every time he tried his "three point turn" stillstands today; stoic,monumental,stark,and very dead. It remains a reminder of the battles with the legend that once lived.....the SHIMMERING,BLINDING, gold, or was that PUKE YELLOW, "Pakmobile!" It was purchased for \$ 18.23 in 198_ and sold to Frank at the Cambridge for a story about the hole in his head, and a "jumbo!" The last few days of her existance were spent carrying bodies for the Greek mafia, a job not becomming for a car that has reached near cult status. Sources from within Greek circles described her as such-" That'a car'a can'a carry alotta of stiifs. Also we hit stuff in it and nuttin' happened..." I can only sum up all the attributes with one word-reliable. Gone but not forgotten-RIDE ON!!!!



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Letters to the Editor

From: Shane Hiebert [psh@istar.ca]

To: Toddy

Subject: : Shane's Life: An Update

Hi All, Well for those of you that don't know or haven't heard from me in a while, I would like to give you an update as to what I am doing and where I am living.

At the end of our last episode (Oct.- Nov. 1999), I had just returned from the World Cup of Rugby where I visited England, Scotland, Wales, Holland and France. In a word, unforgettable (thanks to all of my new friends). When I returned to Canada, I was living in Calgary at the time, I decided to give up my life as an international consultant (hey, the US is considered international) and I began to look for work in Calgary. Hearing so much about how companies need people with my skills, I thought finding a job in a booming city like Calgary would be no problem. However, even though I have 7 years experience in software development and project leadership I did not have the 'hot' software language (Java) on my resume. Therefore, I had a hard time getting in the door and therefore, I began to look outside of Calgary. This is where my new adventure started.

To make a long story short. At the end of March 2000, I moved to Ontario to work as an Intermediate (soon to be senior) Systems Analyst with a company called Karmax Heavy Stamping. They are a division of Magna, which is a worldwide automotive parts maker. Karmax is their flagship. It is located in a town called Milton. The job has worked out incredibly well, the company has treated me very, very well and I have not been this happy at a job for a long time.

When I arrived in Ontario, I spent the first 3 1/2 months living with my cousin, Audra and her family. They live in Georgetown which is 10 minutes southwest of Brampton and about 20 minutes from Mississauga. It went surprisingly well and the move would not have been so smooth if not for them.. They gave me the time I needed to look for a place and get settled in.

To continue. I had already made the decision, before I left Calgary, that if I was moving across the country then I was not moving for a long time. So, since arriving here and discovering that the job was working out so well, I decided to plant some roots. Needless to say, I moved into my very own house (yes I bought one) on July 14th. I also live in Georgetown, around the corner from my cousin. Just a coincidence I can assure you. It was the right house in the right town at the right price. Georgetown is a smaller town but I am only 20 minutes from work on back roads (my prerequisite on moving to Ontario was not taking the 401 to work). It is big enough to have a great British Pub (the George and Dragon), a decent mall (who really needs more than a Wal-Mart, Canadian Tire and a Loblaws), small enough to be very quiet and close enough to bigger cities (Toronto - 40 minutes; Mississauga - 20 minutes) that I can catch all the entertainment that I want. I have already seen Bruce

Springsteen and KISS at the Air Canada Centre, caught a Blue Jays game at the Skydome (even saw the dome close) and I have scored tickets to see KISS again in Hamilton (I think I am just reliving my youth- KISS was the first concert I ever saw).

Oh I almost forgot. Yes, I am still single (Some things never change. Scientists now believe that the one constant in the Universe, the speed of light, actually changes. Therefore they have asked me and my ever constant singleness to be the new universal constant). I have also begun to work on my magic again. I plan to be doing shows by December.

Anyway, that should bring all of you up to speed. Needless to say, if any of you are in the area, don't hesitate to call. I have plenty of room and would love to show you some western hospitality eastern style.

Hope things are going well for all of you. Keep in touch and let me know what is happening in your lives.

Your Friend...Shane Hiebert

P.S. Here is my current address info: 454 Delrex Blvd.

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The Mouth From the South;- correspondence from the Wheel

IN response to an article in August Rag entitled "The Top Ten Reasons why Miles Jones is leaving the DART house", here are my top 10 reasons as to why he should have been kicked a long time ago:

1. He stinks (I think is reference to his feet- Ed)
2. Never did dishes
3. Thought that "Last chicken at Safeway" and "Mr.Brain" jokes were funny
4. Fudging golf strokes is different than fudging the # of times you bought bread
5. -MTS bills (enough said)
6. All roomates and house guests were tired of getting Mac and Cheese when it was his turn to cook.
7. No....I bought that. Ok, but let's be honest, how much did it cost...I can pay for it!
8. Stench of shoes (see 1)
9. Demands of his car having to be the closest to the block heater plug in the winter
10. One word "Beano"

Proposed Quiz to aid in the selection of future import players.

1. In the clubhouse, your team-mates refer to you as? A) A great guy. B) A fine bloke. C) Who? .
2. When passed the ball your team-mates expect you to? A) Break through five tackles, run the length of the pitch and score between the posts. B) Perhaps break one tackle but always secure possession. C) Trip over your bootlaces.
3. Your rugby philosophy is? A) Play hard, train hard. B) Do your best but enjoy yourself. C) Drink beer and eat pies.
4. At half-time you have? A) Some isotonic glucose drink. B) A piece of orange. C) A pint, a fag and a pie.
5. After the match, do you? A) Have a pint and a chat with your opposite number. B) Have a couple of pints with the boys. C) Have too much to drink and vomit over the referee.
6. Your perfect rugby match is? A) 80 mins of champagne rugby, scoring 3 tries. B) 80 mins of blood and thunder, scoring 1 try. C) Getting sent off nice and early.
7. Your idea of weight training is? A) Three one-hour sessions a week on a multigym. B) An occasional half-hour with some hand weights. C) Holding two pints at once.
8. You are most admired and respected at your club because of? A) Your athleticism and prowess on the rugby pitch. B) Your reliability and dedication to the club. C) Your ability to buy a round.

24 points: You are either Gavin Hastings or a sad, deluded fool. 17-23 points: Sorry, we don't want your type. 9-16 points: Nearly but not quite, go and find a nice respectable little club. 8 points: house man.

Jenkins' Picks

As promised, here are my all time Wasp XV picks. I've decided to send you **three lists**, just because I'm a windy, loud-mouthed nob.

All time XV

1. Ray Ericson No Wasp scrum ever went backward with the big bear up front. No ear went un-Wet Willied either.
2. Garry Pacholuk - Great hands, great heart. In the end, the head gave out.
3. Ralph Hicks - An undisputed legend.
4. Guy McKim - OK, he's not a lock, but it's probably the only spot he hasn't played for the club and he had to be in the side.
5. Rob Gereghty - Made Rugby Canada in 1988 and a mainstay of some dominating Wasps packs.
6. Geoff Ellwand- One cap against Wales in 1972. Trademark cackle after selling dummies always entertaining.
7. Paul Harland - The Ramblin' Redhead is without a doubt the best rugby player Manitoba

ever produced. Period.

8. Garry Nicholson/Dave Bowen - Nobody ever gritted their teeth, put their head down and worked harder than Nick. A flurry of knees and elbows running with the ball. Bowen is simply an impressive athletic spectacle.
9. Steve Tait - Sadly, only one season in black and gold, but what a season. Twenty-odd games for Queensland behind him, the Taiter gave rugby a second chance on the prairies and wowed teammates by running faster sideways than most guys can forwards.
10. Sid Roberts - Great skills and very creative.
11. Dan Hotel - Nobody's ever kept count but would almost certainly lead the all-time try-scoring list by a country mile. Pace and power.
12. John Swindlehurst - Speed, strength and style. Had an uncanny knack for scooping every bounce.
13. Darren Raesides - Slashing runner with great speed and soft hands.
14. Ken Campbell - A former Manitoba 100-m champion so big he could play at lock. A man no one wanted to tackle.
15. Jack Brogan - Prodigious goal-kicker, brilliant attacker and a huge seller of dummies.

Most Under-rated XV of all time.

This list is largely inspired by Craig Peters, who could have and should have played for Manitoba most of his career and would be on everyone's All-time best Wasp XV if he had.

1. Ward King - Pound for pound, Psycho Ward was the best scrummager around and he famously tortured a number of hapless opponents. His Dancing Jockstrap Routine is sadly missed.
2. Gary Fasano - A hard worker with a heart of black and gold.
3. Miles Jones - Don't laugh - Miles was a useful prop in his school days and a return to the front row could lengthen his playing days. Plus he'd be the best goal-kicker and snappiest dresser up there.
4. Wayne Ritchot - A huge man who could actually jump in the days before lifting. A terrifying sight when fit and running with the ball.
5. Shane Hiebert - Really should be on the all-time list. Did all the dirty work in the rucks and mauls.
6. Scott MacAuley - Not physically imposing but a very smart player with good hands.
7. Paul Harland - Hey he's the best ever - and under-rated.
8. Tony Temple - Tough and mean, Temple smashed through countless would-be tacklers in the early days of the Thirds.
9. Jeff Barlow - Swift, crisp delivery, powerful running and a huge tackle count. A great addition to any side.
10. Paul Huntington - Always fit, the Huntingdog had all-around skills and a good tactical head.

11. Vern Steiner - The fastest thing on two legs.
12. Craig Peters - See above. Never missed a tackle, went down on every loose ball and had superb hands. A great, great player.
13. Cam Randall/Grant McManes - Two of the best rugby players ever to come out of Brandon. Randall was big and strong with a nice touch handling the ball, while McManes has laid on some of the biggest open field tackles one would ever care to see.
14. Don Innes - Good speed and hands in his younger days and a masterful tactician later on.
15. Lloyd Dawes - "It's like trying to tackle a bowling ball," someone once said. Taught Paul Harland how not to pass.

Car Pool XV

Don Cherry once said this about lunch-bucket hero and former con Craig McTavish - "Heart and soul guy - I wouldn't car pool with him, but you could build a team around him." Here then, is my heart and soul XV, guys you could be proud to play with, drink and car pool with.

1. Bill Bien/Rob Schon - Big Bill is a mighty scrummager and enormously difficult man to tackle. Robbie is famous for doing all the hard work on and off the field, and along with brother Doug, orchestrated dozens of memorable after-match functions at stately Schon Manor.
2. Scott Jamieson - Generated more good stories on 1 May Long Weekend than most guys will in a lifetime. Gone but not forgotten.
3. Brian Dupasquier - Lived to play rugby. An anchor of the team in every possible way.
4. Bill Chambers - A hugely talented player and all-time great party animal.
5. Tony Coy - Once flattened 2 St. James Zots in less than 3 seconds. Delightfully cantankerous and a huge club loss club when he died.
6. . Marc Pellerin/Doug Schon - Cappy Pellerin was a great leader and utterly fearless in combat. Schon, after a decade or so, finally shrugged the nickname Rookie and served as president.
7. Ron Enberg - Fit, fast and fashionable. Sings a mean Springsteen too.
8. Rob St. Germain/Ed Byard - Always a satisfying and reassuring sight when one of these two packed down behind the scrum. Saint has been an indispensable presence around the club for almost 30 years and is synonymous with Wasp rugby. Byard of course, once opined that playing rugby was better than beating your wife. Yes Ed, and not against the law either.
9. Al Hall - Playing rugby has never been quite the same since Al died. One of the most colourful, entertaining and interesting people to ever strap on a Wasp jersey.
10. Todd Andrews - A galvanizing force in recent years. A gifted player who has led by example on and off the field. Talks funny though.
11. Steve Anderson - Exiled to Korea once he lost his trademark flowing blond locks. Now he just looks like a shorter, rounder Dan Hotel. Still, a great guy to have around on the

pitch or in the pub.

12. Geoff Oliver - Was either a small lock or a giant centre. An superb teammate either way and an excellent club president to boot
13. Craig Peters - Makes both lists just because.
14. Wayne Guenther - Remarkably durable and talented player. A Snow Rugby Hall of Famer.
15. Ian Murray - Brilliant footballer and all-time great singer of songs.

Coach - Garry Nicholson and Guy McKim - It's hard to imagine a side without one of these guys coaching, largely because it's almost never happened.

Player Profiles

At the recent Canada Cup tournament at Maple Grove, Rag Correspondents were able to chat to Canada Rugby legend Gareth Rees as well as incumbent hooker Pat Dunkley for a series of cutting-edge profiles.

WR (Wasp Rag)- Gareth, thanks for agreeing to answer a couple of questions, which we are going to ask in no particular order of importance. What's your favourite food?

GR- Betty's cakes. This is something I like to make when I get out on my annual houseboat trip.

WR- That's great. It's that type of nitty-gritty inside information that has made the WASP RAG the most widely read rugby magazine in Manitoba. What's your favourite Mickey Rourke movie?

GR- Laughs. 9 ½ weeks.

WR- Favourite 90210/Melrose Place character?

GR- Paul Johansson. He was a friend of mine from Kelowna but I forget exactly who he was in the show

WR- That's OK. We have a guy in our club who has the same (physical) profile as you who hasn't missed an episode who can help us out with that (Jones later informed us that Paul Johansson was Donna's Football playing love interest in the 96-97 season, Donna's first as Rose Bowl Queen).

WR- You've played at the top level for a long time, against some terrific players, but who is your most respected opponent.

GR- Hugo Porter and then Tommy Woods.

WR- Should've known it would be another prolific pointscorer.

GR- Not only that but he managed to almost never get dirty and was a legend with the women after the game. Also a super guy.

WR- I played against Argentina in the Dubai 7's but Hugo was long gone by then. By the way, have you heard anything of the big names of that Canada team sent to Dubai in 1998, such as Dan Baugh, Kyle Nicolls, Jeff Williams or Todd Andrews.

GR- Well, I've never heard of that last guy but the first 3 all went on to bigger and better things.

WR- Well for your information the last guy was an "experienced" import who played a BIG role in the Canada's 4 losses that year and Manitoba certainly never looked back when he got injured this year... Speaking of which, do you recall any particularly embarrassing moments during your career? Or proudest moments for that matter?

GR- During training camp at Seranik Lake I was once replaced by a referee who was watching the game from the sideline (looks towards ex referee sitting next to him). I was kicking v. poorly at the time. Proudest moments- let's see. It would have to be when I got named as a 2nd team allstar in Dr Dunk's tournament at Pam Anderson's house in Ladysmith, BC (winks and says "Pam in the gym")

WR- NO WAY!! You and Pamela getting at it in the gym!!

GR- No I meant she was in the gym while we were playing- I'm not sure if she could see the game or not.

WR- Happy times indeed. Where do you see yourself in 10 years time.

GR- Gee, hadn't really thought about it- not sure.

WR- OK let's simplify it. Will you be under or over 250.

GR- Laughs (thankfully). That's easy- at least 265lb.

WR- That's great that you are planning to keep in game shape. If you could play in a demonstration sport in the 2004 Olympics, what would it be.

GR- Tape Ball. It's a fun sport that Bobby Ross and I have developed while on tour- it's only played in hotel rooms.

WR- Sounds like you had fun on your tours. Playing for the Buffalo is a bit of a chore- we rarely have any time for fun... Speaking of tours, and the two subjects may or may not be related, but what was your most public/adventurous sex.

GR- Joining the mile high club.

WR- Good stuff. Any more details?

GR- Depends. Where is this stuff being published again?

WR- Just in the local club newsletter.

GR- I had to ask because you never know when some stuff might end up on the 'net.

WR- Oh yeah, well... ah... moving right along then. Changing tack a bit, you spent a lot of time in England, winning the pointscorers title several times while playing for London Wasps. What was your favourite ground to play on, taking into account the quality of the post-game kebab?

GR- Calley Road in Oxford although Anwar who owns the kebab kid on Fulham Road also did a great little number.

WR- When you were teaching at Eton, can you confirm or deny whether Prince William was dating Brittany Spears. If so, did he show you any photos? If so, can we look at them?

GR- No comment.

WR- On final question for all our female readers Gareth. Of all the school uniforms that you came across in England (no pun intended of course) what was your favourite tartan?

GR- Actually, my favourite tartan is that of Crofton House in Vancouver.

WR- Gareth Rees, it has been a pleasure talking to you. Oh- one more thing; can you play tomorrow...

Pat Dunkley Player Profile

WR- Pat, thanks for talking to us this afternoon. You were in the news recently after being infected with 'flesh eating disease' while playing rugby in Fiji. Did you feel a bit robbed, not

only being in the prime of your career but at least if you had AIDS, then that would have implied that you had been sleeping around a bit, you know, as if you had earned it.

PD- It's just one of those things. I am well on the road to recovery now anyway.

WR- Oh good, I can sit a bit closer then... Do you have any pet peeves Pat (pardon the alliteration). I mean apart from people asking personal questions while you are trying to watch womens rugby and relax on a Saturday afternoon.

PD- Fat ----- who use thyroid problems as an excuse.

WR- Mm Hmm. Let's run with the personal stuff for a bit. Favourite food?

PD- Anything Greek but especially Eugene's.

WR- Favourite Mickey Rourke movie?

PD- Mickey who?

WR- Mickey Rourke. He's a... never mind. Favourite movie.

PD- Silence of the Lambs.

WR- Favourite Beverly Hills character?

PD- Steve although I don't really watch much TV. What about Don Cherry.

WR- I guess you could consider Hockey Night in Canada a soap opera of sorts. I want to ask you about your most public sex experience but please don't feel pressured by Gareth's response.

PD- Bank machine.

WR- Ooooooh, you're good. I should finish off with some Rugby related stuff for our hard core Rugby followers. Proudest and most embarrassing moments?

PD- Proudest would be the bank machine incident (laughs) and I don't really embarrass that easily.

WR- Favourite ground to play on?

PD- U Vic

WR- Most respected opponent?

PD- Lawrence Dallaglio. Also Andre Venter- he is the biggest flanker I've ever seen!

WR- All the best with your recovery and thanks for taking the time to speak with us Pat.

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Woman hit by stolen vehicle

Winnipeg Police took two University of Manitoba students into custody Monday after a woman was struck by a stolen John Dere utility vehicle on the Fort Garry campus.

Jim Raftis, director of the university's Security Services, said the victim suffered minor injuries in the afternoon incident.

"Someone did get hurt, and from what I understand the woman who got hit was having knee surgery," he said.

The vehicle in question was being used by the University of Manitoba Students' Union for its Orientation Week activities and had been parked outdoors at the time of the theft. The vehicle was reportedly hot-wired by two males who had been drinking.

Raftis said police will likely place charges against the driver of the vehicle.

"That person is going to be charged with theft and maybe some drinking and driving offenses

as well," he explained.

The names of the vehicle's occupants were not available at press time.