

Hockey Since 1930's

Sparkling Scoring

By Owen Ricker

"He shoots! He scores!", the by-word of Canada's national sport, hockey, has been a familiar cry around the University of Alberta campus since its earliest years.

The first Alberta teams competed in city intermediate and senior leagues and met with varying degrees of success through the years. Intercollegiate hockey began in the 1930's and Alberta immediately established themselves as champions.

For fifteen consecutive years the Golden Bears, as they came to be called, carried off the Halpenny Trophy, emblematic of Western intercollegiate hockey supremacy, until the trophy was finally retired permanently in Alberta's possession in March, 1950.

Dr. W. G. Hardy, present head of the department of classics at the U of A, Bear coach from 1920 to 1927 and past president of the Alberta Amateur Hockey Association, the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association and the World Ice Hockey Federation, donated the Hardy Cup as a replacement in the following season, and in the ensuing years the Bears have failed to win the cup only three times.

During the 1949-60 season, the Hon. E. W. Hamber, Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia, donated the trophy which bears his name for annual competition between the Universities of Alberta and British Columbia. With the exception of its inaugural season, this trophy, too, has remained in Alberta trophy cases.

HOCKEY BARN BANNISHED

Facilities also have changed through the years. The early Varsity teams played on outdoor rinks, so it was understandable that the formal opening of the covered Varsity Rink on December 1, 1927 was widely heralded by players and fans alike. The "Barn", as it was called in later years, was the finest rink around in its day, and served as "home" to Alberta teams until just last season; and its demolition this past fall marked the end of an old era and the beginning of a new one.

On November 30, 1960, the new Varsity Arena was formally opened and several of the driving forces behind the building of the old rink were present to take part in the ceremonies. Dr. Hardy, D. P. McDonald, a star goalie during the early 20's, J. C. Marshall, a member of the original rink committee, and Alex McCalla, present Students' Council president, were among those taking

part. The game between the Bears and Edmonton Flyers marked the first meeting between the Bears and a professional team.

Clare Drake, in his fourth year as Bear head coach, is the latest in a long line of top-notch mentors the Bears have had over the years, a group which has included such men as Andy Purcell, Art Weibe, Stan and Clarence Mohr and Dr. Don Smith, as well as Dr. Hardy.

The Bears have enjoyed their usual success so far this season and appear to be well on their way to retaining both the Hardy and Hamber trophies for another year. Exhibition games with top amateur teams in Northern Alberta have completed the year's schedule.

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Golden Bears And Touchdowns

By Gerry Marshall

Football on the campus of the Green and Gold has been up and down more times than the bouncing ball in a Walt Disney sing-a-long. For a few years the Golden Bears would be rolling along with gay abandon

only to find themselves either without a conference, a respectable team, or sometimes even a team.

Throughout the "roaring twenties" the Gilded one's fortunes rose and fell and finally when the thirties rolled around

the Bears were tightening their belts along with the masses.

The Golden Bears saw the University of Saskatchewan Huskies take home the loot for four consecutive years through 1934 to 1937 and then in 1938 the Green and Gold fortunes hit an all time low... The Bears lost all six major games including a 35-0 snow job at the hands of the WIFU Eskimos.

In 1939, a storm warning was issued by the Bears, as they defeated Saskatchewan 9-3 for their first victory over the Huskies in seven years. The following year Bob Fritz took over the coaching reins and guided the Albertans to their first western title in eight years as they clobbered the Saskatchewan Huskies 27-5 in a sudden death final.

Percy Daigle, who is back with the Bears, joined Fritz the following year and the Green and Gold promptly lost back the Hardy Trophy, dropping a hardfought four-game, total point series to the Huskies 30-29. Then came the war restrictions and football was gone again.

BEARS GRAB HARDY TROPHY

After a two year layoff, the Bears rebounded in 1944 to grab the Hardy Trophy again only to lose it the following year to the University of British Columbia Thunderbirds.

With Dr. Maury Van Vliet in the drivers seat, the Golden Bears roared to the championship in 1946 and 1947. The '47 season was highlighted by the first east-west college football final as the University of Toronto Blues came to town and whipped the Bears 19-5.

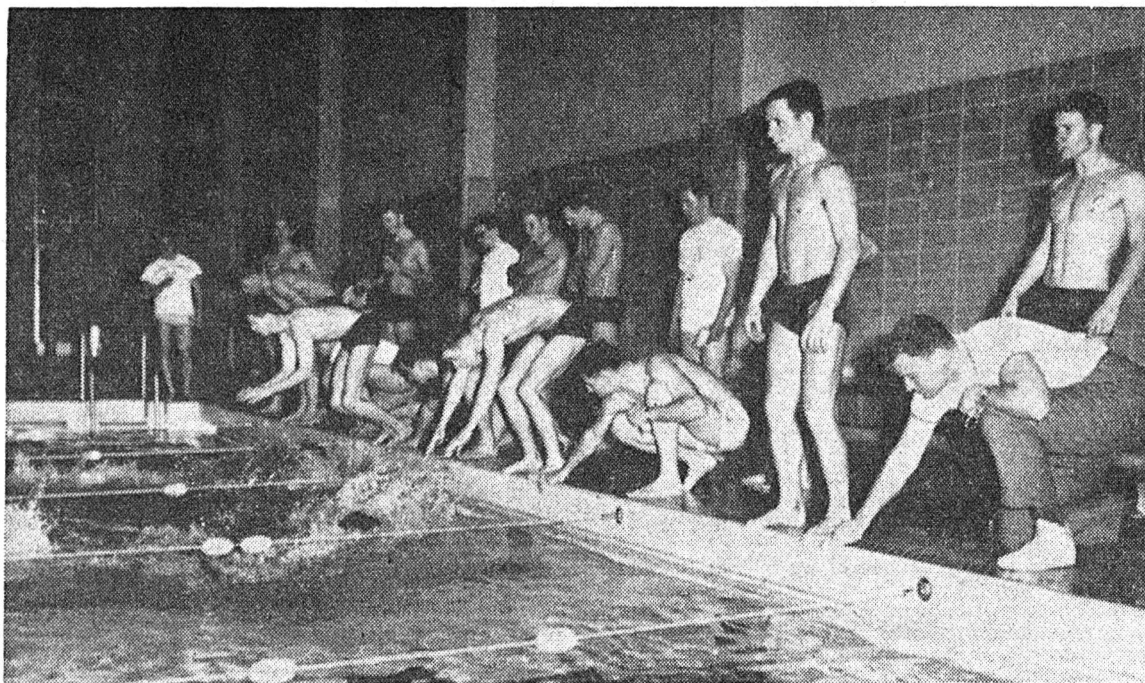
Nineteen hundred and forty eight was a great year for the Golden Bears, although it was to ring the death knell on college football in the west for ten years. The Albertans were undefeated as they swept to their third straight western title, and along the way they clobbered the WIFU Saskatchewan Roughriders 19-7 in an exhibition game. Dr. Don Smith was head coach that year and his assistants were Jerry Searight and Percy Daigle.

Then, for ten long years, there was no football on the campus of the U of A.

FALL MADNESS RESUMED

In 1959 the fall madness was resumed and the Green and Gold performed admirably in their "rookie"

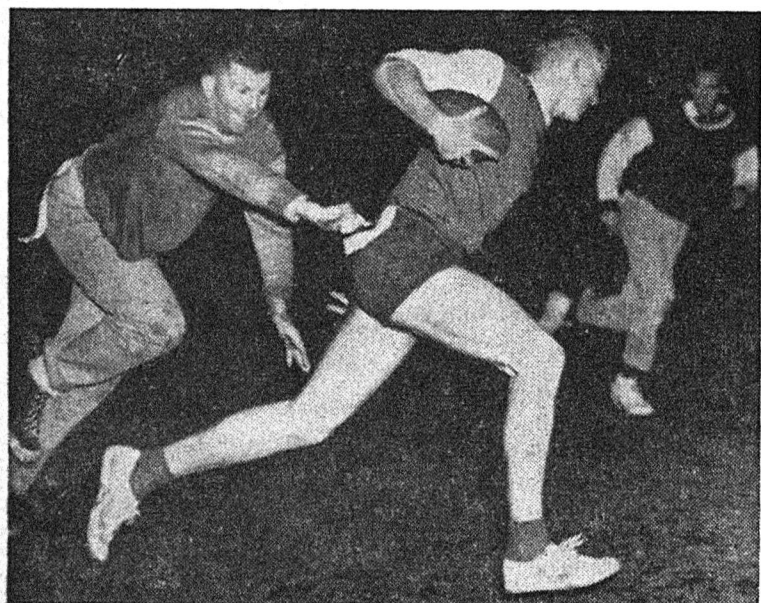
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