

LEAPING FOR THE STARS while the Harlem Stars leap all over the Bears, Cheerleader Mary Lou Wells draws a gaze of professional admiration from another cheerleader, centre, while everyone else watches the game. As anticipated, the Stars won both games, Monday and Tuesday, getting U of A's basketball season off to a fine start. (Photo by Con Stenton)

Stars outshine bears

BY BILL WINSHIP

The one-armed wonder, Boid Buie, led his touring Harlem Stars to easy 73-63 and 67-46 victories over a makeshift Bearcat team Monday and Tuesday nights.

The games, which marked the opening of the 1961-62 basketball season, were played before good crowds who came to see the "showmen of basketball" and went home happy.

Monday, the Stars were paced by their owner and playing manager Buie, who once again proved that he can do more with one arm than most can with two. Buie had a 17 point night on eight field goals and one free throw. Second highest scorer for the stars was Moe Harris with 15 points.

The real comic star of the game, however, was Showboat Buckner who at 5'3" is one of the smallest men in professional basketball. Showboat left no doubt as to why he is billed the Clown Prince of basketball. His antics ranged from making time with pretty co-eds to harassing helpless officials. In between he managed to score ten points for the Stars, and four for the Bearcats!

For the outclassed Bearcats, Golden Bear veterans Harry Beleshko and Jack Hicken were the individual stars scoring 12 and 11 points respectively.

The Stars, combining great talent

with circus antics, thrilled the crowd throughout although the result was never in doubt. The Stars accumulated a 43-29 first half margin, and lead 55-46 at the three-quarter mark.

Tuesday, the Stars' Brick Johnson led his teammates to a 67-46 walkover, scoring 17 points. Buie scored 12 points before leaving the game early in the second half. As well, Handy Andy Shepard showed his amazing hook shot ability, scoring 11 points and adding much comic relief.

For the Bearcats, Harry Beleshko was once again high scorer netting 13 points, followed by Gord Valgardson, who replaced Jack Hicken in the lineup, with 11 points.

The Bearcats, although hardly humiliated, were out-finessed and out-manoeuvred both nights and at times were content to enjoy the antics of the Stars. Nevertheless, Golden Bear hopefuls Jim Walker, Rod Esper, Roger Keith, and Jim Fisher turned in creditable performances to increase speculation about Golden Bear chances in this year's intercollegiate competition.

Lineup: (Monday and Tuesday) Harlem Stars—Buie (17) (12); Harris (15) (5); Forbes (13) (7); Shepard (10) (11); Johnson (2) (17); Buckner (10) (6); Williams (6) (9).

Bearcats—Beleshko (12) (13); Walker (9) (10); Hicken (11); Lamb (8) (2); Valgardson (11); Esper (6) (1); Keith (5) (2); Jones (4) (2); Hunt (0) (6); Fisher (3) (0); Hardy (0) (0).

Rugger squad assured third spot

University of Alberta Bears Rugger Squad rounded out their season in Edmonton League play with a 6-0 win over the Druids at Varsity Grid, Saturday. The victory assures them of third spot in the six team league.

All the scoring took place in the first half. At the five minute mark Derek Higham kicked a penalty goal from 20 yards to give Bears a 3-0 lead. Minutes later a fine three-quarter movement involving Nev Anderson, Higham, Bob Young and

Don Bishop ended up with Bishop crossing the Druid line. Higham's convert attempt, from a difficult angle, failed.

The game became rather ragged in the second half, with play being restricted almost entirely to the forwards. Druids were confined to their own territory for the entire period but Bears failed to add to their score. However, Bishop and Anderson did come close.

Bears deserve credit for their win, as Peter Nash was a virtual passenger for the entire game after being badly shaken up in the first play. The forwards

played very well against first-rate opposition.

So ends Bears first season in organized Rugger. Their debut has been very successful. Starting with an assortment of athletes who knew virtually nothing they have developed into a potent unit. Dr. Max Howell has given the team the benefit of his vast experience in the theory and practice of the game, and his instruction has borne fruit. Next year the U of A may well be the team to beat and the interest shown in Rugger points to at least two teams on campus in 1962.

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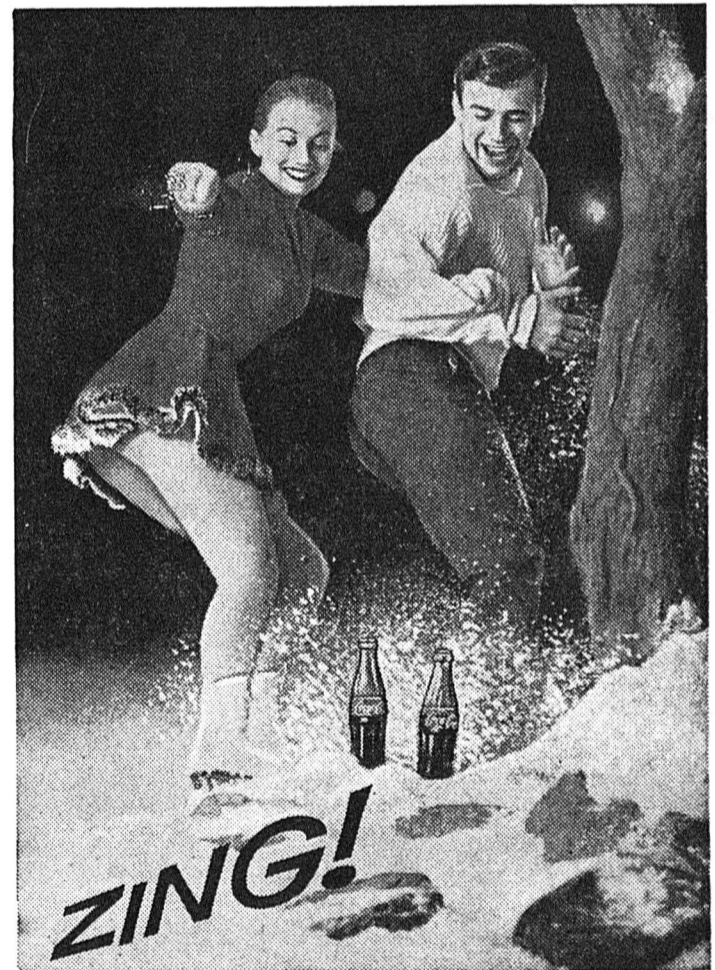
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