

Bears should prevail in 81/82

by Bob Kilgannon

There is one thing that is always consistent in the Western Intercollegiate Football League — nothing is for sure. Every year the competition is tough and trying to predict winners is even tougher.

Last year this reporter gave his fearless predictions of how the league shaped up and somehow picked the order of finish correctly. I should leave well enough alone but I'm going to go out on a limb and try to predict an unpredictable league one more time.

Here's how I see it:

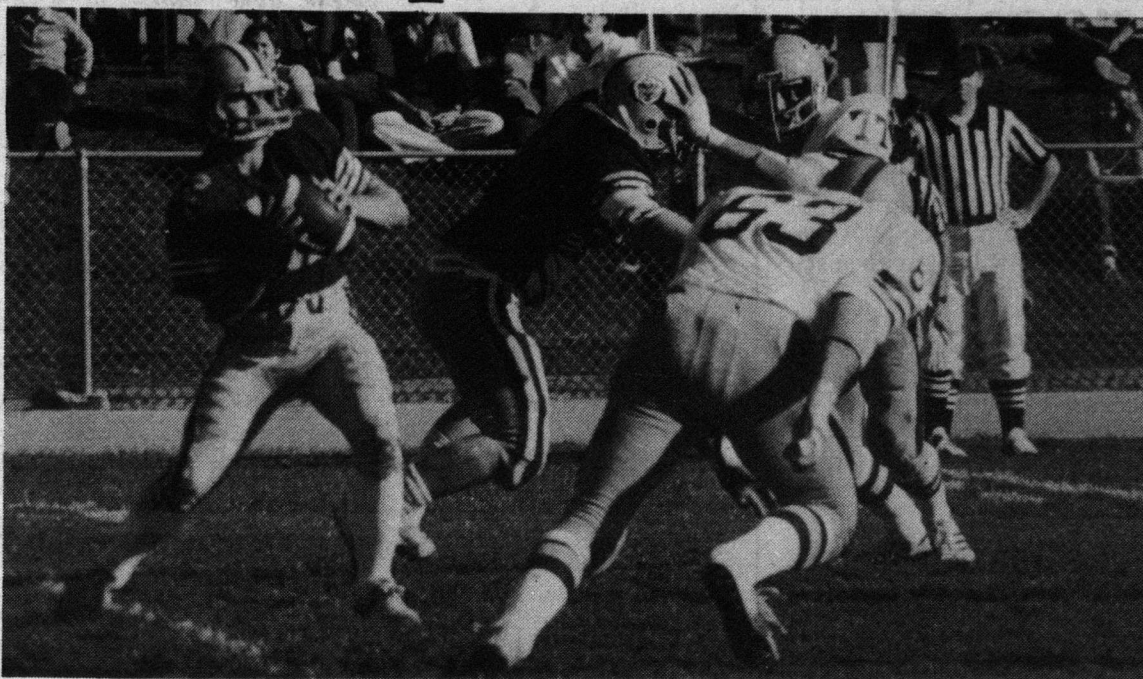
1. Alberta Golden Bears (6-2) — Last year's College Bowl champs. They have a solid nucleus of returnees and some talented rookies.

2. Manitoba Bisons (5-3) — A bit of a disappointment last season but will improve considerably with the return of Duane Hysop, the W.I.F.L. all-star quarterback in 1979.

3. U.B.C. Thunderbirds (4-4) — Many returnees from last year's club. This year they will have more experience and they simply can't have as many injuries as last year.

4) Calgary Dinosaurs (3-5) — Greg Vavra, last year's all-star quarterback will look pretty ordinary without some of last year's excellent support staff. A rebuilding year.

5) Saskatchewan Huskies (2-6) — Last year the Huskies' biggest strength was their running game. Now they have lost both their running backs. Back to square one for Val Schneider and company.



The Canadian champion University of Alberta Golden Bears football team will have to go without star quarterback Forrest Kennerd. But Bob Kilgannon predicts the Bears will still finish in first place.

by Michael Skeet

The Golden Bears football team begins this year's tilt at the scrimmage in much the same fashion as it concluded last year's efforts. On Saturday, September 5 at 7:30 p.m. in Clarke Stadium, the Bears will take on their opponents from the 1980 College Bowl, the University of Ottawa Gee-Gees.

The coaching staff, headed up as per norm by longtime Bears mentor Jim Donlevy, has been trimming the roster since the last week of August; some seventy players attended the first practices and team meetings.

A couple of the deletions are unfortunate in terms of the Bears' defensive performance this season: John Urschel and Mike Heidebrecht have had to retire. Urschel will be particularly missed; the defensive signal-caller has broken a finger in his left hand. In view of his training to be a surgeon, Urschel's decision to call it quits only makes sense. Heidebrecht, a defensive back, has not returned for the simple reason that he was unable to gain readmission to the university.

There are no pressing injury problems going into the exhibition game, although insiders are of the opinion that defensive backfield ace Gord Syme hasn't fully recovered from an off-season knee injury.

Tickets for the rematch (as you're well aware, the Bears won last year's College Bowl 40-21) are \$4.00 each.

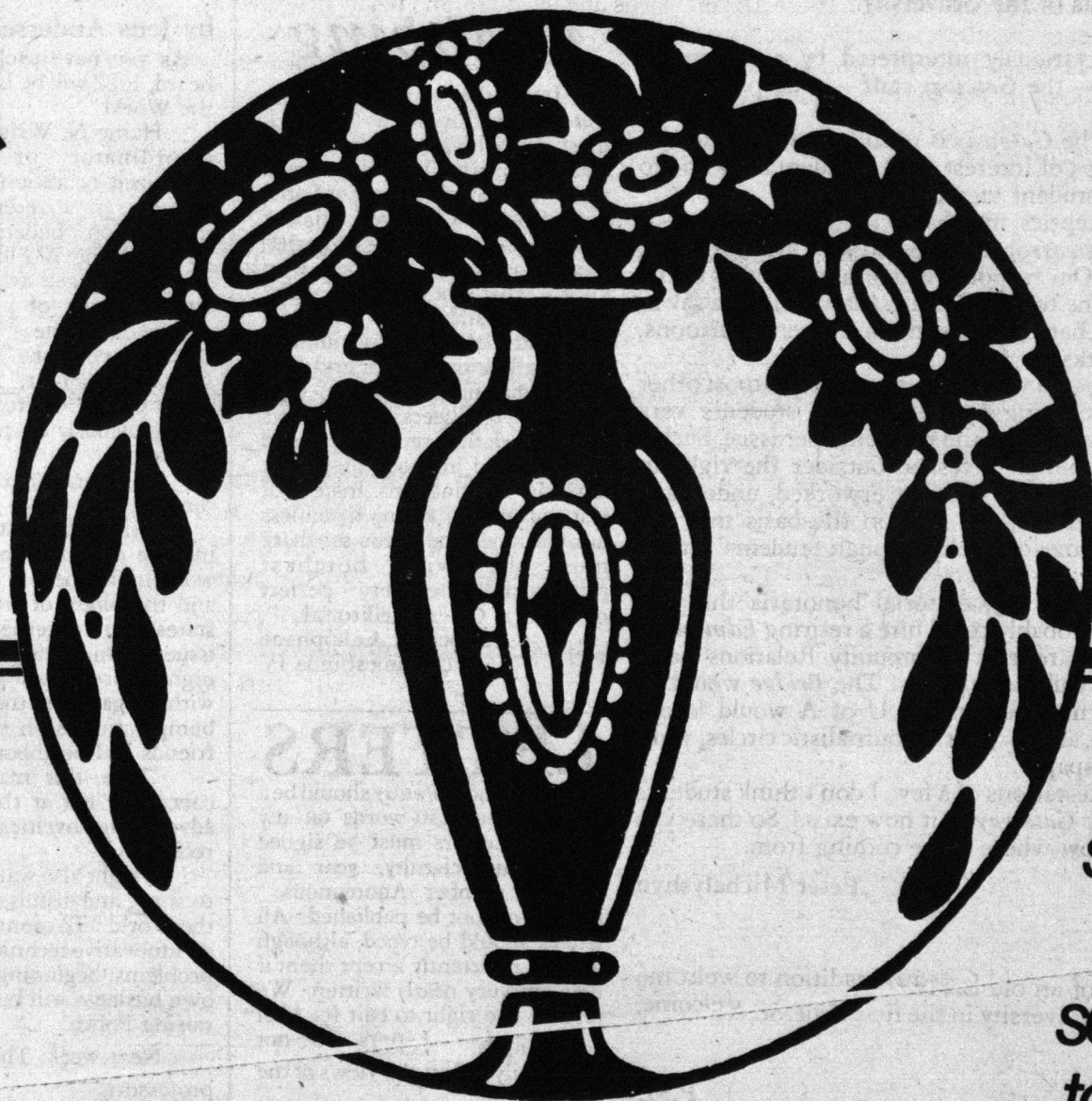
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University team practice times

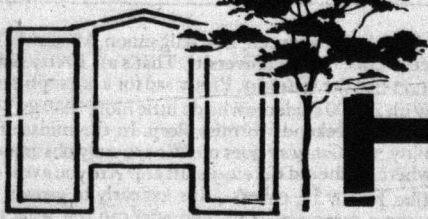
SPORTS	DATE	TIME	PLACE
Golden Bear Soccer Practices	Thurs., Sept. 3	6:00 p.m.	Lister Hall Field
Golden Bear Hockey Meeting	Thurs., Sept. 10	6:00 p.m.	Lister Hall Field
Panda Gymnastics Meeting	Wed., Sept. 9	5:00 p.m.	Room W1-38 of Phys. Ed. Bldg.
Panda Volleyball Meeting	Wed., Sept. 9	4:00 p.m.	Room E-05 Phys. Ed. Bldg.
Panda Basketball Meeting	Thur., Sept. 10	5:00 p.m.	Room W1-38 of Phys. Ed. Bldg.
	Mon., Sept. 14	5:00 p.m.	Room E-120 of Phys. Ed. Bldg.

Any players interested in the above intercollegiate teams are welcome to attend these meetings.

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