CFL drafts seven Bears

Bears All







Dana Donald

Most college football players dream of playing professional ball one day; for a number of them this dream comes closer every February. In February the Canadian Football League announces its draft selections.

Seven Golden Bears will attend pro camps this spring, more representatives than all Canadian University teams with the exception of UBC; eight T-Birds were drafted.

For several Bears, the competition will be extremely intense but green and gold uniforms may help them feel more at ease. Vying for a spot on the Edmonton Eskimos will be running back Tom Richards, outside linebacker Harold Riemer, defensive back Dana Donald, and lineback Mike McLean

Other Bears drafted by Western CFL clubs were: lineback Garret Doll (Calgary Stampeders), defensive back Jerry Nash (Saskatchewan Roughriders), and lineback Doug Campbell (Winnipeg Blue Bombers)

All Bears drafted are talented players. Doll, Nash, Riemer and McLean figured prominently in the Bears successful 7-1 regular season. Donald and Richard saw limited



Garret Doll







Harold Riemer

playing time; Richards was a backup for rookie star Jeff Funtasz. Campbell, captain of special teams, played sporadically at the start of the season, but was a regular by the end of the year.

In general, the draft gives most of the deserving players a chance. However, there were some surprises, both with choice and omissions. Donald was an unexpected selection, while defensive back Daryl Rube and wide receiver Dan Rousseau fall into the latter cat-

The exclusion of Rousseau, in particular, displeases Bear's defensive coordinator Dan Syrotuik.

The draft is fine, but there are problems with it. Scouts may miss players who are good, like Dan who I thought should have been picked. I mean, when I look at some of the players they pick, not ours, of course, I think that that guy can't carry this guy's jock strap. There are better ways to do it."

Syrotuik is pleased with those Bears who were chosen. He believes they all have the physical

skills needed to play pro ball. The determining factor will be time.

'It's a matter of being in the right

place at the right time. There is an opportunity for everyone, from a first round choice to a ninth. If the (the pro club) needs you...'

In the CFL there is no room for big heads or cocky attitudes. But the possibility of disillusionment and disappointment looms heavily.
"If they don't make it in the pro

ranks, our door will be open for them. All seven have at least one year of eligibility left. Career-wise it may not be their choice. It's a stage they go through. Eventually they come to terms with it and we do encourage them to come back," said Syrotuik.

"I have to admit I am selfish. It will be our gain and the pro team's loss. All of these guys have experience, which is a big factor that will benefit us in the future," concluded



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