

Player of the week

OFFENCE

JOHN SKINNER—5'6", 165 lbs.
Age 24.

John was one of the first players of the week, but suffered a mid-season ankle injury that kept him out of a couple of league contests. It looks like the Windsor native is back to form now, and should be a big factor in the Western Bowl against Bishop's. John lugged the ball 75 yards in the snow for the Bears' only touchdown against the Bisons in Winnipeg. He's a second year Bruin, having played for three years for Waterloo Lutheran.



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the

Golden Bears



DEFENCE

HARVEY CLENDENNING—
5'9", 182 lbs. Age 22

Harvey was moved into the breach at middle linebacker when Andy McLeod was injured in mid season, and has stayed there ever since. Harvey played with the Edmonton Huskies for three years and was ALL-Canadian at middle linebacker last season. Harvey's in second year Education.

Bounceball Bruins host Tri-University Classic

Cloud over training camp has no silver lining as DeKlerk out

by Ron MacTavish

The Golden Bears basketball team open their season this weekend as they play host to the Universities of Calgary, Lethbridge and Saskatchewan in the annual Tri-University tournament.

The two-day, single knockout affair will be held at the Varsity gymnasium with play beginning at 7:00 p.m. Friday, when the U of C meets the U of L. The Bears take to the court at 9:00 p.m., as they tangle with highly-touted U of S squad.

This will likely be the only encounter between these two teams this year, as Saskatchewan plays in the eastern sector of the WCIAA Basketball League. Saskatchewan is rumored to have done an outstanding job of recruiting during the off season. The Huskies dipped their talent-hungry fingers into the cookie jar of American basketball prowess and emerged with two cagers that should be definite assets to their team.

As for the Bears, things are in a state of flux.

Try as he might, Bruin mentor Barry Mitchelson will have to search long and hard to find the silver lining of the cloud that is hanging over the basketball camp. The recent suspension of veteran forward Dick DeKlerk puts a kink into the season's plans, as no team can afford to lose their top scorer and individual offensive leader. With DeKlerk the Bears looked like strong contenders for pennant honors; without him it remains to be seen if they can retain their perennial position among the league leaders.

This is not an obituary column in case anyone was thinking of becoming a pall-bearer for the Bruin casket.

Coach Mitchelson has attracted a talented group of athletes who are not likely to let DeKlerk's absence deter their personal efforts. Returning to action this winter from last year's aggregation are team captain Bobby

Morris, Greg Stewart, Bob Dawson, Garry Campbell and Wallace Tollestrup.

In addition to the veterans, a well-travelled and experienced group of newcomers promises to make competition for starting berths an all-out battle.

Hometown boys Tom Solyom and Mike Frisby have returned from the University of Puget Sound and Colorado State respectively. The knowledge they gained in U.S. cage

wars should prove most beneficial to the Bears.

Barrie Bennett, a veteran of WCIAA competition comes to the Bears after spending his last three years toiling for the non-descript Calgary Dinosaurs. It looks as though he has finally found a home where his talents will be appreciated.

From eastern Canada, the Bears have acquired Brian Nieminen, formerly of Lakehead University, and Marty Lyons, an Atlantic Conference

All-star from St. Francis Xavier University. Both players possess a wealth of basketball knowledge and figure highly in coach Mitchelson's plans.

The preseason is naturally a period of unlimited optimism, and on paper the Bears look imposing. This weekend's competition will, however, show if hopes are unfounded.

If they only had DeKlerk.

Aw, c'mon you guys, play us

Comment by Stu Layfield

Wanted: talented local hockey teams to play exhibition games against talented University of Alberta hockey club. Latter team available for games any night of the week, will even provide facilities.

Golden Bear hockey coach Clare Drake has announced that his endeavors to arrange exhibition matches with certain prominent local hockey teams has proved unfruitful. Consequently, the team will take the long bus ride to Dawson Creek, B.C. to play a pair of weekend games against the hometown Canucks of the South Peace Hockey League.

If this reporter can be excused for sounding off a full two weeks before the opening of the regular collegiate schedule and the serious action begins, it seems perfectly ridiculous to my feeble mind that with such supposedly top-flight hockey teams as the junior Movers, Maple Leafs and Oil Kings, as well as the senior Monarchs, particularly the latter two, right here in town, the Golden Bears must resort to travelling hundreds of miles simply to obtain some reasonable competition. Coach Drake's repeated attempts to schedule exhibition encounters with the aforementioned teams have met with a variety of excuses running the whole gamut from fairly reasonable

to highly dubious; any one of these alibis in itself might be both plausible and acceptable, but when considered in total, they obviously amount to nothing more than complete avoidance of the Bears.

The reason for this unwillingness to play the Varsity team is simple and equally obvious: the teams are afraid of getting beaten. The officials of these teams all promote their clubs as being fast, exciting, high calibre aggregations playing in fast, exciting high calibre leagues. Losing to the relatively unpublicised and unappreciated Golden Bears just wouldn't sound too favorable when reported by the media, especially since some of the Bears sport moustaches and hair that hangs over their ears, which everyone knows is detrimental to the game and the image which Messrs. Hunter, Feldman, Shaw, and contemporaries are careful to project to the hockey-viewing public.

While it might be unrealistic to expect the Movers or Leafs, both of the Alberta Junior league, to defeat the Bears or even provide a suitable opposition, certainly the Oil Kings and probably the Monarchs could be counted on to furnish stiff competition. Each of the three teams would enjoy certain advantages over the other two in terms of age, size,

conditioning, overall ability, and experience. All three clubs possess some tremendously talented individuals. The games would probably prove to be entertaining and exciting contests and of benefit to both the Golden Bears and their opponents.

So while this weekend the Kings skate against rival Western Hockey league teams, some of which would have trouble beating last year's intramural champions, and the Monarchs play the North Battleford Nobodies or some other equally renowned team in the Prairie league, the Golden Bears, who would meet any of these clubs on any night of the week, must pile into a bus and head 375 miles into northern British Columbia just to get in a couple of games.

Jockettes

The 71-72 women's intramural program has been in operation since September, believe it or don't.

What? Who is involved? How does it run? How do you get involved? Those in the dark read on.

There are these two girls, see, who are responsible for the operation of the program, and a thankless job it is. Sue Natrass, a fourth year Phys. Ed. student is the coordinator of the program, and she's ably assisted by Judi Waterman. Sue & Judi can be found lurking in the lower floor of the old Phys. Ed. building from 9:00 to 10:00 most mornings of the week.

Intramural participation is on a unit basis, a unit being defined as a group of girls belonging to a faculty, school, club, or fraternity. Each unit has a manager who is responsible for the organisation of each sport for her unit. Every girl on campus is eligible to participate in the program.

Intramurals are defined best in one word; FUN. The program gives every woman on campus the opportunity to take part in a fun recreational program. No skill needed.

Girls can become involved in intramurals by dropping down to the intramural office and letting Sue or Judi what they're interested in. They will tell your unit manager who will be in touch with you. So don't delay, join the fun today.

So far three intramural events have been run off, th Phys. Ed copping the tennis title and finishing second to Kappa Alpha in golf. Alpha Gamma Delta captured the team title in cross country, with LDS second. Rose Bowl standing to date shows LDS with 120 points, Kappa Alpha Theta second with 100 and the jockettes third with 95 points.

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