

# The Gateway sports

## Campbell

... looks at sports

What is a good sport?

Nine out of ten clods will tell you he is a rare breed of Englishman who wears baggy flannels, a linty blazer with an obscure crest and a perpetual self-satisfied smirk.

He slaps backs and intones, under his breath, "Well done old chap" at every opportunity.

The good sport drinks Ovaltine (liberally laced with benzedrine) at all the post-game parties. He says it is good for his health.

This description may hold true elsewhere, but not at U of A.

The best group of sports at U of A are the rucker players by a wide margin.

Sure rucker is an English game, but any relation between these boys and the phoney Englishman just isn't there.

These boys played a game on Saturday that makes the games in the Coliseum look like swatting flies in comparison.

They played hard and fair and gave no quarter. They hit hard enough to dislocate one of the Calgary player's shoulder.

In rucker you play without pads of any kind and when you get hit it hurts. I know, I played rucker in school.

And you play both ways in rucker with no breaks in the game. You feel like you want to die all through the last half.

Rucker is a game of spirit and determination, you have to put out a full sixty minutes.

Sixty minutes of running, bickering, tackling, shoving and passing.

Sixty minutes of getting kicked, tackled and crushed.

And with all this I saw sixty minutes of good clean sport. There wasn't a dirty play of any kind.

A rucker player just doesn't seem to want to maim his opposing number. He just wants to win.

It's good to see a tough game and a clean game at the same time.

The hockey crowd seems to think a straight right is as important as a good pair of skates these days. This is a tragedy.

Dirty play may be a good drawing card for some people. But if you go for a dirty game why not organize a street fight at the Saturday night dance instead of darkening our stadium door.

Dirty play has no place in college sport or any other sport for that matter.

And all through the game the players talked it up and kept going as hard as they could.

Even when the Bears were down 16-3 in the dying minutes of the game they never lost their drive.

All in all it was a great game.

And when it was over the teams gathered to cheer each other—and you could tell they meant it. Both the winners and the losers.

Then they shook hands and headed for the showers—and probably a good party.

It may sound corny but that's the way I saw it—and don't see enough of it.

All I can say is well done, Bears, you put the sport back in college sport.

## Bears consolidate hold on third place

WINNIPEG—It was all Bisons as the Bears blew their second in a row here Saturday.

This time they lost 35-26 to a fired-up Bison team.

Manitoba quarterback Nick Laping threw four touchdown passes—three to flanker Bob Akman—to lead the Bisons to victory.

Bears, defending Canadian college champions, actually led the game at one point in the first quarter 6-0.

But as the game progressed they fell farther and farther behind; it was 13-6 at the half and 34-6 after three quarters of play.

End Dan Gusdal and halfback Tom Feasby contributed the other two Bison markers in Saturday's massacre.

For the Bears, Jim Hale got two touchdowns and Darwin Semotiuk and Vern Simonsen got one apiece.

The outcome left the Bears in third place behind the U of S Huskies and the hard-charging Bisons.



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BEARS SCORE ANOTHER

... as Rocket's goalie sprawls in vain to stop 6-4 defeat.

## Retro-rockets hit Lacombe as Bears win hockey game

By ED MARCHAND

Do you think a pack of fire-eating bears can make Model T Fords out of space-age rockets? No! Well you would if you watched the Golden Bears defeat the Lacombe Rockets 6-4 at varsity arena on Friday night.

The Rockets are a perennially strong team, but Bear coach Clare Drake must have forgotten to tell it to his rookies because they made five goals and three assists.

Four hundred fans watched the Bears score two goals 22 seconds apart early in the first period and from then on the Bears stayed in front.

Newcomer Darrel LeBlanc was a standout for the Bears with two goals and an assist. Other Bear goals were scored by Austin Smith, Wilf Martin, Sam Belcourt, and Doug Fox.

LeBlanc was a Canadian all-star two years ago with the University of New Brunswick. Smith played with the Lacombe Rockets last year and Martin is a former Michigan college star.

Blue line stalwarts Mike Ballash, Jim Reaman, and Gerry Braumberger played solid hockey against the hard charging Rockets.

Coach Drake alternated Hugh Waddle and Bob Wolfe in the nets.

Together, they stopped an impressive 32 shots.

For the Rockets playing coach Bob Solinger scored two goals and goalie Russ Gillow kicked aside 20 shots.

A total of 18 minor penalties were called, ten of them against the Bears.

In an earlier game Friday night, the Jr. Bears were defeated 4-2 by the Edmonton Red Wings.

The Red Wing goal scorers were Hutshuik, Moores, Head, and Cameron. Ballislie and Eisner replied for the Bears.

It was a rough game with the referee handing out 58 minutes in penalties. Zender of the Bears was the leading badman with 14 minutes of punishment.

The game was stopped five

seconds short of completion when one of the officials was knocked out by the puck.

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