

Bears Open Against "T" Birds Saturday

This Saturday, October 8, will find the U of A Golden Bears facing the defending champions, UBC Thunderbirds as the Bears open their 1960 Intercollegiate Football schedule. The Thunderbirds are as yet undefeated in the history of the league; but are destined to face some bears on Saturday who are ready to roar. The Western Intercollegiate Football League was revived last year after being inactive since the Second World War. It consists of the UBC Thunderbirds, the U of A Golden Bears, and the University of Saskatch-

ewan Huskies. As yet, the University of Manitoba has not entered a team, but it is expected they will do so in the very near future.

Last year the Thunderbirds edged the U of A Golden Bears for the Western Championship, and then journeyed east to meet their "Waterloo" against the University of Western Ontario Mustangs in Toronto. Chugging like his late father, Lionel Conacher Jr. led the easterners to a very decisive win, as the western representatives seemed unable to corral the little "Big Train".

However, this year we enter into another era in football, and as Frank Gnupe, the UBC coach says, "It is destined to be tougher." The Thunderbirds travelled to Saskatoon last Saturday where they met the U of S Huskies in what proved to be a very nip and tuck game. The Thunderbirds returned home with only an 8-0 win over their hosts.

QUARTERBACK QUANDRY

The only problem confronting Murray Smith, head coach of the Bears is who to use in the quarterback slot; he has his choice between last year's Bruce Bryson and rookie Gary Smith. Coach Smith is not revealing anything until game time strikes.

Assistant coach Clare Drake, recalling the game against the Edmonton Huskies last September 28, admits the Bears played poorly but is not prepared to put the whole blame on the players.

SURPRISE, SURPRISE

It was a surprise to everyone concerned, especially after the shellacking the Bears handed out to Northern Montana but four days previous. He was in Saskatoon last Saturday scouting the Huskie-Thunderbird game, and admits that U of S looks stronger this year, but thinks UBC lacks the spark of last year. "If the boys are ready", he says, "we can beat UBC."

With the new formation featuring wide-split ends and a pair of slot-backs tucked in behind the tackles, with such veterans as fullbacks Ted Frechette and Ernie Takacs, and halfback Ross Christenson, lineman Lorne Braithwaite, Walter Saponia, and Dennis Kadatz, the Bears look to be in a good position to handle their opponents.

Two Coaches Show Stuff

Murray Smith, after serving one year's apprenticeship as backfield coach of the Golden Bears, has been elevated to the position of head coach this year. As successor to Steve Mendryk, Smith brings with him a wealth of experience both as a coach and a player.

He joined the staff of the Green and Gold last year after five years as head coach of the Edmonton Huskies, during which time the Huskies replaced the Wildcats as the dominant force in Alberta junior football circles.

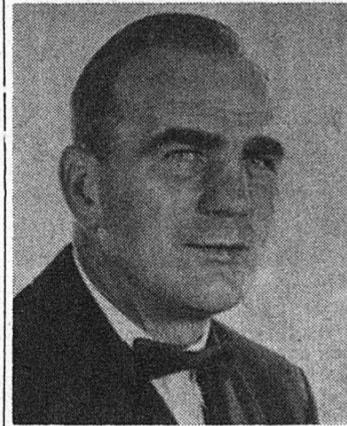
While playing end and halfback on Golden Bear teams from 1945 to 1947, Murray found time to act as coach for the University High School team, in which capacity he served until 1949. Further coaching experience included a season with Scona Composite High School in 1953.

He is currently beginning his third year as a member of the Physical Education staff at the University, and was recently appointed an assistant professor. In addition to his other duties, Murray also serves as coach of the University men's swimming team.

BC COACH

Frank T. Gnupe is entering his sixth season as head coach of the University of British Columbia Thunderbirds. Frank, originally from Aliquippa, Pennsylvania, has earned the respect of players, faculty and opponents alike with his ability to field a well-coached team despite a shortage of experienced players.

At Manhattan College, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Physical Education, he achieved All-Metropolitan honors as a football player. After a four-year hitch in the army, he joined the old Hamilton Wildcats of the Eastern Big Four as playing coach. After four years as quarterback with the Wildcats, he joined the Toronto Agros as a defensive linebacker in 1950.



FRANK GNUP

Mural Sports Corner

With Dieter Buse

TENNIS TOURNAMENT

On Friday, October 7, and Saturday, October 8, the Men's Intramural Tennis Tournament will be held at the University Tennis Courts (located directly west of Pembina Hall). The tournament will be single knock-out in both singles and doubles events.

Eliminations will begin at 4:30 p.m. on Friday and continue until darkness prevents further play. Matches will resume at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday continuing until winners are declared in both singles and doubles competitions.

An intramural-unit team will consist of five players, three playing singles and two making a doubles team. No player may enter both the singles and the doubles. Match schedules will be posted on the bulletin board outside the Intramural office on Friday morning, October 7.

All games, prior to the semi-finals, in both singles and doubles, will be limited to one set or thirty minutes, whichever is finished first. If, before one set has been completed, the number of games each has won is even when the 30 minutes has elapsed, play shall be continued and the player or team that next wins a game shall be declared the winner. In semi-finals and final matches, there will be no time limit.

In matches prior to the finals, players will be required to do their own officiating.

FOOTBALL

Because the new "flag" type of game is to be played, here is a breakdown on the rules.

A.—GAMES, PLAYERS, FIELD, EQUIPMENT:

Games shall be played between teams having no more than nine players or less than seven in case of absentees. If less than seven players are present the game is forfeited. The field shall be a rectangular area with dimensions, lanes, zones and markers, approximately 80 yards long and 45 yards wide. Teams must wear contrasting jerseys, running shoes and strips of rope 12" to 18" in length.

B.—TIME OF GAME:

All games are composed of two twenty minute halves with five minutes between halves. Ends will be changed for second half.

C.—SERIES OF DOWNS:

The field has zones (A, B, C, D) and a team will have three downs to move the ball from one zone to the next for a first down.

D.—KICKING:

No blocking is allowed on the kick-off.

E.—PASSING THE BALL:

All players are eligible to receive a pass.

F.—SCORING:

- (a) Touchdown—6 points.
- (b) Convert—1 point. (by pass, by run from 5 yard line)
- (c) Single—1 point (ball kicked completely over end zone. Ball reverts to opposite team on own 15 yard line).
- (d) Safety Touch—2 points. (player with ball forced into own end zone and has strip pulled).

G.—BLOCKING:

Shoulder, brush and screen blocks are allowed on running plays. All blockers must stay on their feet. Hands are not allowed to touch ground while blocking. No attacker nor defender is allowed to make contact above shoulder or below middle of thighs. Penalty for illegal blocking is 10 yards.

H.—USE OF STRIPS:

Each player has two strips of tape and tucks one over and under belt on each hip so that three-quarters of the strip is hanging exposed and entirely uncovered. When one is pulled by an opponent, the ball is dead at that point (the tackle). If a strip is pulled out in error by an opponent and the player without the strip receives the ball afterwards, the game changes to one-hand touch. If a strip drops out during a scoring run, but not as a result of a previous tackling attempt, the rule is a touchdown for scorer.

I.—UNNECESSARY ROUGHNESS:

A ball-carrier is not allowed to protect his strip with his free arm by swinging or straight-arming. Penalty is 10 yards from last point of scrimmage. A tackler using hands on ball-carrier to slow or push him will receive same penalty.

J.—OTHER RULES:

Ball-carriers will not be allowed to spin (turn 180° or more). A 10 yard penalty will be observed for offsides.

FEE PAYMENTS

Students are invited to use the deposit box in the rotunda of the Administration Building for payment of fees by cheque.

The cashier's hours will be 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. until October 15th for cash payments and for queries concerning scholarships, grants and loans.

Act now to avoid the line-up on October 15th.



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