

Carkner Returns To Haunt Bears

Will Frank Gnuip have a winning football team or won't he? This is the question everyone connected with the gravel-voiced coach is asking himself.

It is also a question Gnuip is asking himself. Unless he can come up with a small miracle in the form of a defensive backfield, his chances of repeating last year's championship - winning performance seem a little slim.

An exhibition game against Western Washington State College last month proved that they can move the yardsticks with the best of them but that they are unable to do much about other teams moving the ball through the air.

The Bird defensive line is strong but there is little or nothing behind it. Gnuip lacks players who are able to cover the gaps in the secondary and has been doing some frantic shifting in an effort to come up with an able defense.

There are many bright spots in the picture, however. Gnuip has one of the strongest offensive units UBC fans have ever seen, consisting of standouts from last season and rookies brought to the team by a new eligibility rule.

The new rule requires students to get a release before playing for an off-campus team, or be officially "blacklisted" from all UBC teams.

Barry Carkner, who last year commanded the team on its march to the league championship, will again be at quarterback and according to Gnuip is better than ever.

All-star end Dave Barker is returning to the Birds lineup this year. Barker, who is one of QB Carkner's favourite targets was the Birds' best end last season and led the team in scoring. He is also a reliable place kicker.

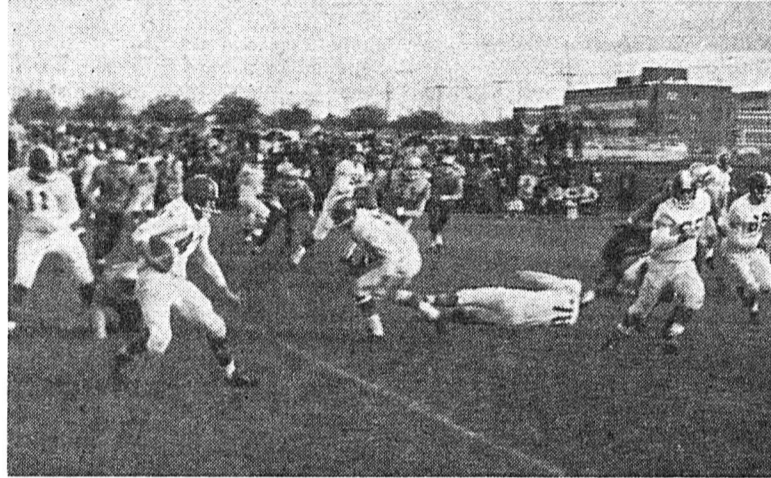
Strong-running fullback Tonis Tutti will be returning to the football wars after taking a year off from studies.

The Olafson brothers, Jim and Gord, will be with the Birds again this season and are capable of going over, around, or under any opposition. Both Olafsons are halfbacks and Gord is also a good corner line-backer.

Two newcomers to the team who Gnuip expects to be standouts offensively are Gary Bruce and Peter Kempf. Bruce has played for the Birds before but was ruled ineligible because of low marks and was forced to drop from the squad two years ago. Bruce is another of Carkner's favourite targets and is also a hard runner on inside plays.

Kempf is fresh from Western Washington State College where he played end. A Vancouver high school product, Kempf is fast and strong and has a good pair of hands.

One lineman who is returning to bolster the Bird defensive wall is George Turpin. Turpin had a fling at the BC Lions this fall but was cut before the season



UBC Thunderbirds exhibit the championship form which earned them their second Hardy Cup in three years last season. The T'Birds and Bears clash Saturday, 2:00 p.m. at Varsity Grid in a game which should decide first place in the four team loop.

got under way. Roy Shatzko will also be back to strengthen the defensive line.

The backfield is Gnuip's main problem. He has been juggling his backfield personnel around in an effort to come up with a strong, or even an adequate defensive secondary.

So far, however, the Birds have had little luck stopping their opponents' aerial game. Any team that can hit their ends or backs in the deep flat or swing territory will give

the Birds nightmares. Gnuip is still experimenting, however, and may come up with a solution before the Birds' first WCIU game.

Whether or not Gnuip and the Birds can come up with a winning season depends on whether the other teams in the league have offensive weaknesses and at the same time have defenses that are strong enough to contain the Birds' exceptionally powerful offense.

"Duffers" Travel To UAC

Competitions during the past week produced Alberta's representatives for the Interschool golf and tennis matches to be held at Calgary on Oct. 12-13. The more experienced players on this year's squad will probably show an improvement over last year's mediocre performance in Saskatoon.

The men's golf team, coached by Mr. Steve Mendryk, will consist of Bob Esdale, Maurice Kishiuchi, and Dave Collier, who represented Alberta last year.

Esdale fired a brilliant 74-71 for a three-over-par 145 at the tough Edmonton Golf and Country Club layout which ranked him first among the qualifiers.

Dave Collier (78-79) and Maurice Kishiuchi (77-80), were tied at 157

to share second and third place honors. Esdale and Kishiuchi formerly starred in Alberta junior events.

The Alberta team will tee off in Calgary against UBC, U of S and U of M, which did not field a men's team last year.

The men's tennis team will see hold-overs Lyall McCurdy and Lance Richard team up with Cam Dalglish in an attempt to avenge last year's narrow defeat in Saskatoon.

The talented trio managed to submerge all opposition in the challenge event to become strong contenders for first place among the western universities.

McCurdy, Richard and Dalglish are well-known in Edmonton tennis circles and have survived the pressures of tournament play many times.

The team, coached by Mr. A. Affleck will be put to the test in Calgary on Oct. 12-13.

T'Birds Thunder for Bear Defeat Bears Prepare for Saturday's Meet

First place in WCIU football will be decided this Saturday when league leaders U of A Golden Bears and UBC Thunderbirds fight it out here at Varsity Grid. Game time is 2:00 p.m.

The Bears have won all four games played thus far this season, but as two of the games were exhibition efforts, only the victories against U of S Huskies and U of M Bisons count towards their league standing.

This compares with the Thunderbird's similar record of a 30-0 win against the Huskies and a 28-0 win over the Bisons over the holiday week end.

the Bear's victories were, for the most part, against very inexperienced teams who have yet to jell this season, and added, "Towards the end of the season, the games will be closer."

This year the Thunderbirds, who edged out Alberta at the close of last season's play, are also fielding an exceptionally powerful offense, while being the only team not scored upon in league contests this season.

The Bears hope to remedy this situation this Saturday! "This should be a terrific game," forecasted Mr. Drake, who added, "Fan support would be a tremendous asset at the game."

He then pointed out that cheering fans in the stands give an important boost to the team, especially in tight situations. Whereupon he enthusiastically added, "Over four thousand fans turned up to cheer the Bisons last Saturday; I'd like to see four thousand fans in our park."

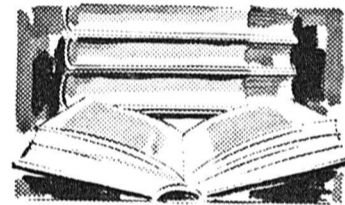
The Bears will be travelling to Vancouver on the following Saturday for a return engagement against the 'Birds and consequently need a win this Saturday.

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts.
Golden Bears	2	2	0	106	7	4
Thunderbirds	2	2	0	58	0	4
Bisons	3	1	2	29	83	2
Huskies	3	0	3	8	111	0

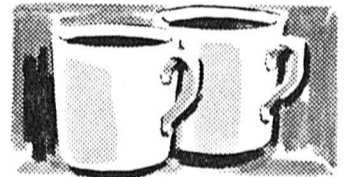
In their four games, an overwhelming Bear offense amassed no less than 184 points while permitting only 19 points against.

What qualifies as a gross understatement was coach Clare Drake's statement, "We haven't really been pressed yet." Coach Drake also commented, "Are we that good or is it just that our competition is that poor?"

Mr. Drake went on to explain that



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