

# Rugger enthusiasts attempt to form intercollegiate team

By JACK GROFF

Tuesday and Thursday evenings, a dedicated group of university athletes scrim, run, sweat and tackle, in an inspired attempt to mould an intercollegiate rugger team.

Although rugger doesn't enjoy the prestige or local popularity of its offspring, Canadian football, it continues to rank as an international favourite, especially among the French and the Rumanians.

U of A coach Ernie Puil, a past international performer, expresses his obvious enthusiasm for the game thusly, "Anyone who runs can play. All that is required is a pair of football shoes." It is not a difficult game to learn, insists Puil. Size is an asset but speed, endurance and toughness are the primary qualities we need.

One fact that makes rugger popular is the possibility of equipping an entire team for \$500.

## NO SUBSTITUTION

The game is composed of two 45 minute halves with a 5 minute respite. It is played on a 110 by 70 yard pitch with goal posts at either end. No substitution is allowed in international competition; a team going shorthanded in the event of a serious injury.

"Play continues until an infraction is called or the ball is kicked into touch, says coach Puil. "This

promotes uninterrupted action and demands superb conditioning."

The ball is advanced by short, crisp onside passes as the centre line moves down the field. Forward laterals are illegal.

If the ball bounces off the receiver's chest, it is still playable. If it is dropped from the hands, the ball must be heeled backwards before being picked up. An advancing ballcarrier must drop the ball if tackled.

This makes for considerable congestion and highly aggressive play around the ball. A player may punt the ball at any time but as long as his teammates are behind him. They are eligible to recover the ball downfield and advance towards the opposing goal.

## TOUCHDOWNS

A touchdown, properly called a 'try' is worth three points and is scored when the ball is set down behind the goal line. The convert, a possible two points, is attempted on a straight line from where the ball was set down on the try and as far out as desired.

A field goal attempt is awarded to the defending side on the more serious infractions. It is three points.

The scrum-half, Dave Ransom, is similar to the football quarterback. He initiates most plays with a diving lateral designed to increase distance and accuracy.

"This is not a sport for the

timid," says Ransom. "Injuries are as common in rugger as other contact sports." Broken bones, dislocated shoulders and bad bruises are commonplace."

Coach Puil is well aware of the excellent physical fitness top rugger players demand. Therefore he imposes extra conditioning procedures on his players. A typical practice has the 25 hopefuls briskly running the mile, doing a generous set of wind sprints, and concentrating on a rigorous number of calisthenics for warmup alone.

## PRACTICE PROCEDURE

During a practice scrimmage his charges are separated into two groups: the centres working on the passing, kicking, running skills and so-called ball advancing techniques while bigger fullbacks are polishing up scrum play and defensive tactics.

After an hour of hard work closely simulating game situations, Puil personally supervises a final lung-searing set of windsprints to close out the practice.

A highly competitive sport like rugger has its greatest reward in enhanced physical fitness. However, the team is also looking forward to a number of road trips which include a home-and-home series with the University of Calgary Oct. 15 and 22. This two game total point series has the winner taking possession of the Little Brown Jug.

Ransom expressed the rugger attitude saying "We haven't done too well in this series the past two years but this year will be different. Our coach really wants us to win and we will."

To close out the season, the squad will tangle with the UBC representatives—the same club that beat the touring British All-Stars.

The team faces an uphill struggle not only against formidable opponents but against a lot of public ignorance of a game that obviously has much to offer.

Remember the rugger game tomorrow at Varsity Grid at 2 p.m. Bears vs. Calgary. It is the first game of Little Brown Jug competition.

## College Bowl changes name, lowers prices

Save the Children College Bowl is officially extinct. Instead, the annual Canadian College Football Championship will be played under the name Canadian College Bowl on November 19th at Varsity Stadium in Toronto.

Price changes were also announced. Seats in the regular student section will sell at \$1.50 as opposed to the \$2.00 asked last year for end zone seats. End zone seats now sell for \$1.00.

Organizers of the game have placed the choice of competitors into the hands of the universities. Heading the selection committee is CIAU president Ivor Wynne, Father Rouselle of St. Francis Xavier, Bob Pew of MacDonald College, Morris Regimbal of Laurentian College, and Maury Van Vliet of the University of Alberta.

Live coverage on a cross-Canada network will be provided by CBC-TV if a CFL playoff game does not occur. If it does, the game will be taped for Sunday.

# Basketball Bears hope for sweep

By LAWRIE HIGNELL

The Golden Bears basketball team commenced practices for what they hope will be a clean sweep in

league are the Lethbridge Broders, Calgary Senior Men's, Mount Royal Junior College, and the University of Calgary Dinosaurs.

The WCIAA league has a new entrant this year in the form of UBC.

The Bears' coaching staff has changed from last year with Gerry Glassford as the head coach and Alex Carre as assistant coach.

Coach Glassford is a graduate of UBC and played in the senior men's league while in Vancouver.

Last year he was assistant coach of the Bears and he is presently teaching the physical education graduate program at U of A. He holds a BPE and MA and is currently working on his Ph.D.

Assistant coach Carre has had three successful years with the U of A Bearcats while teaching high school in Edmonton.

Carre played first string basketball for the Bears from 1960 to 1962 while taking his BPE. He is presently working on his M.A. at U of A.

Returning players make the Bears hope this year very promising. Blummell, Semotiuk, Blott, and Shapiro are among the first string players returning.

Only Barry Mitchelson who has played the limit of five years of collegiate basketball and Jim Griffin are missing from this line-up.

Other players from last year who are presently working out with the Bears team are Melnychuk, Lougheed and Fairburn.

Four players who did not play last year are very promising stars for the Bears this year.

Gerry Kozub who played for the last two years with the Bearcats and with the Bears prior to that is making a return appearance.

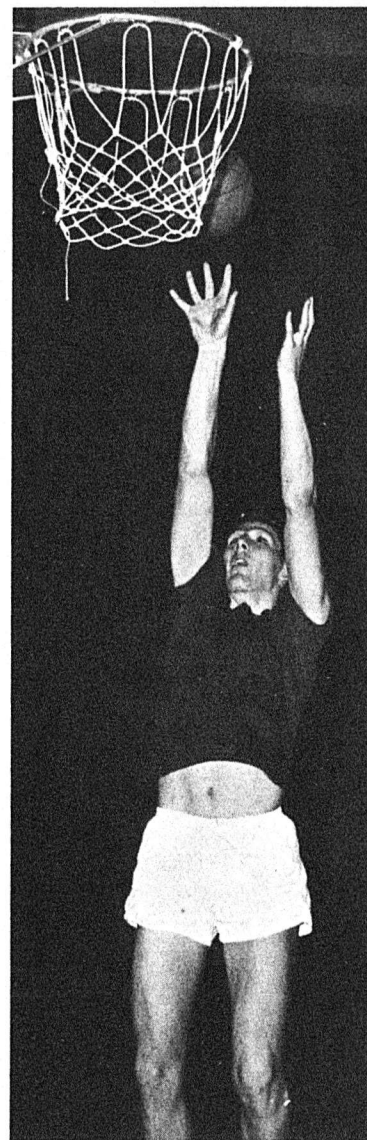
Doug Krenz who tried out for the Bears two years ago and won a basketball scholarship to Drake University has returned to U of A.

Warren Champion, a highly rated tennis player in Edmonton and top scorer on the Safeway Senior Men's team last year is also present.

As well there is Nestor Korchinsky who played first string centre for the Bears two years ago but forced to quit last year due to a football knee injury.

The hopefuls still playing with the football Bears are Semotiuk, Buxton and Molstad.

The Bears team looks very promising this year and they will need these high calibre players to finish on top of both leagues.



—Neil Driscoll photo

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two basketball leagues this year.

As well as being members of the regular WCIAA, the Bears have also entered a provincial league consisting of five teams from Alberta.

The other four entrants in this

## U of A golf team potential champions

They say experience is the best teacher. If so, the University of Alberta's golf team should be near the top in this year's Western Intercollegiate championships at Winnipeg this weekend.

Alberta finished a disappointing fourth in the 1965 championships. The University of Manitoba won the event and the R. Proctor Trophy. The University of Calgary, Universities of Saskatchewan at Regina and Saskatoon plus the University of British Columbia are also entered.

Three members of the 1965 team are back for another try. Al Scott, eng 3, and Jerry Wilson, eng 2, both made the team for the second straight year. Scott fired a 156 gross for the 36 holes at Highlands and Windermere courses.

Wilson was one shot back with a 157 after a sparkling 72 on his opening round.

## NEWCOMER

The number one spot, however, went to a strapping newcomer with impressive credentials. Young Brian Bennett, a first year arts student, combined rounds of 79 and 75 for a leading 154 total.

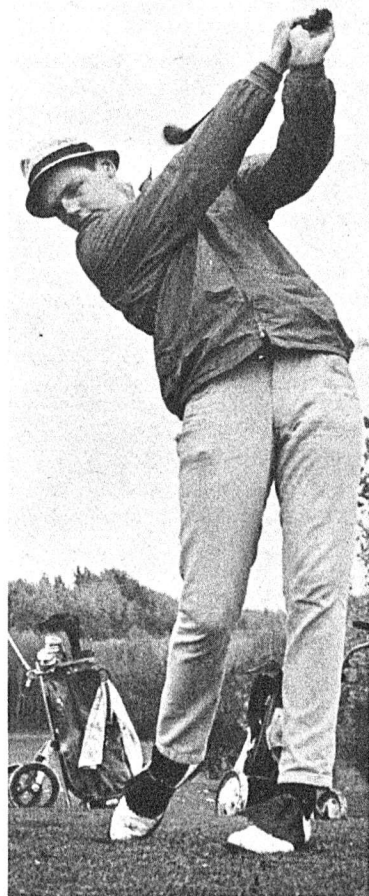
Bennett was a member of Alberta's inter-provincial 'A' golf team that competed in the Canadian championships at Brandon in August. He is also the 1965 junior champion at Highlands. On top of all this, Brian is a fine hockey player being a member of the Memorial Cup winning Edmonton Oil Kings before quitting in favour of his studies this season.

Alternates on the men's team are Barnucka Smith and Henry Wright, a brother of Belvedere Golf Club pro Bill Wright Jr.

Dr. Steve Mendryk will accompany the team on a supervisory basis.

Meanwhile, former Canadian Junior ladies' champion Cathy Galusha heads the women's team.

Miss Galusha, owner of a 4 handicap, will be joined by Wendy Fisher and Lindsay Anderson.



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Alternate is Heather Jespersion.

Both terms left for Winnipeg last Wednesday. Thursday will be devoted to practice at the Winnipeg Southwood course.

The tournament starts this morning and continues tomorrow.

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