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Sports Chatter

There will be two powerful football units on the field when U of A (Edmonton) meets U of A (Calgary) at Clarke Stadium Saturday. But they'll both be wearing Edmonton uniforms.

And the moths will do more damage to those uniforms than Calgary will. Anyone who goes to see this game has the instincts of a dog-kicker. Even Nero wouldn't look. Calgary coach Dennis Kadatz' fight talk will consist of five minutes of quiet sobbing.

All Calgary has to do to win the Western Intercollegiate Football Conference this year is beat Edmonton. That's like tying a guy in a sack and dropping him from the Empire State Building and telling him if he can make it you'll get him on the Ed Sullivan show.

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Next to kissing your sister, Calgary ranks right alongside the Saskatchewan Huskies as the biggest nothing in the world. Beating both teams is like a Saturday morning class: there ought to be a law against it. They both resemble mosquito boats attacking battleships.

Calgary and Saskatchewan might just as well play with masks on. No one knows who they are anyway. They could let their beards grow for all Gillette cares. The scoreboard often looks as if they have been fighting fire with gasoline.

The forward pass as an offensive weapon antedates Walter Camp, but the Dinosaurs behave as though it was just legalized this week. It paralyzes them. They watch one going overhead as if it were a flying saucer. They treat the passer as if he had a communicable disease.

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By mid-season last year their tight ends had loose teeth, and hardened judges were thinking of giving condemned killers their choice of life in prison—or two weeks in the Calgary backfield.

The equipment manager was handing out blindfolds along with shoulder pads, and the team took the field with "In case of accident, please notify Dr. John Smith" notes pinned on their sweaters. The Red Cross was thinking of insisting they wear dog tags with their blood type stamped in. They didn't need a coach, they needed a chaplain.

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The Dinosaurs are so giftless that a 7-6 victory calls for the sports pages to break out the headlines "DINNIES CRUSH RIVALS." A Calgary victory Saturday would make the Brinks job look like a purse-snatching.

Three players on the team answer to the monicker Smith. That's not their real name—they just don't want their girl friends knowing what they do on Saturday afternoon. Their only hope against Golden Bears is to come up with a hernia before the game. It just might be a lot more curable than what they'll have AFTER the game.

Still, you've got to give Dennis Kadatz and his crew a large measure of credit for daring to show up Saturday. Playing the Bears is like wrestling an alligator and your only chance is that he gets a toothache. It's like meeting Jack the Ripper in his own alley.

But the nice thing, generally, about playing Edmonton is that it's a nice swift death. I mean, it beats being tied to an anthill.

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All of which brings us to the purpose of this piece, namely my annual pre-season selections:

(1) EDMONTON—The Bears are tougher to beat than a hard-boiled egg. On the field they're like Adam and Eve—they raise Cain.

(2) MANITOBA—Will be close, but that only counts in horseshoes.

(3) CALGARY—The Dinosaurs, like the letter E, are in trouble.

(4) SASKATCHEWAN—By November the Huskies will look like a row of peas, they will have been shelled so often.

Bears Expected To Find Old Form By Saturday

By BRYAN CAMPBELL

Dinos go home . . . if you value your lives.

Bear head coach, Gino Fracas, has served notice that the Bears are out for blood in Saturday's game.

The Bears will be up to their old form when they meet the Dinosaurs, says Fracas.

The Bears "old form" annihilated the hopeless Dinosaurs 78-0 the last time the two teams met.

As for the intrasquad game last Saturday, Fracas pointed to the work of the defensive squads as "most impressive."

"There was a lot of good blocking out there", said Fracas.

Bryson Archibald, a tough 180-pound guard was singled out as a top performer in the new Bear line.

As for offence, Fracas is sure the problems of last Saturday's game will be straightened out when the quarterbacks get the first string backfield together on one team.

The Dinosaurs are an unknown quantity.

They have only one record on the books.

The fumble record.

They earned the fumble record last year when the Dino line disappeared in front of UAC quarterback Rhodes on nearly every play.

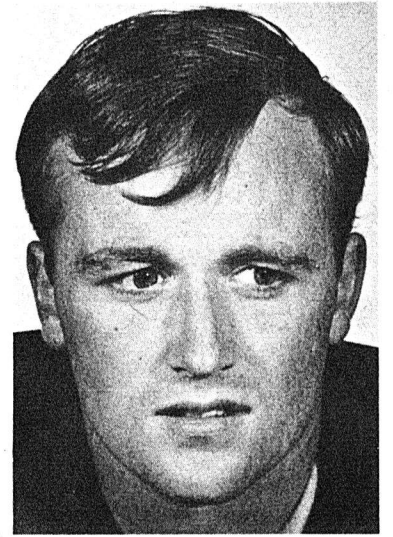
Getting through the Calgary line is as easy as getting through a case of beer on a hot day. The only trouble with this arrangement is the acid indigestion it gives the backfield.

The UAC backfield is another non-descript organization with the exception of Kris Schmidt. Schmidt is one of the best receivers in the league with an 83.4 per cent average.

Too bad the Dinosaurs don't have any more like Kris Schmidt.

It will be a tough game Saturday, a tough game for those who pale at the sight of blood.

But the Dinosaurs, like the mosquitoes, never give up.



BERT MURRAY—Fast and tricky new halfback, will see action against the Dinosaurs Saturday. Murray was responsible for a key interception in last Saturday's intrasquad game as well as making several good plunges through the line.

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