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Pickett brings whole house down

The hassle which brought about the University of Windsor's two-year suspension from CIAU competition, and from international competition requiring the national body's sanction should have been foreseen long ago.

It doesn't take a genius to realize a conflict is bound to come up when a regional group like the OUAA has different eligibility rules than the National body, under whose auspices any extra-league play must occur.

CIAU rules say that U of Windsor quarterback Dave Pickett is ineligible because he had already represented his institution (albeit in more than one sport) for five years. The Ontario association rules, however, allow an athlete five years of competition in any ONE sport, so that Pickett, who played both football and basketball at Saskatoon, is ineligible in Canada, but eligible in Ontario - makes sense, huh?

CIAU Executive Director Bob Pugh says the heavy suspension was made because the Athletic department at Windsor was deliberately ignoring the "spirit" of the CIAU rules, which obviously are designed to prevent athletes from become "professional students", taking three courses a year so they can play football, or hockey, or whatever.

Though the penalty is stiff, the CIAU decision was probably well justified. After all, it's not as though Windsor wasn't warned well in advance of the season that they would be suspended if they played Pickett.

Far from being simply a power struggle between two stubborn bodies, (although undoubtedly that's part of it) I think the "spirit of the rules" is really what's at issue here.

Obviously, Windsor thought the talented quarterback would make them a winner, which he has, and that they might get away with using him in league games, knowing full well (unless they're idiots) that he couldn't play in post season, inter-league competition.

So Pickett plays, Windsor walks away with the league, and the CIAU is left looking like the big bad wolf because it dares to back up its regulations.

The CIAU didn't make the rule just for Pickett. It was there in black and white, and still Windsor challenged it. Now they're paying the price, and the league suffers along with them.

Pickett's case leaves no room for interpretation. But how about one that does? For instance, just how the surprising toughness of the ruling will affect hockey Bears' John Horcoff's eligibility appeal is unclear.

Horcoff played hockey for three seasons at Selkirk College in Castlegar, B.C. before coming to the Bears for two years. It was earlier thought that Horcoff would not be refused eligibility, because the league in which Selkirk had played folded his last year there, and the games were therefore exhibitions.

But the CIAU ruled that any year he spent representing his school in any way constituted a year of eligibility lost. And they talk about the spirit of the rule?

The Canada West Association executive must make the decision on Horcoff's appeal. If they decide they can't interpret the rule, then the issue is taken before the general membership of the CWUAA, including reps from all other schools in the conference. If it gets that far, Alberta had better start looking for a new centre. Opposing schools won't be anxious to reinstate the defending champions' leading scorer.

Saturday, Bears vs. Dinos

CALGARY	Statistics	BEARS
19	First Downs	21
282	Yards Rushing	146
75	Yards Passing	208
357	Total Offense	354
6/19	Passes Comp/Att.	14/31
10/38.5	Punts/Average	8/26.5
3/33	Penalties/Yards	7/47
2/2	Fumbles/Lost	2/2
1	Interceptions	0

Individual Rushing

Diduck - 15 carries/103 yards Jackson - 13 Carries/63 yards
 Watson - 7 carries/96 yards

Individual Receiving

Leatham - 3 catches/56 yards Fryer - 10 catches/157 yards

Rugby dying? Not a chance...

by Tony Bauer
Golden Bear Rugby Coach
 During the last two or three years, rugby has died a slow death at the U of A. However, to me and to all lovers of the game, rugby is the team game of the future in Canada.

It is the largest amateur team game in the world, played in over eighty countries. Potential talent of students on cam-

pus is vast, even though many have never played the game.

For athletes who have failed to make the football team, or who have lost interest in other sports, rugby provides a challenging scientific team game requiring high degree of physical fitness. Contrary to general opinion, there are fewer major injuries in rugby than in Canadian football, although

little padding is worn.

The post-game social activities and organized outings are an important part of participation in the game, and it is expected that home players host the visiting team, and show them a good time.

I am interested in promoting a Golden Bears rugby team during the coming 1976 season, from April through September in the Edmonton League.

The major problem in the past is that many students leave the city for summer employment. If you will be remaining in Edmonton for the summer, and wish to learn and play the game, don't hesitate - you will amaze yourself.

The University Athletic department is very interested in promoting rugby as a team sport. Pre-season training, coaching, film nights, and indoor activities will be starting during the winter term.

Give it a try even if you've never played before. For further details, see Tony Bauer, 4th Floor Phys. Ed. Bldg, and watch the rugby notice board in the men's locker room.

...and Bears are out to prove it to ya'

by Mike Hunt
 The University of Alberta Golden Bear Rugby Club surprised U of Victoria Saturday and then crushed a determined U of Calgary upset bid Sunday to take second place in the CWUAA Rugby championships in Victoria.

After losing a close game to UBC on the first rain-drenched day of competition, hopes of an impressive Bear showing seemed remote. Indeed, the Albertans could not score a single try, depending entirely on the toe of fullback Ray Manz for 9 points from penalty kicks.

The next day, after a powerful Bear victory the night before in the U of Vic student union, the team's morale was high. Bears scored their first try in the first 40 seconds of play on a classic wing attack by Don Bayne. Just before half-time, Bear scrum half Frank Smith scored on a wanking play from a set scrum.

In the second half Kelly Flack converted a penalty kick just before Don Bayne scored his second try of the game on another wank play. Ray Manz rounded out the Bear scoring by converting two of the three Bear tries.

U of Vic was unable to cross the try line during the game having to settle for 12 points on four penalty kicks. The final score was 23-12.

Bears again dominated the post-game competition and on Sunday, the team was ready for the University of Calgary Stags. After a scoreless first half, Bear root captain, Lou Davidson put the Bears on the board with a toot dive from a loose ruck at the Stags' 5 yard line. Just before the end of the game Don Bayne scored his third try of the tournament by taking a beautiful pass from Smith who had set up yet another well-timed wanking play with the Bears front four club, Dave Crawford, Dave Hill and Paul Belanger. Stags were unable to score and Bears won 8-0.

At the post-game awards ceremony Bears were commended for their much-improved play by the tournament sponsor, Old Forge Meat Pie Company. The captain of the Alix Field Hockey Club presented a small trophy to the Alberta team as a gesture of good will from the city of Victoria. The championship UBC side concluded the tournament festivities by indicating that they would certainly have their work cut out for them next year when the championship tournament comes to Edmonton. The Golden Bears couldn't agree more.

N.B. I plead ignorance. I trust that wanks, scrums, loose rucks, and toot dives mean more to you than they do to me.

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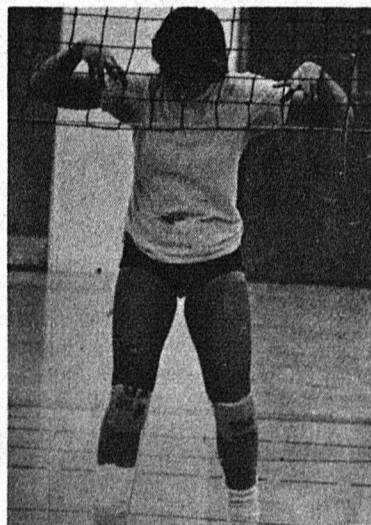


Photo by Brian Gavriloff
 This is not a rugby player.

V-ball Pandas optimistic

by Keith Steinbach
 A Panda's Volleyball practice is filled with whoops and hollers and good volleyball. A brief talk with any of the players or coaches reveals an easy-going confidence in this year's team. Why?

One reason is that four starters from last year's 2nd place team are returning to the squad. This, along with the arrival of Heather Ostevik (a three year player from U of Sask) and several good rookies should provide one of the best 10 player squads in the West.

Next is the coaching. last year Sue Neil coached her team to a second place finish behind the U of Sask. This year she will get an assist from Sue Seaborn, who played on the team last year and was U of A's female athlete of the year.

But what impresses one the most, is the attitude. In talking with both coaches, a subtle optimism filters through their

cautiously worded statements. The players can be more open than their coaches. They have confidence in themselves and it shows in their practices.

But practice and game are two entirely different things. Sue Neil knows this and now has her team playing the Friarettes (a team made up of ex-Pandas and high school players) as much as possible. The idea is to get the Pandas used to game situations, which they find it difficult to simulate with only 10 players in practices.

The Pandas don't have it made by any means. Their stiffest competition should be UBC, who have recruited a couple of Canadian National Team Members. Seaborn feels it will take some hard work to get by the Thunderettes.

The team will get its first taste of competition Nov. 14 when they travel to Calgary. The first home game will be Nov. 16 against the U of Sask.

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Opening

Monday Nov. 3

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