

past and present

Despite the fact that former Golden Bear football players are active in various walks of life, they still have one thing in common.

That is a downright love of the game which entices them to risk bodily harm in putting on the pads again to challenge a group of younger men who are in top physical shape.

The contest is set for Saturday at 2 p.m. in Varsity stadium when an alumni team composed of about 35-40 ex-Bear greats meet Jim Donlevy's 1972 green and gold squad.

It appeared there were too many Indians and not enough chiefs at the alumni practice Monday night.

"Everyone was coming up with ideas, but no one would take chare," commented Gary Smith, who relinquished his coaching duties on Donlevy's staff to play quarterback for the alumni squad. Gary will compete with Don Tallas and Joe Petrone, both pivots with the Bears last year, and Dan McCafferty.

Other ex-Bear stars participating in the game include Clyde Smith, currently a defensive assistant to Donlevy, and Bob Clarke, Alex Stosky, Peter Smith, Mel Smith and Don Hickey, all members of last season's squad.

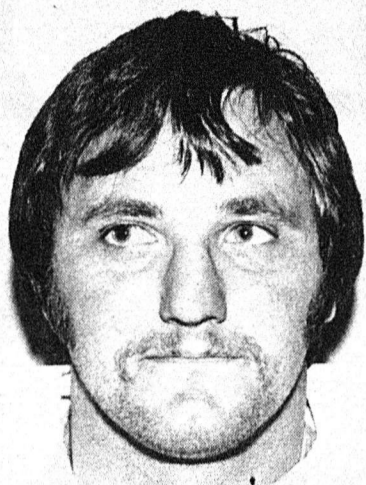
As well, such notable persons as Vic Chmelyk, coach of the Edmonton Huskies, Vic Justik, Hart Cantelon and Maury Van Vliet Jr. will also see action.

All the returning alumni will be introduced prior the match.

Golden Bears players of the week

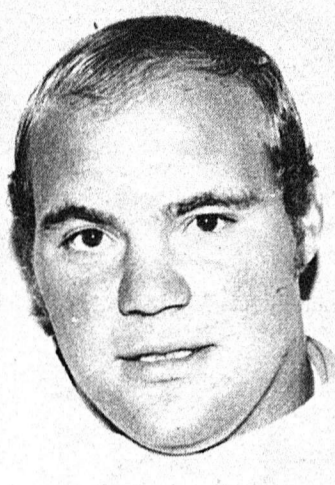
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Heinz Brademann- It isn't often an offensive lineman receives credit for his play on the field. Occasionally, a lineman is in the spotlight when the quarterback he is trying to protect is sacked or a running play is piled up for a loss. Heinz Brademann, in his first season with the Bears, overcame the shackles of obscurity with his yeomanly service on sweep running plays. "He was pulling sell and really unloaded on some people," said head coach Jim Donlevy. Heinz graduated from the Edmonton Huskies in 1969

and played two years on the West Arizona State football squad. A 24 year old physical education student, Heinz is six-foot-one inches tall and weighs 215 pounds.



Allan Shemanchuk- Allan Shemanchuk's hustle and mobility in Saturday's UBC contest impressed the Bears' coaching staff. Shemanchuk anchored the defensive line, which was besieged by changes, and made tackles all over the field. "He's pretty quick on his feet for a big man," observes defensive coach Gary Smith, "and his pass rush is better this year." A graduate of the Lethbridge Collegiate Institute, Allan is 21-year-old pharmacy student and stands six-foot-one and weighs 235 pounds.

Munich madness lingers on

The 1972 Olympic Games in Munich was an unforgettable event for two University-of Alberta wrestlers, Gord Bertie and Ole Sorenson.

This is a most revealing statement considering it was both a happy and tragic experience for them.

As is the case for many athletes, competing in the Games was for Sorenson and Bertie the climax of years of sweat and toil, demanding substantial amounts of time, effort and expence. For some, it's a once in a lifetime shot to compete and brush shoulders with the world's best, as this spirit among competitors is paramount to any other aspect of the Games.

Yet the glory of this event was damned by terrorists, who, penetrating the complex security of the Olympic village, abducted and eventually murdered 11 members of the Israeli national team.

Sorenson and Bertie, along with other members of the Canadian Olympic team, were housed in a building adjacent to the Israeli dormitory and watched the drama unfold before their eyes.

Based on first hand experience, Ole, an articulate 24-year-old from Ontario, had some views about the Games in general and the incident in particular.

The athletes, he said, were disgusted with the media's reporting of the tragedy. Some members of the fourth estate

began to stir up black images of concentration camps in Germany during World War II.

"We were outraged at their insults to the fantastic German people. Munich is a fantastic town, a natural place for the Olympics because the Germans are so sports-minded."

Ole disagrees with those who believed security in the Olympic village was relaxed.

"I thought that the security was good. The feeling in past Olympics was that police should keep tourists and looters out of the athlete's quarters. If we have to have an army with electric fences and guns at the gate, we might just as well forget about having the Games."

With thousands of people moving about in a relatively small area, air-tight security is implausible. Ole noted that over 20,000 people alone were employed as groundskeepers. "A professional terrorist could get in regardless of the precautions taken."

Sorenson believes the incident broke the spirit of many an athlete. Having fought his first match after the killings took place, Ole could easily perceive a letdown.

"Everything went cold and stale after it happened. There was no significance in competing. If you let your emotions get ahead of you, you would just go through the motions."

"We put a lot of effort into preparing for the Olympics and it was the greatest event of my life. I'll try to block those four or five days from my

mind." You'd expect the Canadian wrestlers to be disappointed with their twelfth-place finish in team competition. But Dr. Bert Taylor, who is the coach of the University of Alberta team, set the record straight.

"Canada has come a long way in the last five years. In 1969 for example, the Canadian team finished last in a 17-team competition. It was a fine showing at Munich when you consider that wrestling is the national sport in seven countries."

Those countries, Russia, Sweden, Iran, Iraq, Turkey, Bulgaria, and Romania usually occupy the top spots at the Olympics.

Bertie, by Sorenson's assertion, was the hero of the wrestling team, placing sixth in the 114-pound division. A native of Montreal, Gordie is working on his bachelor of education degree here at the U of A after having received a math degree at Sir George Williams University. He came out west two years ago after the University cancelled their physical education program after a group of students took their frustrations out on a computer room.

Ole, who gained his B.Sc. at University of Western Ontario, is also studying for his phys-ed degree.

As well, both are members of the U of A team, which has won the Canadian Intercollegiate title in each of the last three years.

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