Bears downed 32-3 in rugger

As any good sportsman will tell you rugger is a good clean game.

Women's curling to hold tryouts

Girls! Get your curling brooms. Richard Price needs you.

The occasion is tryouts for the WCIAA championships in early February.

Curling coach Price wants as many experienced curlers as possible out for the play-offs at the Balmoral on Nov. 9 and 10 at 5 p.m.

According to Price, curling ability and ability to get along with other players will decide the team. The team will have the standard four members and an extra acting as team manager.

The rink will work out in regular U of A mixed league sessions. Rinks from all the western universities will compete in the February meet.

The sports fans at varsity grid for last Saturday's game would agree.

The score was 32-3 for the UBC Thunderbirds over the Golden Bears, but this is not entirely relevant. The game was played in true rugger style and the fans ate it up.

Rugger is for gentlemen but not for weaklings. If weaklings played the UBC team they wouldn't come out alive. UBC dominated the game with their strong, hard-tackling scrum and fast moving three-line. One of the best teams in North America, they showed a class seldom seen in Edmonton. Saturday was an object lesson in how to play the game for the Bears.

For the fans, many of them English, the game was a real treat. It was free from the anger and dullness often seen in Canadian ball.

It was a fast-moving game with the 'Birds capitalizing on their smooth-functioning three-line. The three-line is roughly equivalent to the backfield in Canadian football—only the plays are restricted with no forward passing allowed.

The big play is the lateral and the UBC team has this move down cold. The idea is to draw your tacklers and pass the ball the instant before you are hit. It takes nerve and timing, but the results are worth it. The sight of a fastmoving three-line would bring any crowd to its feet.

The 'Birds monopolized the lineouts. In this variation the ball is thrown between two lines of players at the sidelines and both squads jump for it. The UBC team was shorter but quicker.

The Bears got three points on a field goal from the 40 yd. line and that was the only dent they made in UBC's tight defense. It was one-sided, but the Bear team has potential and in a few years we may see a college league.

When a team like UBC plays, enthusiasm for the game reaches new heights. Let's hope enthusiasm doesn't die at U of A.

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