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As one of MASH's best characters, Charles Emerson Winchester, once put it: "Ah, the Olympics. Once every four years the countries of the world come together and sweat!" I'm just glad that 16 days of farce have come to an end. And yes, the countries of the world did "come together and sweat." And to tell you the truth, it was a joke!

To start with, boxing was and always has been the biggest joke. Sure, everyone knows the judging is questionable, at best. Just ask Ray Jones, Willie de Wir and Shawn O'Sullivan. The only way to ensure a victory is to take your opponents' head off. But as soon as you club him the referee jumps and gives him an eight count. So he recovers and you don't get a chance to finish him off.

Speaking of referees, they're probably all running for their lives after Keith Walker was attacked. Sure he did a poor job but that didn't give the Korean security guard the right to try to decapitate him. Another referee couldn't count to three in the Jamie Pagendam fight (but then neither could Canadian boxing coach Taylor Gordon). And yet a third referee didn't know what to do after Todd Foster popped his Korean opponent after a bell in another ring went off!

Moving away from boxing, how about Carolyn Waldo! Two gold medals! In something called synchronized swimming? Was what she synchronized to in the solo event? I know she's a great athlete, you have to be to do some of those things. But come on! I don't enjoy watching a pair of legs stick out of a swimming pool and work in a maniacal frenzy! Her gold medals were nice, but they sure didn't make up for Ben Johnson's lost gold in the showpiece of the games: the 100 metres. If synchronized swimming is going to be a part of "the Games", then maybe sack races should be too (like they were in 1904).

Next event, the Equestrian. Now here's a sport which gets me going. Really hypes me up! What is it they say about the Olympics? The main thing is to participate? Well, how can third world countries compete in the Equestrian? Moreover, why is Ian-Miller, among other riders, being called fantastic? They didn't jump the fences, their horses did! And that's something a horse would do naturally! And what about the dressage? Parading horses around and getting a medal for it! If the Equestrian is part of the Olympics, they should throw in dog shows too. There are other events I could talk about (like rhythmic gymnastics, weightlifting, tennis) but I think you get my idea. I don't think the IOC does though, and we'll go through all of this again in four years in Barcelona. Again, "all the countries of the world will get together and sweat". Unless, of course, there's a boycott.

## Huskies host winless Golden Bears

by Alan Small

In the CIAU football guide, the last sentence in the section for the Saskatchewan Huskies says, "1988 promises to be an exciting year in Saskatchewan!"

Although most media guides tend to be overly optimistic about a team's upcoming chances, this sentence sums up the first five games for the University of Saskatchewan football club.

At 4 - 1, they'll provide more than enough excitement for the winless Golden Bear football club, who'll be running down to Saskatoon for a Sunday afternoon matchup with the Huskies. (FM 88 CJSR Sunday 2 pm).

After being perennial doormats in the Western Intercollegiate Football League, the U of S started making inroads late last



season. Greg Galan, a scrambling QB, grabbed the number one spot last season, and ended up leading the league in completions and passing yards. This year, he has led the league in passing again.

Galan is not the only reason for the increased success for the Huskie ball club. Last year's CIAU rookie-of-the-year Dan Farthing has been a double threat this season; he has led the league in punt return yardage and is fourth in the league in receptions. Huskie running back Terry Eisler



Doug Marke (The Gauntlet)

Dave Van Belleghem (33) does the hurdles the hard way over Bear defender John Falconer. Bears face U of S this weekend.

game against the Bears, burned the Bears on a 70-yard pass and run play. It's the short passing leads the league, and in an earlier

game that the Dogs specialize in, and the pass underneath the linebackers that drove the Bear defence into missed tackles in the

season opener for both of these clubs, which the Huskies won 31 - 15.

However, offence does not a whole team make. The Huskie defence has allowed the fewest points in the league so far. They're bolstered by an experienced defensive line that going into this season was to be their strong point. Five veterans comprise their defensive line and are all in the 240-250 pound range.

The Bears will have to hand on to the ball to keep the Huskie offense off of the field to have a chance. With Tom Houg in the backfield, who was the WIFL player of the week last week in a losing cause against Calgary, they may have that opportunity.

Last week's game showed good signs for the Bear offence. They committed fewer turnovers, the ones that have cost them ball games, and if you wipe out the second quarter, the defence kept the Dinos off of the scoreboard. They'll need that same performance Sunday if they want to snap their losing streak at five games.

**BEAR NOTES:** Rookie Jason Whaley caught the pass from Aaron Smith off of the fake field goal against Calgary last weekend, and not Graeme Feltham as it was reported in Tuesday's *The Gateway*... Look for Jeff Steinberg to start again for the Bears, after playing well in his first start of the year last weekend.

## Small Notes

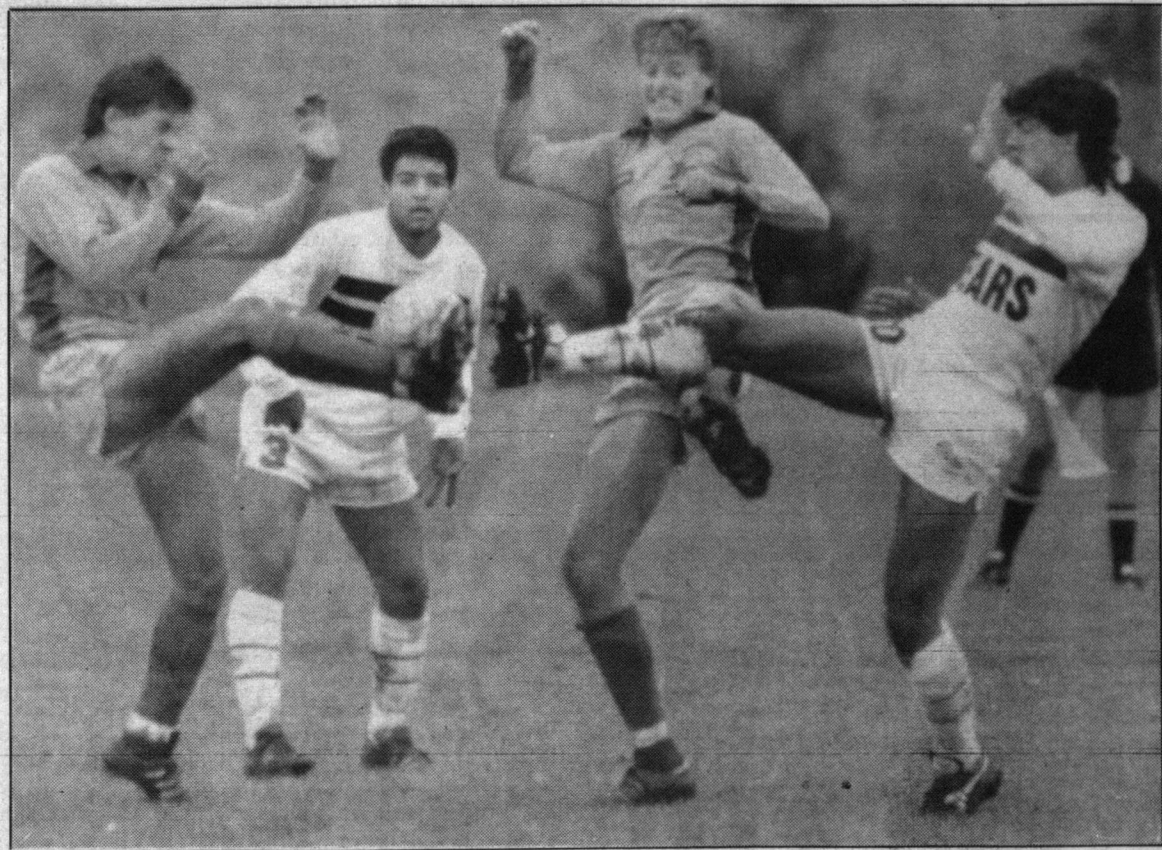
The Golden Bears soccer club will try to extend its undefeated streak this weekend when they play a pair of games against their southern Alberta rivals. Friday they play in Lethbridge, and on Saturday, they head down to Olympic City where they'll face the Calgary Dinosaurs. In previous games this season, the Bears played to a scoreless tie with the Pronghorns and defeated the Dinosaurs 4 - 0. Their conference record going into this weekend is an impressive 2 - 0 - 2, which puts them first in Canada West.



The Pandas field hockey team opens its conference schedule in Calgary as they take part in the Canada West tournament #1. The other two tournaments take place here at the U of A (next weekend) and at Vancouver (three weeks from now).



The Golden Bears hockey team travels north to Grande Prairie this weekend to play a pair of games against the Grande Prairie North Stars, a Tier II team that plays in the northern league with Dawson Creek and Forth St. John.



Dave Young

## Getting their kicks

Bear Salvi Cammarata (R) has a foot to foot meeting with two UBC players. The Bears travel south to Lethbridge and Calgary this weekend.

University of Lethbridge hockey coach Dave McDowall has taken on the job as the university's athletic director for this year. Former Canadian Olympic assistant coach Willie Desjardins has taken over the reigns as hockey

coach at the University of Calgary. Desjardins takes over for George Kingston, who is serving under former Flames assistant Pierre Page in Minnesota this season. Former Edmonton Oiler and U of A Golden Bear Steve Carlyle is an assistant for Desjardins.

In basketball, Ken Olynyk, former U of Lethbridge basketball coach has taken a sabbatical and is taking a masters program at the National Coaching Institute at Victoria. Taking over as the basketball coach is Cal O'Brien, who was the assistant women's basketball coach last year.