

VolleyBattle

The Bears and Pandas volleyball teams have two pivotal matches this weekend on campus, against the University of Calgary on Friday night and the University of Lethbridge on Saturday.

Both Panda matches start at 6:30 Friday and Saturday nights, with the Bears to follow after, at around

The Bears hope to sweep both of their matches, but Calgary will be a tough battle. At the Tri-U tournament in Calgary, the Golden Bears defeated the Dinos 3-2, but at Lacombe in an exhibition, the U of A lost in three straight.

"It will be a barn-burner," Bears' coach Pierre Baudin said. "Calgary and the U of A are very competitive.

Lethbridge should not pose as much of a problem to the Bears as the Pronghorns have a very young team. A team beset by coaching squabbles, Lethbridge has lost some

The Pandas also are gearing for a sweep this weekend after their disappointing road trip last weekend a pair of 0-3 losses to UBC and

Calgary, a team thay they hadn't beaten for four years, was finally beaten at the Tri-U in Calgary, 3-2. They finally got the confidence. They finally thought that Calgary could be beaten," coach Suzie Smith said of her players. "It should be an excellent game," Smith

The Pandas have had better success against Lethbridge this year. At the Tri-U they had defeated the Pronghorns 3-0. "They're weaker than Calgary, but they're a tall team so we must play a disciplined style of game," Smith said.

In addition, 1500 tickets have been distributed to junior high and senior high schools in and around Edmonton, so a large and enthusiastic crowd should result.

Mustang's Marshall may steamroll T-Birds

by Philip Preville

This year's Vanier Cup game has the potential to be a CIAU Classic, with the two top-ranked teams meeting to decide the champion. However, if you need another reason to watch the game this Saturday, I have one for you.

His name is Blake Marshall. He is the Western Mustang's fullback. He is also a tank

This boy is the definition of power running". He would run through the Berlin Wall if he thought there was six points on the other side. He'll take on a London Bus head-to-head.

Actually, those statements are probably closer to a definition of 'stupidity". Nevertheless, you get

Marshall averaged nine yards per carry and rushed for 12 touchdowns this season. He was an OUAA allstar last year and will be again in '86. He has won the Atlantic Bowl MVP Award the past two years. He is a front-runner for CIAU 1986 AllCanadian honors.

He is also riding a one-way ticket to the CFL

His 37-yard touchdown run on Saturday was a simple off-tackle play that shouldn't have even gained a first down. Acadia safety Craig West read the play immediately, and lowered his head to tackle Marshall. West was not blocked at all, and had a 10-yard running start at Marshall. Like a majectic nighthawk charging down to grasp his fleeing rodent prey, the veteran West closed in.

Marshall, however, is no rodent. At the point of collision, West was transformed by Marshall into something more closely resembling a bowling pin. West literally bounced off Marshall's shoulder. It must have been painful.

After that, Marshall put it into Warp 6 and was gone. Everybody else waved goodbye. This man is definitely worth watching.

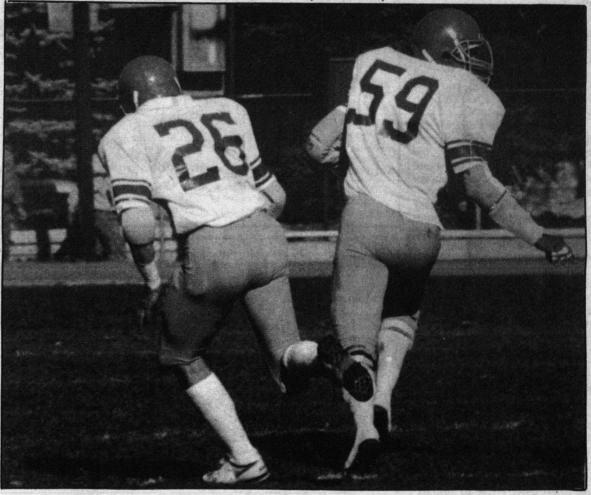
The game will be televised from Toronto on Saturday afternoon by

CTV. That means we don't have to put up with TSN's aggravating CIAU football coveerage.

I enjoy the attention given to CIAU events by TSN — heck, they even have Bears' Basketball coach Don Horwood doing an "I want YOU" commercial for their TV coverage of the Bears' Basketball Classic Tournament later this month. However, Michael Landsberg and Tuffy Knight just don't cut it as football announcers. Collectively, they're worse than Pat Marsden.

Incidentally, CIAU football guru Tuffy Knight likes UBC to win the Vanier Cup. If Mustangs' punter/ placekicker Jeff Crews can come up with a strong performance, though, it should be Western's game. They have consistency and stability on offense and defence, and they have a bulldozer in the backfield.

The Mustangs are a good bet.



All-Canadian cornerback Mark Norman (26) will have to deal with big Blake Marshall on sweeps Saturday. This is the most common view of Norman, as he led the WIFL with 12 interceptions and 5 TD's.

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