

»» SPORTS SHORTS ««

by Brian Flewwelling

Flag-football kicked off Thursday to begin the 1962-63 Intramural season. Golf and tennis are scheduled to commence this evening.

A total of 36 teams are entered in flag-football's six leagues. The games will be played every day on each of the six fields. Watch this column for complete coverage on standings, conduct and opinions from coffee-row.

Tennis fans are urged to keep their schedules open Friday, 4:30-6:00 p.m. and Saturday 12:30-2:00 p.m., October 12-13, the date scheduled for the tennis tournament. It will take place on the internes' courts by the nurses' residence.

The gentlemen may find this a good excuse to be in the area of the nurses' residence. One just might

be able to line up something at the last minute for the weekend. The ladies might do well to be on hand if they had anticipated a lonely weekend.

HANDBALL BEGINS

Squash and handball beginning October 15 will continue through to March 1, 1963. All events will take place as arranged by the participants.

All aspiring bow-and-arrow men are urged to appear at the archery range after six from Monday, Oct. 15, to Thursday, Oct. 19, to display their talents.

Top efforts will learn points per usual, but it is rumored that the highest score will receive, for its owner, a green and gold "Robin Hood" hat to be worn to all formal

sports events.

Nigel Hughes, student director of intramural affairs, has published his first of a series of weekly news bulletins. These are available in PEB for those who are interested in intramural affairs and cannot be bothered rummaging through these ramblings.

OFFICER'S IN

At the last meeting of the Intramural Council, Denny O'Donnell, phys ed rep, and Neil McDermid, DKE rep, assumed the offices of chairman and recording secretary, respectively.

The names of five more unit managers have become available. They are:

Gordon Jordan, education, Ph. 439-7728.

Bill Renner, Zeta Psi, Ph. GE 3-8659.

Fred Lamb, commerce, Ph. 488-5226.

Don Harper, science, Ph. HO 6-2691.

Dick Laurin, arts (football only), Ph. GL 5-5248.

PLUMBERS BLONDER

In the fullness of their campus spirit, the plumbers have not elected a unit manager nor have they entered a team in an event. Along coffee-row this is said to be undoubtedly directly proportional to the number of engineers who are able to read the notices.

This week sees the lovely addition to the intramural office staff of Mrs. Nigel Hughes as secretary. This is proof that the family is the basis of the community, even U of A community of scholars.



THE SPORTING LIFE AS TOLD BY WINSHIP

There comes a time in the life of every sports editor when he feels duty bound to break out in print. My time has come.

To appease, prematurely, those who have waited anxiously for this moment, poison pens in hand, may I state categorically that the law of infallibility does not apply to sports columnists!

As I see it, every columnist has two inherent rights. First, the right to have an opinion, a right he shares with most individuals. Secondly, the right to express this opinion, a right, more correctly, a privilege, he shares with only a few.

I won't deny it; I've been wrong before and probably will be again! Egotism? No! It's difficult to feel pride in having picked Floyd Patterson to beat Sonny Liston, or the Calgary Stampede to win the Grey Cup (Do I hear the gentle refrains of Beautiful Dreamer in the background?). But, to quote Eagle Keys, "you can't win 'em all!"

I am convinced, however, that the Giants couldn't have reached the World Series without my psychic support or my fearless prognostications!

Now that you are aware of my basic limitations let me make my first public prediction: the Golden Bears will regain the Hardy Cup, emblematic of WCIAU football supremacy, by beating the UBC Thunderbirds tomorrow at Varsity Grid and Oct. 20 at Vancouver.

While this is hardly a surprising conclusion to draw after four straight

Bear victories, all of which were lopsided affairs, it is by no means a statement of the obvious.

Although the opponents thus far have crumbled before the Bear offensive power, and have been stopped cold by their defensive corps, there is little reason to expect the T'Birds will.

Both teams have beaten the Huskies and Bisons handily. The Bears ran roughshod over the talent-thin Huskies to score a 59-0 victory and had little difficulty knocking the confidence out of the first-year Bison club in recording a 47-7 triumph.

The T'Birds, playing the Huskies last Saturday and the Bisons Monday, had little trouble disposing of the Huskies 30-0 and the Bisons 28-0.

It is clear that all the football trains, snake dances, and mascots in the world aren't going to make the Bisons a contender! Only time and experience will give the Manitoba club a chance for the Hardy Cup.

No doubt ticket sellers at the U of S and the U of M are giving thanks for all the dreamers who were led to believe their respective teams would give more than token resistance!

Thus, it once again boils down to a T'Bird-Bear battle. With both clubs possessing powerful offensive machines, the outcome will depend upon the respective defences.

This, I believe, is where the Bears have an advantage. They have a solid, hard knocking defensive line backed by a strong secondary.

The T'Birds, on the other hand, are reported to be weak at the defensive half-line, a fatal weakness in view of the powerful passing offense mounted by the Bears in past games.

And so, at 6 a.m., it looks like Bears 28, T'Birds 17!

The Bear-Bird game will also provided the perfect "raison d'être" for a host of activities designed to increase student spirit. A pep rally, bonfire, and parade should set the stage for a thrilling afternoon of football.

At last I lay me down to sleep
And give the Lord my team to keep
If they should lose ere I return
The devil will laugh; I will burn.

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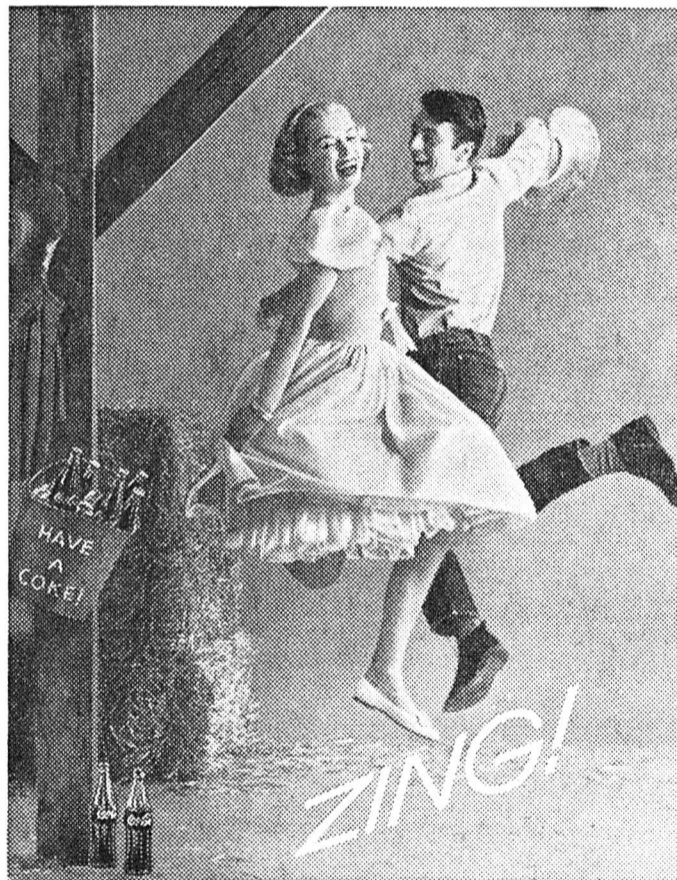


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