



Have you ever wondered what makes up a championship team

Of course you'll probably answer that champions are champs because they are the best team around and have proven it by whipping everyone else.

You would be right in making this assumption but only partially so.

You have probably heard the adage "the best team doesn't always win.'

You have probably also heard the one that says "spunk and desire wins games.

Well, they are both true.

So is the one that says "a team can win on coaching."

Look back to 1967 and you will find two U of A teams that proved these common truisms to be so.

The hockey and football Bears both won Canadian championships in that year. Neither was given a hope in hell of even giving their Eastern opponents a run. Yet they won.

They should have lost. They didn't have the talent to win. But they did have a coach in Clare Drake. Drake knew

virtually nothing about football and depended on his assistants for technical knowledge but he did know how to get 110 per cent out of his players. That's spunk and desire and it worked in hockey too.

Drake's club knew they were going out to face a better club but he always managed to convince them they could win. He had his clubs so fired up they never thought of losing. They worked miracles to keep from letting their beloved "Ducky" down.

They won because he had their respect.

Well, it's 1969 now and Alberta has what many sportswriters and sportscasters across Canada have called their best college hockey club ever.

That hockey club has yet to win in five games now after tying the Monarchs 2-2 Wednesday night.

And Brian McDonald, the coach of this talent-packed hockey club, summed up the game in one sentence. "Well, at least we didn't lose.

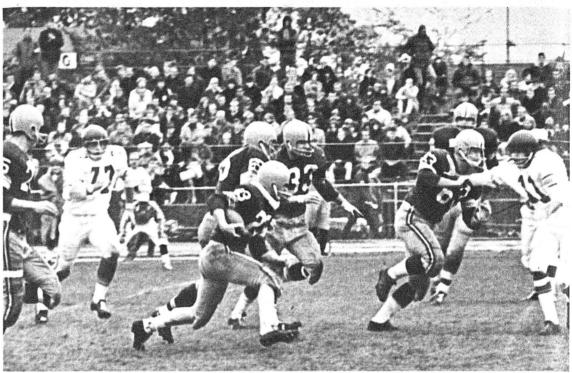
No, they didn't. But they deserved to. The club came out with no hustle, no desire, and in general-stunk. There was just nothing there; not even a team.

Brian McDonald knows his hockey. There's no doubt about that

But he is just too nice a guy to be a good hockey coach. Look at Neill Armstrong. Nice guys don't win.

Nice guys may know their hockey but the question is whether or not they can get their knowledge across to the players in a way that the players will understand that they mean business.

McDonald hasn't done this. As a result he doesn't have their respect. He hasn't won either.



LAST YEAR'S RAIN BOWL

Bowl Classic in Vancou

A long, disappointing, and frustrating football season will come to an end this weekend for Harvey Scott's Golden Bears.

The Bruins, who ended up 3-3 and second best to the Manitoba Bisons in the Western Canada Intercollegiate Football League boarded a train early this morning to Vancouver where a non-conference game against UBC's Thunderbirds awaits them tomorrow afternoon.

The contest is billed as the Rain Bowl and to the victors will go the trophy put up in 1960 by the Vancouver branch of the Alumni Association of the University of Alberta. The game is always played in Vancouver.

The Bears have won the trophy three times and UBC twice. There was no game the other five times.

The Thunderbirds have been out of the WCIFL for the past four seasons and have been playing an independent schedule with such U.S. college clubs as Pacific Luth-eran University, Willamette Col-lege, Seattle University and Colregularly beaten quite badly.

next year.

Leading the way for the coast squad, who were beaten in an exhibition tilt last year by the Bruins to the tune of 22-0, will be fullback and leading rusher on the club, Paul Danyliu. Dave Corcoran, a fullback and middle linebacker, will likely see action both ways, although he has been both-ered for most of the season by a separated capsule in his left shoul-

Directing the T'Bird attack will be Kelowna rookie Al Larson who this season beat out veteran Roger Gregory for the job. Larson's main forte has been the pass, a weapon which the Bears have managed to contain throughout their league schedule.

For the Bears, veteran Terry Lampert and rookie Don Tallas will probably split the signal calling chores. Lampert will be playing his last college ball game and it's very likely that he will get the starting call from Scott.

Other Bears in their last game will be Ludwig Daubner, who led the league in both scoring and rushing, Hart Cantelon, Clyde Smith, Bob Schmidt, Dan McCaffery and Ken Van Loon.

. . . Bears demolished UBC 22-0

The game will also mean a return to old haunts for coach Scott. During the 1965 season, Scott was an assistant coach for Thunder-birds' Head Coach Frank Gnup.





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They will return to WCIFL play

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