

photo Tom Freeland

Japanese prove tough opponents

If tough competition builds champions then the Golden Bears should be a team to watch out for.

For the third meet in a row, this time in Calgary, the Bears came up against the Japanese national team and for the third time in a row didn't win a match.

Mark Yurick and Earl Binder were the best Bears with second place finishes to the Japanese. Yurick wrestles in the 158 pound class while Binder is in the 190 pound category. Al Harman (118 lbs) and Shaun Holstrom (150 lbs) had third place finishes.

Coach John Barry says the exhibition season for the Bears has been much tougher this year. Everything the Bears do up until February 14 is exhibition. That's the date of the Canada West championships. Last year the Bears won Canada West and were third in the CIAU championships.

This weekend the Bears go to Vancouver for a meet hosted by Simon Fraser University. Barry says he expects six or seven American teams as well.

At Christmas 14 Bears will spend two weeks in California

training. They will split their time between San Jose and Bakersfield and Barry hopes to have competitions with several of the area schools.

B'ballers split on weekend

The Bears and the Pandas came home from the coast with two wins and two losses.

Debbie Shogan's Pandas had the two wins, beating the UBC Thunderettes by 73-55 and 54-48 scores.

Brian Henry's Bears had the two losses, losing to UBC 80-58 and 83-65.

This weekend both basketball squads are in action against Saskatchewan in Varsity Gym.

Check Thursday's paper for a complete report on all four games in Vancouver.

Who has who? The Japanese team continued to give the Bears a tough time in Calgary this past weekend.

East vs West in Bowl

by Bob Kilgannon

It'll be just like the "oil wars" — Alberta against Ottawa. And it should be just as interesting.

The University of Ottawa Gee-Gees advanced to the College Bowl against the U of A Golden Bears with a 28-8 triumph over last year's champs, the Acadia Axemen, in Halifax on Saturday.

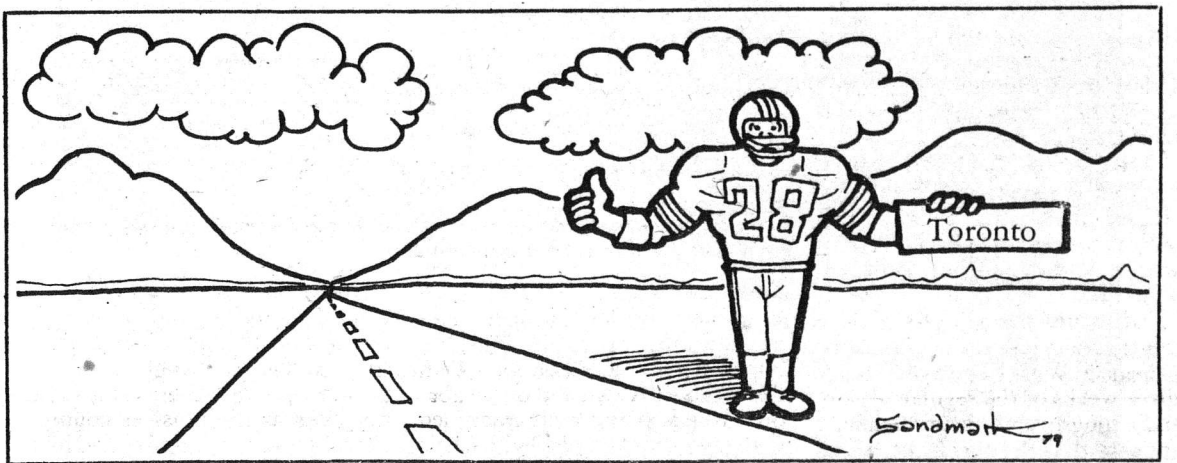
Ottawa ran well as Mike Giftopoulos gained 144 yards on 24 carries and Brock Bundy chipped in 92 yards on 22 carries. Their passing game was also impressive as the Gee-Gees pounded away an early Acadia lead

and got stronger as the game progressed.

As Ottawa coach Cam Innes said after the game, "We played 60 minutes of football. We just followed the game plan and things went our way."

Now it boils down to a single game. The two best teams in the country, Alberta and Ottawa, meet Saturday to find out who really is number one.

The Bears leave Wednesday morning for Toronto where they will try to prove that they are the best college football team in Canada.





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