



THE SPORTING LIFE AS TOLD BY WINSHIP

VGW Visitors—

By now you should realize that there's more to university than burying one's nose in books—much more! Even a quick perusal of these two pages should convince you of that fact.

The powers-that-be have seen fit to make it possible for any athletically inclined student to flunk his year and enjoy it. A magnificent, fully equipped, Physical Education Building combined with an all-encompassing intramural sports program plus extensive intersarsity teams give students an excellent excuse to leave the books unopened.

Of course, in all fairness, passing one's grades and being an all-round athletic need not be incompatible. In fact, all members of intersarsity squads must meet WCIAA eligibility standards.

I defy anyone to name a popular sport presently overlooked in the land of Green and Gold (excluding such unofficial favorites as chesterfield rugger and tippie tennis, popular with the engineers; of course). There is an organized sport to meet any taste.

Through the intramural programs both men and women are allowed to complete in a wide variety of activities—almost always segregated, unfortunately! (See opposite page for details.)

Intersarsity football gives high school graduates aspiring to be the second Jackie Parker (if I may be excused the sacrilege) or Roger Nelson, the opportunity to achieve some measure of success against the ever-tougher WCIAA competition.

Rugger (not the chesterfield variety!) has returned and is becoming increasingly popular. Membership in the Rugger Club, which, I'm told, throws the best parties imaginable (next to Gateway, that is) will soon be a sign of masculine virility no doubt. Watch out, fellow 95 pound weaklings!

Then, for those that enjoy running up and down hills, through marshes, and between trees, in mud or blinding snow; the cross country team was thoughtfully created. The Golden Bear team, coached by Dr. Jack Alexander, relinquished the championship this year after eight consecutive years as WCIAA champs. Maybe they're right after all—"war babies" just can't take the rough going!

Coach Steve Mendryk gives big boys who like to look at tall buildings and little guys who like to take out their frustrations on big guys, a chance to achieve their aims in the service of the Golden Bear basketball team. Here's your chance, country boys! Nestor did it, so can you!

For those who have certain talents on skates and wish to displace their frustrations legally, coach Clare Drake of the Golden Bear hockey team will provide the weapon (hockey stick) and the ammunition (puck) and, joy of joys, people to use them on (T'Birds, Huskies, and Bisons—no bag limit either!)

Coach Murray Smith provides certain students a chance to take a daily early morning (6:00 a.m.) bath, free, with participation in intersarsity swimming events an added bonus. Mrs. Pat Meadus gives the fairer sex the same opportunity later on in the day.

To appease those students who can't confine their wrestling to the back seat of automobiles, Coach Gino Fracis annually recruits a wrestling squad. To arm those students who do confine their wrestling to the back seat of automobiles the Judo Club provides excellent instruction in the art of self-defence. Take your choice!

Other intersarsity sports include: badminton, for "bird" lovers; curling, for people who like to throw

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VARSITY

Football Popular At U of A

Each fall the football fever hits the U of A campus much as it does most football centers.

The past season saw the Golden Bear team finish in a tie for first place in WCIAA competition with the UBC Thunderbirds after bulldozing their way over other league opposition.

Bears began the season by beating the Edmonton Junior Wildcats 20-12 in an exhibition contest, then bombing the U of S Huskies 59-0 in their opening league game.

SNOW-JOB

A 47-7 snow-job against the new league entrants, the Manitoba Bisons, plus a 30-0 white-wash of the UBC Thunderbirds had Bears packing for the trip East to a national final.

However, a 21-19 setback at the hands of the T'Birds dampened Bears hopes for good.

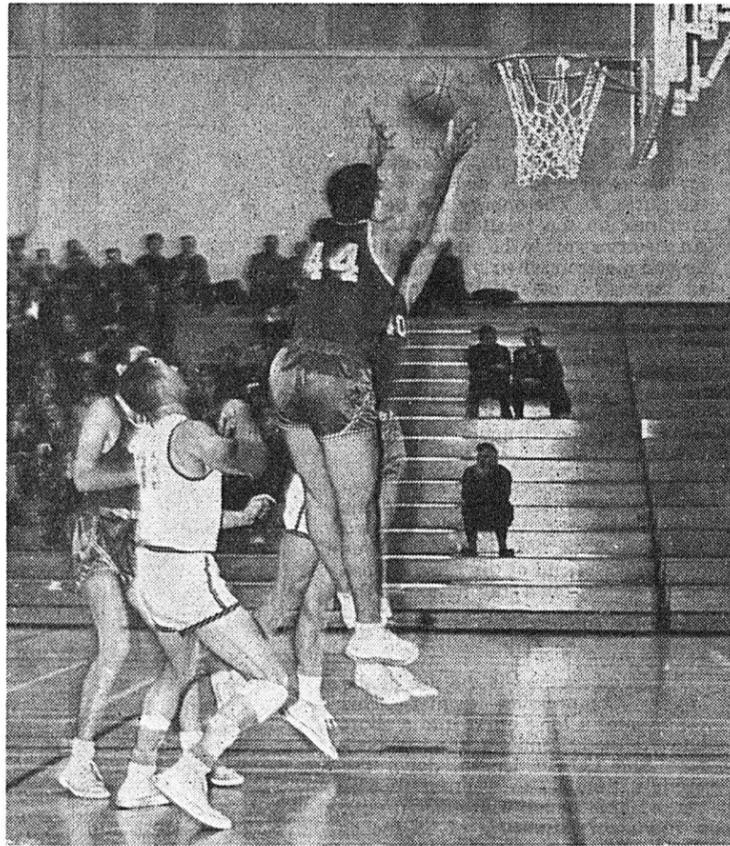
Bears finished the season by massacring the U of S Huskies 65-0 and the Manitoba Bisons 46-9 to end in a tie with the T'Birds. T'Birds wisely decided to forego any title-deciding game, and kept their "half" of the Hardy Trophy.

324 FOR, 51 AGAINST

In addition to the league games the Bears downed the Northern Montana College Lights 58-0 to sport an admirable points for-and-against record (324-51).

Even though the Bears were denied the league championship and a trip to the East to decided which conference plays the best football, they can "hibernate" confident they fielded the strongest football team since football was put back on the WCIAA agenda for seasons ago.

And like the "Cowtown," this is "next year" country.



BEAR BASKETBALL ACTION. Bear Nestor Korchinsky demonstrates his outstanding rebounding talent. Korchinsky will be in action against the T'Birds Friday at 8:30 p.m. and Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

Cagers Traditional Favorites; Host T'Birds VG Weekend

From the time this campus consisted of an arts building, a residence, and precious little more, the University has fielded a basketball team.

Perhaps it might be argued that there were years in which we shouldn't have! However, over the long run the cagers have taken their share of titles and given fans something to cheer about.

While the 1962-63 edition of the Golden Bears may not win many trophies, it certainly plays pleasing basketball. Recent home games have driven the fans to hysterics, notably the UAC Dinosaur-Bear series Jan. 25 and 26.

Friday and Saturday the Bears will host the league leading UBC Thunderbirds in a two game series which promises to be a highlight of the VGW activities.

Granted few expect the Bears to sweep the two game series or even take one game. But few deny that the series should be a highly entertaining one. And upsets do occur!

BEARS SURPRISE

Not too many foresaw the Bear victory over the Dinosaurs Jan. 25, or the narrow overtime Bear defeat which followed. And history has a habit of repeating itself, they say!

Bear coach Steve Mendryk has molded a group of "green" rookies, not-so-experienced sophomores, and veterans, into a formidable opposition during the 1962-63 season.

With the loss of former all-stars Harry Beleshko, Jack Hicken, and Maury Van Vliet from last year's squad Mendryk had to fill some big holes in the lineup. This he did!

KORCHINSKY OUTSTANDING

From Vegreville came the outstanding addition to the Bear nucleus in the person of Nestor Korchinsky. The 6'5" Korchinsky has proven himself almost unbeatable under the

basket, out-rebounding the likes of 6'11" Bob Inglis of the Lethbridge Nationals.

From Lacombe came an ever-hustling Mike Reitsma. Reitsma improves every game out and his spirited play was a big factor in the Bear win against the UAC Dinosaurs.

Ross Shepard High produced rookie John Hennessy who is gradually developing into a regular first stringer and who shows tremendous potential for next year.

Mendryk didn't have to look far to find someone to eventually form a guard duo with Garry Smith. Victoria Composite star Darwin Semotiuk continues to impress, and with more experience should become a regular beside Smith.

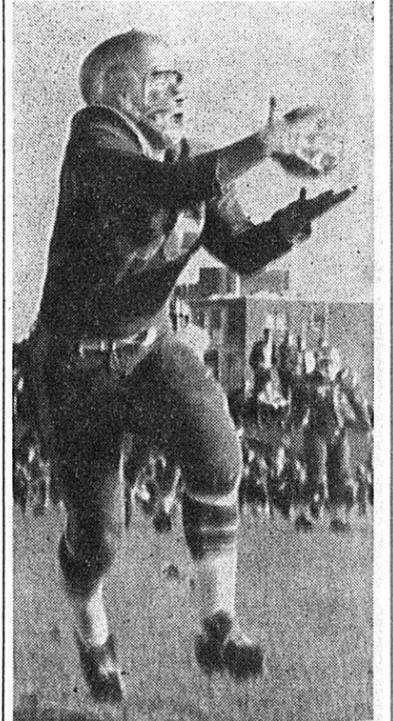
The sharp-shooting Smith has proven himself to be the team's most valuable player. As Smith goes, so go the Bears! This point was forcefully driven home when Smith injured his ankle in a Bear-Bison game Feb. 1.

Bear lost the game 70-64 following a five minute overtime session after leading most of the game; and sorely missed Smith's field generalship the next day as they were dumped 70-54.

The little buzz-bomb, Jim Warker, backs up Smith at the guard position. Sophomores, Jim Fisher and Ed Blott give the Bears adequate height around the basket. Rod Esper, Doug Hayes, Irvin Strifler, Fred Shandro, and Len Dudka complete the line-up.



NICE FORM is shown by this varsity swimmer.



ANOTHER COMPLETED pass! Bears ended WCIAA tied for first place with UBC T'Birds.