

Speaking on Sports

with RICHARD VIVONE

Under the bright lights of Calgary's McMahon Stadium, a myth was obliterated before it had an opportunity to blossom. The destruction would have sent any fireman into wild hysterics.

For two weeks, reports have been leaking into our office about the much rejuvenated University of Calgary Dinosaur football team. All was in the past, they said. This is a new season. The crude optimism was based on their 15-6 opening day victory over Saskatchewan and a narrow 8-7 loss to the mighty Manitoba Bisons.

Alberta is rebuilding, Manitoba has experience . . . the reasoning indicated Calgary would have a good chance against the Bears. They may even have had illusions of victory. The myth blazed higher and higher—until exactly 16 minutes and 32 seconds after the opening whistle of Friday's game.

The first quarter added fuel to the fable. The Bears had one measly first down and didn't distinguish themselves offensively. Terry Lampert, Bears starting quarterback, summed up the first minutes this way. "You have to realize we have a lot of inexperienced rookies and just . . . early game jitters. You know, get crossed up in their thoughts and blocking assignments."

STRANGELOVE'S BOMB

At 1:32 of the second quarter, the Bears had first down on their own 24. They picked this point to play Dr. Strangelove—they quit worrying and loved the bomb.

Lampert took the snap and rolled out to the right behind some expert blocking. John Violini, who played a dazzling game, sped down the right sidelines to almost midfield. A flick of the wrist, the reaching of sure hands, a ballerina dance and, in a flash, the game was over. The myth died.

All of it was beautiful.

Dinnie quarterback and ex-Bear, Don Green, trapped behind his own goal line; Lampert to Pete Tyler for a major; Gary Corbett faking fullback Ross Bradford up the middle and flipping to Violini for another big one . . . all examples of sheer pulchritude.

Gil Mather, an All-Star backfielder last year, said, "I never seen a team fired up like that in all my life . . . not since my high school days at St. Mary's. This team's got it. We'll take them one at a time. We might go all the way."

Anl Ed Molstad, another WCIAA All-Star, said, "You saw the best team in Canada out there."

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This was a good win and it came at a good time. The Waterloo Lutheran disaster jolted the Bears (Gary Corbett: We've forgotten that one.) The opener in Saskatoon ten days past lifted the club back on its feet. This game gave them the vital confidence so necessary in every winner.

The scene in the dressing room afterwards was one of pandemonium. The jubilation of the jolly green and gold giants reached almost dizzy heights.

OPTOMISTIC WORDS

Coach Fracas talked freely after the game.

"I think it's a great football team. They came up real big tonight. We started off very slowly and things looked a little grim at the beginning but the boys came on and we had some outstanding plays by our people. The whole team played great football. You can't single out any one player—they all played well and wanted to win badly. I'm sure proud of them.

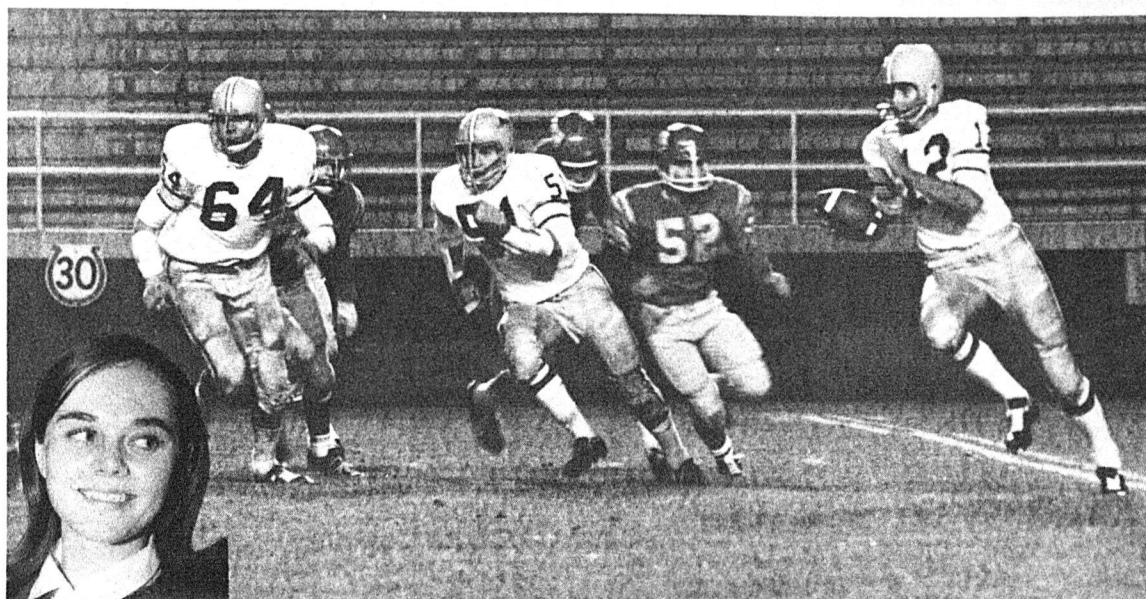
"It reminds me of those old Bears of the last two years. They just rose to the occasion every time. We're extremely pleased with them. It's just great.

"I thought the whole game broke open when we hit that long pass to Violini—the long touchdown pass (86 yards)—and we never looked back. The boys caught fire, got that momentum and never stopped."

Coach Fracas on Calgary; "It was just confirming what I believed. Calgary is a real strong football team. They're going to make it a tough league. We caught them off balance and we hit—you know—the good plays at the right time."

The only dark point of the weekend was Hart Cantelon's decision to play in Calgary. The little halfback is registered there and will play as soon as possible.

Fracas: "I understand he (Cantelon) registered here at Calgary. He won't be coming back with us. He made his decision. We honor it."



—Lyall photo

BEARS MOVE FOR THIS BEAUTY NOW

. . . will they move for the June Playmate Saturday?

Exciting weekend planned for Bear' first home game

By DON HOLMES

One again it appears probable that the football Bears have another powerful team—one the university can be exceedingly proud of. For this reason it is only fair that the students at this university should appear in full force to support what appears to be a potential Canadian collegiate champ.

Leading off this weekend will be a pep rally and dance on Friday

evening at 8:30 p.m. At 9:30 p.m. a local folk singing group, the Inner Five, will be on hand to entertain. At 10:00 p.m., the Booster Club will introduce the entire Golden Bear football team and the masterminds behind them. The New Generation will play the rest of the evening.

To make this night more lucrative, the admission is only one green back, which allows the

ticketholder to attend the Saturday football game and the dance that evening. Season tickets holders will be admitted to the game free of charge.

Remember the Alamo—well not quite—but do remember the pep rally Friday, Oct. 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the Education Gymnasium.

U of A Marching Band will start things off Saturday with a precision routine at 1:30 p.m.

The official introduction of the players will take place at 1:50 p.m. followed by an honorary kickoff by distinguished guests. These will include Lieutenant Governor Grant McEwan, President Johns, Student Union President Branny Schepanovich, Miss Freshette and our special guest Miss Kelly Burke, Playboy's June '66 Playmate. Miss Burke will be attending due to the kind generosity of the Campus Squire. Males who have never had the pleasure of seeing a real live Playmate will get the chance they have been waiting for. It may be their last.

The image of this small (5 feet) bundle of unmistakable womanhood will keep you warm throughout the long cold winter. Amateur photographers should take advantage of the golden opportunity. At halftime after the marching band performs, our scintillating beauty crowns U of A's Miss Freshette.

Season tickets (only 5 dollars) will be on sale at this week at the main rotunda leading into the students' Union cafeteria. The deadline for the tickets is 6 p.m., Friday, Oct. 7.

Queen's footballers rated number one

OTTAWA (CUP) — Queen's Golden Gaels have assumed top position in the latest ratings of Canadian College football teams.

A 58-2 thrashing of Carleton Ravens Sept. 17 jumped Queen's to first from fourth place in the rating which is compiled for the Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic Union by a Toronto advertising firm.

Haswell paces cross-country team to victory

That man Ray Haswell has done it again. He paced the U of A Cross-country team to victory in the Calgary YMCA's 4 mile road race.

The "A" team defeated the Calgary Track Club by 10 points. The U of A "B" team finished third with the University of Calgary entry bringing up the rear.

Haswell was the individual winner with a time of 20 minutes 14 seconds. Ray Mackenzie, U of A, finished third with a time of 20:41. Brian Stockhouse took 8th place in 21:41. The times were slow because of very wet track conditions.

Next Saturday the cross-country team travels to Griffith Stadium in Saskatoon for a 5 1/4 mile race.

The intercollegiate champion will be decided on October 24 in Saskatoon over a 5 1/4 mile course.

Previously top-ranked University of Toronto was hard pressed to defeat previously unranked McMaster (Hamilton) 26-20 and has slipped into a second place tie with the University of Western Ontario (London). McMaster has moved into the fourth position.

The biggest loss in the standings, was suffered by Alberta who tumbled from third to eighth place after a 22-6 defeat at the hands of unranked Waterloo Lutheran College. Ottawa fell to ninth from fifth position following a 42-3 thrashing by Western.

Ratings are determined from results of weekly polls conducted amongst sports editors (oh!) and athletic directors.

Here are the top team teams as of September 26, not including weekend games of September 24 or October 1.

1. Queen's
2. Toronto (tie)
3. Western
4. McMaster
5. St. Francis Xavier (Antigonish, N.S.)
6. St. Mary's (Halifax)
7. Loyola (Montreal)
8. Alberta (Edmonton)
9. Ottawa
10. Manitoba

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