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College sport in Canada isn't bush league anymore.

It's becoming very much professional in character and each year is becoming more professional in calibre.

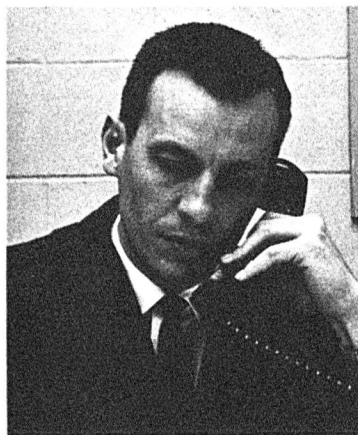
One has only to take a look at the graduates of the Golden Bears to see that the gap between the college teams and the professionals has narrowed considerably.

Seven of last season's starters have completed university and of the seven four are now playing pro football.

There's Dave Wray, for instance, now a starting defensive linebacker with B.C. Lions. And there's Bruce Gainer with Saskatchewan, and Ron Finch with Winnipeg and Pete Gilbert with Toronto.

And there's a couple Bears from years past who have become super-stars in the CFL. Names like Ken Neilsen, now with the Blue Bombers.

The University of Alberta has made a name for itself in that it perennially has one of the best if not the best football teams in the country.



CHUCK MOSER
... Assistant Director

As such it yearly attracts football scouts from across Canada and on occasion from the United States. They come, they observe, they report and bids are made at the annual CFL draft.

Seldom do the scouts come home with nothing to report and so are again sent back to Edmonton the following year.

The university through the efforts of the University Athletic Board has also scored a victory in the fan participation department over the last two seasons.

Attendance has sky-rocketed from an average of about two or three hundred fans per game several years ago to figures of better than 5,100 fans per game over the last season.

UAB Director Ed Zemrau and Assistant Director Chuck Moser have done an exceptional job in this field with their revised promotions policy and this year's first game drew better than 7,500 fans. It's a nice start.

But increasing fan attendance has presented new problems to deal with and if they're not solved the whole structure built up so painstakingly may come crashing down and we'll be back to bush league status.

Monday night's game provided plenty of action, not all of it on the field. And not everybody enjoyed it.

Some of the campus organizations showed just how mature they were as university students and their maturity sent several people to hospital.

It was great fun.

It's great fun to have a trumpet jabbed into your stomach by a falling drunk.

It's great fun to have an empty bottle come cascading down from above you and bounce off your head.

It's great fun to have to leave the game before half-time because your girl is afraid to stay.

Let's be sensible about the thing. The next time it may happen to you. Even if it's somebody else you still lose because doctor bills for injuries on campus come out of the student's pocket.

If you feel you can't do without booze at a football game at least be civilized. That's not too much to ask.

It wasn't easy to convince the UAB to forget about charging students to get into football games so don't spoil it. While you're at it you can preserve Alberta's reputation too.

Junior Bears demolish Camrose

By RON TERNOWAY

BEARCATS 46, CAMROSE 0

History repeats itself.

Two thousand years ago, lions in Rome devoured Christians in the Coliseum with amazing regularity. Wednesday, the Junior Bearcats mauled Camrose Lutheran College with the same nonchalance at Varsity Stadium.

Bears marched in to score from the Camrose 49 on their first sequence of plays, and never looked back. Camrose did not recover, and finished the first half without registering a first down.

Baby Bears got their first TD from Stan Solikoski, and another from Mike LaBrier part way through the first quarter. A convert and a 22-yard field goal by Trevor Leacock rounded out scoring in the first period. A 17-yard Ray Dallin to Clare Downing touchdown pass, a single by Leacock and a safety touch made the half-time score 25-0 in favor of the Bears.

Camrose opened up in the second half, coming out with a diversified attack which yielded six first downs. Bears maintained their offensive power and LaBrier got his second major on a one-yard plunge late in the third quarter. Leacock converted.

Dallin was replaced at quarterback by G. Fraser, who promptly scooted 32 yards for another Bearcat touchdown. The convert by Leacock was again good.

Camrose then caught fire and rolled downfield 30 yards before an interception snuffed out the drive. The play then centred between the 45-yard lines as both teams lost innumerable third-down gambles.

Ed Parent broke the deadlock with only two minutes to play as he broke through off-tackle and ran 46 yards for the major score. Leacock converted and for all intents and purposes the match was over.

Only one thing marred the victory for the Bearcats. Stan Solikoski was injured mid-way through the second quarter and will be out indefinitely with a dislocated elbow. The big fullback was running well before he was injured, his gains including a 46-yard touchdown romp called back by a penalty.

Neil Johnston played a very hard game for Camrose. In addition to going both ways as quarterback and defensive back, he handled the punts and kickoffs. He was shaken up late in the game and was assisted from the field.

Coach Arnie Enger had praise for his team after the game. He said that he was pleased with the performance of players that the coaching staff had not been sure about. Enger also said that he was satisfied with the running of Mike LaBrier, Stan Solokoski, and Ed Parent, as well as the defensive play of middle linebacker Andy McLeod.

He commended the defensive unit but said that he feels that Camrose will improve for the next

encounter and that the Bears must beware. He was also pleased with the punt returns of Pete Smith.

The Junior Bears' new place kicker is very interesting, indeed. Born in Trinidad, Trevor Leacock saw his first football three weeks ago and kicked it. Jim Battle, ex-Eskimo, saw him kick and suggest he try out with the Bears.

So Leacock is now with the Junior Bearcats and his performance on Thursday, namely two converts, a single, a field-goal, and a near-miss on a 48-yard field-goal attempt spell great things for his future. But Leacock does not want to just kick. "I think I've got a lot of speed," he said, "and I'd like to see a little more action."



ONE OF MANY COMPLETED PASSES
... in Bearcat-Camrose charade

Brian McDonald new puck coach

Although the hockey season is still a few months away, Brian McDonald has been appointed as coach of the Golden Bears hockey team for the 1969-70 season.

Coach McDonald will be replacing Clare Drake, who is taking a year of sabbatical leave for further studies.

Brian McDonald is no stranger to the Alberta hockey system. He has just completed six years of service as Coach of the Junior Bears, and one year as an assistant to Drake when the Juniors were not in operation.

A large share of the credit for Alberta's hockey successes during

the past decade must go to Coach McDonald. A very adequate and essential feeder system has been developed in the junior hockey team and many times the key to a Golden Bear victory was Brian McDonald's ability to supply a substitute for an injured Golden Bear. Often times several replacements were needed and the supply was always there.

A graduate of the University of Saskatchewan (B.Comm.) and the University of California (M.B.A.), Brian now serves as assistant to the Vice-President in charge of Academic Planning.

He will be taking over the reins of a college hockey team which has developed a tremendous winning tradition during the past decade under coach Clare Drake. The situation will be similar to Claude Ruel's takeover of the Montreal Canadians from Toe Blake.

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