



HE LOST THE BALL
... and the Bears lost the jug

—George Barr photo

Stags hold off Bears in final ruggie match to take home Little Brown Jug

The U of A Ruggie Fifteen dehorned the U of C Stags but lost the Jug.

The Golden Bears played their best college ruggie on the way to an 8-3 victory over the Stags in Calgary on the weekend. But it

wasn't quite enough as the Stags took the two game total point series for the Little Brown Jug 14-13.

Bear playing coach Ernie Puil could only bubble one comment, "We beat the hell out of them". It

was a case of one team getting the ball but being unable to move it while the other moved the ball when and if they got it.

The Bears kept the Stags bottled up in their own end-zone most of the game while the Stags repeatedly held off the Bears from the five yard-line. The Bear backfielders couldn't get the ball because of very fine scrum work by the Stags.

Graham Price opened the scoring when he flopped on the ball in the endzone that Puil had crossed-kicked as he was tackled on the goal-line. Five minutes later the Stags scored their only try to tie the score 3-3.

Ten minutes before the half Puil again set up another score with a 58 yard romp through entire Stag squad, Puil was stopped on the one-yard line, but lateralled to Price for the score. Rick Rollins converted to make the score 8-3.

Following the Bears 11-5 loss to the Stags two weeks ago the Calgary coach praised the Bears for their fine play. He could not be reached for comment after the Saturday game.

Original football helmets made of soft, thin leather

By KEITH SPENCER

As skirts go up, up and WOW—sneak a look at a picture of Granny, or of Mother, twenty years ago. Man—those long dresses—and that dumb hat she's probably wearing! How could she!

And take a look at a picture of the Bear footballers of a few decades ago and you'll wonder the same thing—and how the heck they ever lived through a game. Those crazy boots—clod hoppers, really; the long knee socks; those cardboarded pants. But mostly—look at the helmets—and laugh and wonder, both at the same time. Haven't things changed!

The first helmet was a good thick growth of long hair—the helmet was regarded as the mark of a sissy—and in the good old days, black eyes, loose teeth and a minor concussion were badges of success.

THE 'HATS'

The early Bear-style helmets—they called them 'hats'—were made of soft thin leather that fitted snugly against the skull, much the same as Snoopy's Red Baron special. Players no longer got their ears bitten off by hungry tackles during hectic line play, but that thin leather didn't do much for the shock waves dancing from ear to ear.

Later the leather was changed from soft to hard, and the helmet was padded inside—but players were still hearing bells from most of the game, and losing teeth at a fair rate. And you don't think Crazy Legs Hersch could have run like that if he wasn't dizzy too, do you?

The faceguard was added in the '30's, easing the dental problems, but the modern "Reddell" helmet

that our Bears wear today didn't come about until the late '50's. It featured a plastic shell, suspended on webbing and kept the player's bean away from the shell as well as spreading the shock of a blow over the whole area, greatly easing the impact of 200 pounds landing on one ear.

Players no longer go through half the game with renditions of "Jingle Bells" vibrating in their brains, and the whistles they hear are blown by the officials. And chances are they have two ears and most of their teeth too.

National college football championship announced

TORONTO (CUP)—The Canadian College Bowl is to develop in the next two years into a national college football championship.

Plans for the national championship were announced Monday by Morris Regimbal, president of the CIAU.

This season teams in the Maritime Intercollegiate Athletic Association, Central Canada Intercollegiate Football Conference and the Western Canada Intercollegiate Athletic Association are in the running for the Vanier Cup, awarded to the national championship team.

For scheduling reasons the Senior Intercollegiate Football League will not take part this year, but are expected to make room in their schedule for a play-off-game in the future.

The 1967 playoff structure will feature the winner of the CCIFC against the winner of the MIAA in the Atlantic College Bowl on Saturday Nov. 18. The victor will meet the top WCIAA team for the national championship in Toronto the following weekend.

The CIAU and the Canadian College Bowl, sponsors of the championship, plan to institute a second playoff game next year. Tentatively called the Prairie College Bowl, it would feature the top WCIAA team against the best of the CCIFC and SIFL alternating yearly.

The Canadian college bowl is in its third year, and annually turns over all net proceeds to the Canadian Save The Children Fund. Previously, team participation was by invitation.

Boettger scores twice to lead Dinos to victory

Fullback Ray Boettger added to his scoring lead with two touchdowns as the University of Calgary Dinosaurs beat the University of Manitoba Bisons 21-3 in Winnipeg on the weekend.

One of Boettger's TDs came on a ten yard pass and the other on a 30 yard run. Dex Dersch got the Dinosaurs' other TD when he recovered a kick blocked by his brother Doug. Bill Mucklow converted all three. Manitoba's points came on a conceded single and a safety touch in the third quarter.

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