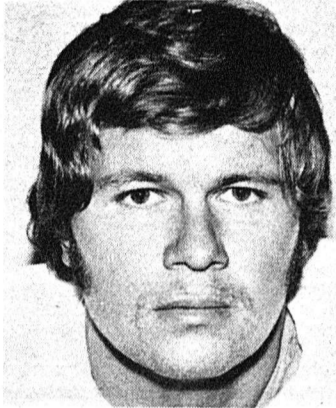


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Golden Bear players of the week



Bears' quarterbacks haven't thrown much to Vance Curtis this season, but once the big (six-foot-four, 205 pounds) tight end gets his mitts on the ball, he is a potent offensive threat. Curtis had nine receptions for 242 yards in eight league games, including 38-yard and 62-yard efforts (the former went for a touchdown) against Saskatchewan Huskies Saturday. "Vance has grabbed some crucial passes for us this year," comments head coach Jim Donlevy. "He's not afraid to catch the ball in a crowd." His size, speed and excellent blocking makes Curtis a bonafide pro prospect. A 20-year old native of Penticton B.C., Vance is a third-year physical education student.

For most of the schedule, Mike Ewachniuk has backed up two of the best defensive linemen in Canadian college football, Gary Adam and Al Shemanchuk. But throughout Saturday's contest, Mike alternated at the two tackle positions and shut off the Huskies' ground game. "Mike is extremely strong against the run," notes line coach Bob Bennett, "where his quickness and pursuit is an advantage." Ewachniuk started in Bears' first league game in Calgary, but a knee injury sent him to the sidelines. A former Calgary Dinosaur, Ewachniuk is playing his first season with Bears. The 25-year old native of Edson stands six foot one and weighs 240 pounds and is enrolled in the Faculty of Science.

Jr's give icemen a hand

Rick Peterson and Bruce Crawford, two Bearcats players, will see action with the varsity hockey club this weekend when Golden Bears meet U of Victoria Vikings in Varsity Arena.

Peterson and Crawford will replace Mike Snider, out for the next five weeks with a knee injury, and Gerry LeGrandeur. Coach Clare Drake had hoped to have LeGrandeur back on the ice this weekend, but his shoulder is not healing as quickly as anticipated.

To add to Drake's worries, team captain Dave Couves has been ailing with flu and may not be able to play against the Vikings.

Drake has juggled lines again this week in an attempt to get his second and third string forwards producing on the scoreboard.

Rookie Steve McNight will work with Couves and Rick Wyrozub. Gerry Hornby will center Peterson and Oliver Steward in the second line, while third line wingers Oliver Morris and Marcel St. Arnaud will aid Clarence Wanchulak.

Drake noted that if his forwards don't improve, there is every possibility that they will be out of jobs. A number of players from the junior squad have been attending practices with the Golden Bears and could be added to the varsity roster. When asked how he would feel about losing two of his star performers, Bearcat coach Dick Wintermute replied, "Naturally it would weaken us, but I've anticipated this and it's not as if we're that short of good players."

In view of Bears' problems, the Vikings would appear to be the perfect team for them to meet this early in the season. They will not likely provide Bears with a lot of competition, if judgements can be made from last year's performance when they finished with no wins, no ties and 20 losses.

Friday night at 5:00, Bearcats host their strongest competitors, South Side Metros, in Varsity Arena. Saturday at

the same time, they meet North Side.

Both Golden Bear-Vikings games are scheduled to start at 8:30 pm. ac

Birdie Bears try for teams

Special to the Gateway

Badminton team hopefuls will be going through their paces under the watchful eyes of coaches Pauline Ingall and Keith Spencer as try-outs for the U of A team open this Sunday at 10 am in the Dance Gymnasium.

The Alberta unit has high hopes of upsetting defending champion U of Calgary during the tournament to be held on campus Feb. 23-25. However, with strong entries expected from U of British Columbia and Lethbridge, the chore will not be an easy one.

Making the task a little easier for coach Spencer will be Doug McGillvary, Canadian champion who has transferred from Calgary where he wore the red and white colors last year. McGillvary combines with hold-over Peter Vaartnou, Edmonton champ, to give the Badminton Bears a formidable line-up.

Coach Ingall looks to veterans Elaine Stillwell, Helen Amerongen and Brenda Hutcheon to carry much of the load for Pandas, and NWT champion Debbie Taylor is expected to give the returnees a tough battle for their positions.

Pandas will get a rough introduction to this year's league as they travel to Calgary shortly to do battle with the defending champs. Last year in Winnipeg, the Calgary girls crushed all western opposition, going through the matches undefeated, and they are rumored to be equally potent this year.

All players interested in trying out for the team are asked to be at the gym Sunday, Nov. 19, or to leave their names at the Phys Ed office if they are unable to make the initial session.

Warriors, Bears in Western Bowl

Loyola University Warriors hope not to follow in the footsteps of their ignoble predecessor, Bishops University 'Gators.

Last year, Bishops' football squad had a couple of days to take in the sights of Edmonton before bowing to Golden Bears 55-0 in the Western College Bowl.

"It was a novelty for them to come out here," surmised Gary Smith. "It was an exciting trip, the highlight of their season and they didn't focus on the game. They weren't prepared to face us."

Smith expects a tougher battle from Warriors Saturday in the 1972 Western Bowl at Varsity Stadium beginning at 12:30 p.m. The people's network will beam the Atlantic Bowl across Canada at 10 p.m. MST.

Tickets for the game are priced at \$3, \$2, and \$1 for adults, students and children respectively, and are still available on campus all day in the Students' Union Building and Physical Education office, and during noon hours in the Central Academic Building. Off campus, tickets are sold at Mike's, Bonnie Doon, Woodwards stores and McCauley Plaza.

The Warriors won five of their six games, their only loss coming at the hands of McGill University 14-0. Bears have been carefully scrutinizing the films of that game throughout the week.

"They're at least as good as Bishops," says Smith, who journeyed to Montreal last weekend to scout the Loyola-Macdonald match. "They don't have the individual stars Bishops had, like running-back Larry Smith. But Loyola has a better-balanced team and a superior defence."

With Smith in the stands, Loyola tried few fancy, complicated plays, needing only their basic stuff to easily dispose of Macdonald.

For example, coaches have told Smith Loyola has a dangerous option play, where the quarterback has the choice on a roll-out of either running the ball himself or flipping it to a trailing running back. "On the McGill film, Loyola ran it a lot" notes Smith, "but against Macdonald, they didn't use it once."

At quarterback, Warriors have Neil Greeley, an American from northern New England, "a tall rangy kid who is a good passer." For a change of pace, Warriors have a strong runner, Mike Hume, as a back-up.

In Larry Tibble and Gerald Kunyk, Bears have as good a set of pivots as any college club. Both call a good game, with Kunyk having a penchant for the unpredictable. Gerald has a better arm than Tibble, but the latter will likely be given the nod to start because of his experience.

Perhaps the Warriors are strongest in the offensive backfield, where Loyola head coach Doug Daigneault alternates four runners. Against Macdonald, Bernie Muldoon, Wade Clare and company rambled for 249 yards.

In Smarsh and Terry Cairns, Bears have two durable runners. Cairns rushed for more than 766 yards to capture the western intercollegiate rushing crown while Smarsh finished third with over 500 yards. Donlevy could insert speedy Brian Fryer to shake up Warriors' defence.

Warriors' receiver corps is led by Dave McMillan, a tight end (six-foot-three, 215 pounds) who may give shorter Bear defensive backs problems.

Likewise, Bears have two sizeable tight ends, Vance Curtis and Henry Schubach, who can catch the ball in a crowd.

Flanker Roy Beechey dominated western intercollegiate receiving statistics, nabbing 36 throws and as a result, drew double-coverage from most teams. After making

nine receptions in the Bears' first two games, wing back Gary Weisbrot failed to double that total in remaining games.

Warriors can't match the Golden one's size along the offensive line and should be hard-pressed to thwart Gary Adam, 6-4, 230, Al Shemanchuk, 6-0, 235, and Mike Ewachniuk, 6-1, 240.

Guard Fred Carr, a six-foot, 205 pounder, appears to be an accomplished blocker.

Ask any Bear runner and he'll tell you the offensive line of Jim Lazaruk, Ken Ewing, Heinz Brademann, Bob Keating and Bob Pugh has done a fantastic job in leading running plays this year. As well, the opposition penetrated this formidable wall only five times to sack Tibble and Kunyk. Warriors' will test this record, as they like to blitz.

"When you blitz," comments Smith, "you put yourself in jeopardy. Most good teams welcome it."

Warrior defence lacks size (Tony Perkins is an exception), but not quickness along the front line, with a pair of linebackers with the physical dimensions of fireplugs and a defensive secondary which is often forced into man-to-man coverage.

"We have rolled up a lot of yards against man-to-man coverage," notes Smith.

Warriors' linebacking crew is particularly strong, with Bob Scott in the middle and T. K. Bowers on the outside.

Warriors' offensive line will have quite a battle on their

hands to move the likes of Adam, Shemanchuk, Ewachniuk, Brian Jones, Jerry Saik and Ken Luchkow.

The linebacking unit is without peer in Canadian college ball and should give Warrior quarterbacks fits. Reserve Bill Evans could see action in any of the three spots now manned by Dave Wray, Andy McLeod and Harv Clendenning.

Loyola utilizing their lanky receivers may attempt to throw over short Bear defensive backs. Yet no club in the western intercollegiate conference this season could do it consistently. Bears have depth in the secondary, as three reserves, Jack Schwartzberg, Lyle Watson and Roger Comartin are inter-changeable with the starting group of Gary Wilson, Doug Louch, Dale Schula, Dave Kates and Doug Seniuk.

In short, Warriors chances of knocking off Bears appear slim.

"We should stick to a fairly standard game plan," predicts Donlevy. "We'll continue to do the things that got us this far."

Wray, Bears' nominee for the Hec Creighton trophy, quickly dispels any rumours of over-confidence in Bears' camp. "The guys are really concentrating on this game. We treated our last game against Saskatchewan as a joke and were startled when we came close to losing."

Cocky or not, University of Alberta Golden Bears should earn their third trip in the last five years to the Canadian championship in Toronto, Saturday, November 25.

As in the past, Bears will likely start slow, but should score 35 points or more and win the Western College Bowl by at least four touchdowns.

Hoop Squad on the road

The basketball species of Golden Bears open their 1972-73 season this weekend with two road games against University of Victoria Vikings.

Victoria are a set team with seven returnees from last year including all-star forward Gord Hoshall. Bear coach Bob Bain says starting the season away from home gives Bears a slight disadvantage as the Vikings are, on paper, a strong club. Bain plans to key on Hoshall to stop his high scoring.

For the Bears, Wally Tollestrup and Mike Frisby are certain starters, other positions to be determined on the basis of performances in remaining practices before they leave for Victoria.

Bain predicts Bears need "a good team effort based on fundamentals" to come away from Victoria with a sweep of both games.

He also notes the series could be the most important of the season for the Bears. Two victories would give Bears the momentum they need to face UBC T'birds who fly into town two weeks from now. Every victory is important this season as there will be no playoffs; instead, the pennant winning squad will represent the Canada West Conference. jw

Harry hot for Law

Harry Moffet of Law captured top honors in the basketball, golf and freethrow tournament last Tuesday. Moffet needed only 15 shots to complete the nine-hole golf section and shot 22 of 25 from the line. His team mates pulled their share and went on to capture the team title. Unofficial standigs at press time had Dentistry and Lower Res tied for second place, and AAA placing third.

The Division I hockey schedule is nearly over and there appear to be a few upsets. Lower Res are undefeated after three games in the tough 'A' League. Geology did well until they were upset 3-1 by Theta Chi. However, the 'Rockpickers' are still expected to make playoffs. Dentistry, too, remains undefeated. The Intramural Dept. has a

few surprises in store for entrants in Co-Rec darts, destined to be one of the most popular sports in the programme. Those interested should sign up in the Intramural offices before 1 pm Nov. 22.

Law has moved into a commanding lead in the over-all unit standings in 'A' Conference, thanks mainly to their outstanding performances in flag football. Unit standings are: Law-938, Dentistry-650, St. Joe's-605. 'B' Conference standings are: Recreation-344, LDS-329, Delta Upsilon-301, St. John's-301.

Ron Craddock of Upper Res was selected as Participant of the Week. He was a member of Upper Res' championship indoor soccer team and also competed for his unit in the swimming meet.