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By Steve Rybak

Looks like I jumped the gun a wee mite. There is a football excursion this year. A busload of Golden Bear fans are going to Saskatoon this weekend for the game, this includes 14 members of the marching band. All in all some thirty or thirty-five students will be escaping the insanity that surrounds the annual rodeo for a quiet, uneventful excursion into Huskie land to raise a bit of hell.

What's this! You say you didn't know of the bus to Saskatoon? Not too many people did. Why? Because it was put on by a bunch of students (the band members) without any real publicity. The information was passed by word of mouth and at a very late date. Even so enough bodies were found to fill the bus.

It makes one think what could be accomplished by some official students union or university athletic board group with plenty of time and publicity. These last minute organizations usually fail, like the proposed football train to UBC last year.

There was a student-run publicity group on campus last year that was supposed to look after things like this and generally try to generate some university spirit. They got a start last year. It wasn't much, but it was a start. Where is that group now?

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Don't fret, you still can listen to the game on radio. Glenn Sinclair and myself will be broadcasting the second-half of the game from Saskatoon on CKUA. The broadcast should start after the two p.m. news. CKUA is 580 on your dial. So, at home or away follow the Bears on CKUA.

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Hart Cantelon picked up a concussion last Saturday against the Dinosaurs. The dictionary defines a concussion as a "violent shock to some organ, especially to the brain, by a fall, sudden blow, or blast; also the condition resulting from this." Anyway, when Clare Drake asked Cantelon to go over a series of plays in the second quarter, Cantelon looked up and innocently asked "Has the game started yet?"

Cantelon should be back in action tomorrow sprouting a new head of hair.

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Great football rivalries usually bring out great football crowds, even Canadian college football crowds. The size



HART CANTELON

of the Queen's—U of T football games seldom attract less than 8,000. Even when playing the hapless McGill Redmen the Varsity Blues draw more people than the Bears have drawn all year. The latest rivalry is between UBC and that university on the hill, Simon Fraser (SFU).

Playing on a Monday night in Empire Stadium the Vancouver clubs drew 14,000 paid attendance. The teams were engaged in a recruiting battle and SFU won out. At least the 32-7 shellacking they handed UBC seems to bear that out.

One reason for the poor attendance has been blamed on past Bear teams. They were too successful. After all, would you come out to a football game to see the Bears go through the motions to defeat a team 51-0 after having beat them 78-0 the week before?

But that all ended three years ago. Fans just haven't realized that. The Bears have ended in a tie for first and in a tie for third the last two years. Right now they're up to their necks in Huskies and Dinosaurs trying to take first place.

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We're still looking for someone to cover the hockey and basketball versions of the Golden Bears as well as some of the minor sports such as wrestling. There aren't any real mobs beating a path to my door (room 230, SUB) so you'll probably get what you want.

If you would like to get some advance publicity for a sporting event please get the information to us at least a week before the event happens. That way we'll be sure it gets in the sports pages before the event happens. In other words, I need copy, that's why I'm writing this column.



THE BEARS LOST THIS ONE LAST MONTH

... but they'll be out for blood Saturday

Bears, Huskies tangle in Saskatoon in battle for WCIAA championship

High noon comes at 2 p.m. tomorrow afternoon in Saskatoon.

The Golden Bears travel eastward to meet the U of S Huskies in the football game that will eventually decide the WCIAA Champion and the Western representative in the College Bowl.

The Huskies have their backs against the wall. It's a do or die ball game. The Sled-dogs have lost two games—both to the U of C Dinosaurs and one more loss puts them out of the running. The Bears have only lost one game this season, and that to the Huskies. A Bear loss would really complicate matters.

Calgary is playing the U of M Bisons in Winnipeg tomorrow and if the Dinosaurs win and the Bears lose, a three way tie will be created for first place between the Huskies, the Dinosaurs and the Bears. The Bears will have two more games remaining, Manitoba and UBC, while the Huskies and Dinosaurs have only one left, against UBC.

PHYSICALLY BEATEN

The Huskies were physically beaten in their 42-12 loss to the Dinosaurs last weekend as the Dinosaurs riddled the Huskie pass defence for 17 completions in 24 attempts for 290 yards. Coach Dan Marisi expects that a healthy dog pack will be waiting for the Bears.

"From the films we've watched, the Bears have put the emphasis down to one thing. They're really strong along the ground and that's where we must stop them," said Marisi.

Clare Drake has been priming his offence for this expected defence: "We may be passing more now that our passing game has started to work and we'll be trying to roll out more often," he said.

"But the defence dictates the game plan. We aren't going to set out to deliberately exploit the pass, we'll wait for the defence to commit themselves."

The Huskies are going to be facing a different offence this time out. Terry Lampert hit his receivers on two-thirds of his pass attempts and the running attack has developed into the best in the league.

The running game stems from four basic plays—an inside trap, off tackle, sweep and counter. In their first meeting the Huskies took away the outside running and the Bears clawed their way up the middle.

But the Bears still have to put a lot of points up on the scoreboard. "The offence has got to score points," said Drake, "so far we've just been stumbling along. The most we've scored was 21 points. That's not bad but..."

The defence is going to have its hands full with an improving Huskie offence. The Huskies have three good running backs and the running attack is very well balanced. And now their passing

attack is beginning to improve. Against Calgary the Huskies completed 10 out of 19 attempts for 112 yards.

PASSING TOO

The Huskies mauled the Bears with a strong running attack the last time they met and now it seems they have a passing game too. The Bears pass defence is tops in the league accumulating 15 interceptions in four games.

Even so, Drake is a bit apprehensive. "We've given away a couple of long completions every game, and those have hurt. Every long completion nullifies two or three interceptions."

The Bears have got their work cut out for them. "We'll have to contain the run, that's what killed us last time, and put more rush on the passer," said Drake.

Both teams have improved since their last meeting a month ago. It's just a question of who has improved the most.

Thunderbirds officially open unique stadium-grandstand

On October 7 the new Thunderbird Stadium was officially opened at UBC.

The Thunderbird Stadium grandstand is a unique design by Vancouver architect Vladimir Plavsic. It will seat 3,000 under cover, but seating can eventually be extended to accommodate 15,000 persons. The roof is suspended on 1½ inch cables from a dozen 80 foot stressed-concrete posts, each topped by a cast of the Thunderbird.

The stadium facilities include at the upper level, changing and shower rooms for the varsity and

junior varsity football teams, a training room, and a 50' x 30' wrestling room. A stadium office, concession booth and storage rooms complete the upper complex.

At the field level, under the concrete stand are four large changing rooms, a cheerleaders' room, and a room for game officials.

A 440 yard, all-weather track, together with facilities for field events will be added next year.

Provision has been made at the top of the stand for broadcasting and telecasting from specially-constructed booths.