



The Bears will get down and dirty against the Calgary Dinosaurs this weekend.

## Bears, Pandas open hoop season

by Alan Small

A closer basketball matchup you will not find in Canada West this season. The Golden Bears and the Calgary Dinosaurs open up the Canada West conference season with a pair of games at Varsity Gym.

Last season, both of these teams were green-uh-had lots of potential. However, the Bears won the season series 3-1, just the difference necessary for the Bears to make the fourth and final playoff spot in the Canada West conference. They did it mostly on the shoulders of guard Chris Toutant's perimeter shooting and post Rick Stanley's hard work underneath the basket. This year, Bill LaVergne will be in Stanley's old spot, and senior Dave Youngs will be looked upon to can the three pointers.

Calgary also has experienced

guards, but like the Bears, have young people playing at the forward positions. Andrew Vaughn and Brian Masikewich have both only played one year of university basketball.

The Dinos may not have the consistency throughout their lineup as the Bears do, but they certainly have some stars they can rely on. Point guard John Vigna is one of the best passing guards in the country, and he also possesses a good outside shot. The Bears will have to stop him from getting the ball to Calgary's big men inside.

"We've got to put more pressure on their passers," said Bear coach Don Horwood.

Calgary will also be looking to Masikewich, who was an all-star during the Bear tourney. The 6'8" forward scored more than 20 points in all three games last

weekend. Unlike Alberta's somewhat easy draw at the Golden Bear Invitational, the Dinos had one of the toughest draws, as they ran into Brandon, the defending CIAU champs and the eventual tournament winners (77-71 loss), defeated the UBC T-Birds, the number three team from the west last season (win 104-96) and finished up losing to one of Ontario's toughest teams, Western, by a pair (92-90).

"Our problem is letting a guy score and then fouling him," said Horwood. "(Masikewich) gets a lot of his points from the line." If they foul Masikewich a lot, it could be a repeat of the game versus Regina, when the Bears let Chris Bieglér shoot twelve free throws, four of them in overtime.

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The Pandas will have more than their hands full on the undercard, as the Dino women's hoop squad are the defending champions in the Canada West conference and were only seconds away from winning the CIAU championship last March.

The Pandas will be a much smaller team than the Dinos, as the U of C will use Karen Degner and Lisa Schirok, both 6'3" forwards in their starting lineup. They will also have Debbie Patterson back, who took a year off and was an assistant coach with them last season.

The women's games, like the men will also be the first conference games for both teams. Action starts at 6:30 in Varsity Gym.

## Bears place four on top gridiron club

by Alan Small

Despite the fact that the Golden Bear football team finished 1-7 this season, four members of the U of A gridiron club have been selected to the first and second All-Canadian teams.

Running back Tom Houg, who lead the WIFL in rushing with 1087 yards, was selected to the first team. Two other Bears joined him on the first squad: linebacker Mark Singer and defensive back Brent Brown were also selected.

Defensive lineman Brent Korte was named to the second team.

Singer was the leader on the Bear defence all season. Not only did the third year linebacker do most of the tackling on rushing plays, but he intercepted five

passes this year. That mark was second best in the west, as teammate and fellow All-Canadian Brown intercepted six.

It was Brown's punt and kickoff returning that put him on the all star team however. He set the west on fire early this season by burning the Saskatchewan Huskies for a touchdown on the opening kickoff of the first game of the season.

Korte, who terrorized the west's quarterbacks with his tenacious pass rush, was named to the second team last season as well. Korte found time at all positions on the defensive line, but found the most of his success at the rush end spot, where he was often going up against the other team's running backs: always a mismatch.

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