

# Speaking on Sports

with RICHARD VIVONE

There has been all kinds of talk lately on how the promoters are killing Canadian football. They argue about the dull and boring ground game, the absurd prices, the lack of talent etc. etc.

But if the fan stays home and watches on the tube, the spectacle is even worse and Sunday afternoon's schmooze in Toronto just about took top honours. The football itself wasn't the worst we've seen but the half time show and the 'on the spot' coverage by the color man was absolutely pathetic.

First on the list is the ridiculous operation between halves. If they showed the operation with a few able comments and explanations, then it's fine.

But an ejaculation by Jungle (and that's his proper place) Jim Trimble implying that he is looking for his cue card and the sweet strains of "Lonely Bull" hardly fit. Speaking of Trimble, the guy must need some sort of speech lessons because he stammers like a youngster before the camera for the first time. He slurs his words, comes up with assinine comments and generally does a poor job.

And those helmets are something else. Equipped with ear phones, speakers and skull protector (from what?) they give persons the appearance of the kid next door who has just received his first Captain Marvel outfit.

But the greatest sin of all (and there were many) was leaving would-be interviewers standing alone while on the air. They didn't know if they were to speak, keep quiet or just sob pitifully. Usually they just rolled their eyeballs and smiled as weakly as the case merited. They must have been pretty lonely on the stage in front of all Canada and not uttering a single word.

And to top the afternoon off, the Argos won. But the shows have to improve or more and more of the Joe Fan species are going to be either scared back to the ball park or will just switch their channel selectors and tune in the National Football League.

The game in Calgary against the Dinosaurs shapes up as one of the biggest in the early season. The Dinnies dumped Saskatchewan 15-6 last week and narrowly lost 8-7 to Manitoba Saturday. The

Bears decisoned Saskatchewan 21-0 for their initial win.

Since Manitoba is supposed to be loaded, it looks like a tight race with Calgary as the darkest darkhorse in history.

U of A radio is chartering a bus to take all rabid fans to the game. The bus will leave SUB at 3:45 Friday and return after the game. Cost is only \$6.75. Get more info at the radio office.

Too bad the weather was so bad Saturday because even more would have shown up for the rigger game and the Powder Puff Bowl at Varsity Grid.

This was the first time I have seen rigger and the game scares me. It looks about as rough and rugged as football but no one wears pads. A thin sweat shirt and a pair of shorts provide body coverage, but that's it.

Rigger is just another university sport we have neglected but if they will bear with us, we'll get around to them yet.

The girls football game was something else again. Originally the feeling was the girls were playing strictly for fun and frolic.

But alas! Such was not the case. The old and decrepid slogan of 'it's how you play the game, not whether your win or lose, that counts' did not apply.

Both sides practiced hard in preparation for the game and showed up in complete football gear with the simple exception of cleats.

Clearly, the university Co-ed Clippers manned (?) by the physical education girls were far and away superior to the nurses. If they want to get serious about the whole thing, those phys ed'ers must split up the ranks.

They may not like it, but in order to make this a competitive event, such must be.

The Nurses might be pretty fast with the bed pan and hypodermics, but didn't distinguish themselves with the pigskin.

Maybe the solution is the following as stated in the press box Saturday. "They should line up the rottenest meanest nurses in the city, stick them in line, and watch the blood flow."

Maybe there are no mean, rotten nurses in the city, but if there are, would they please show up for the Powder Puff next year?!

## U of A rigger team outclasses city squad

By JACK GROFF

The University Rigger team out-classed the Edmonton Druid 'B' squad 19-6 Saturday at Varsity Grid.

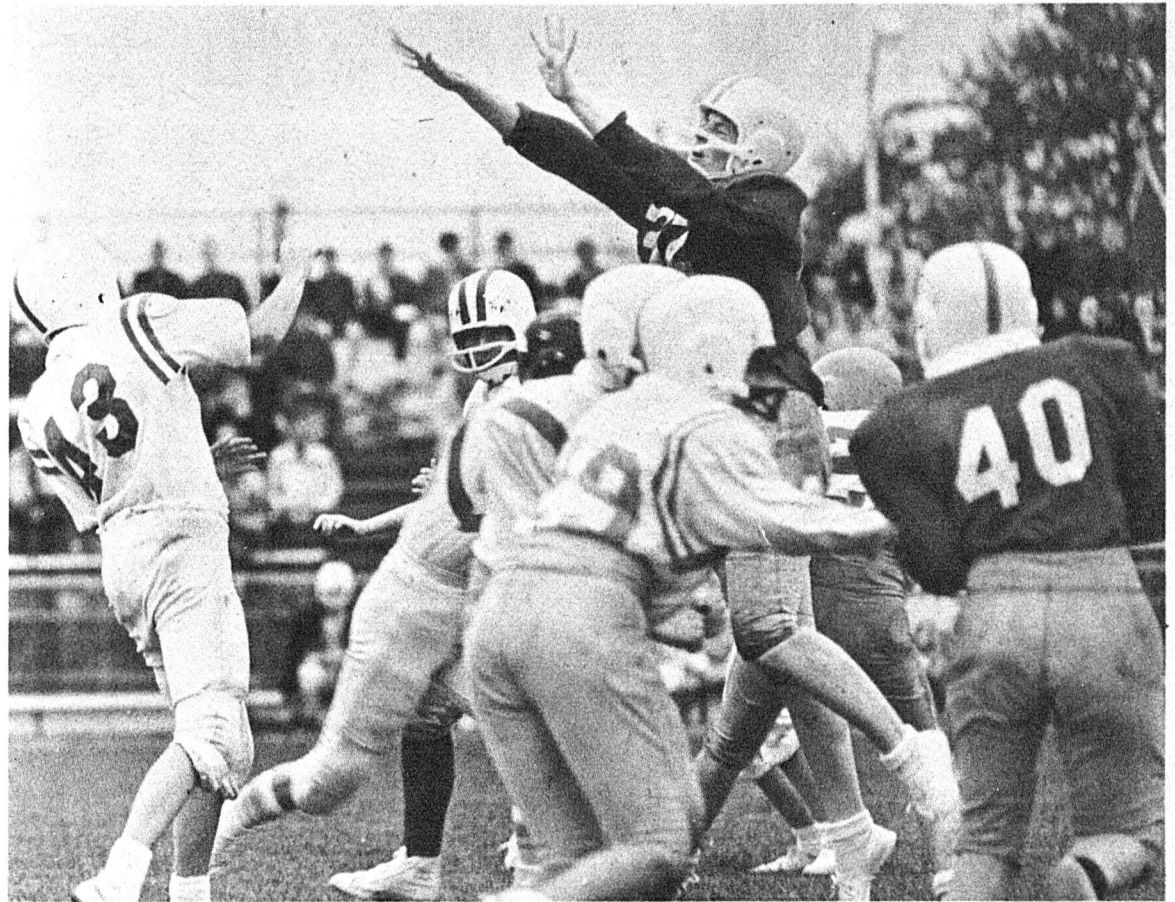
The Bears ran up an 8-0 first half lead on some fine performances by scrum-half Dave Ransom and Tom Leslie. They counted three points each on major scores and the two points resulted from a convert.

The teams increased activity in the second session as the Bears outscored the Druids 11-6. Druid points came on an unconverted try and a penalty kick.

Graham Price led Alberta with 8 points. Bob West, Andy Hamilton and Ransom picked up the rest.

Norm Nuttal and John Crosley split the scoring for the losers. Team spokesman Dave Ransom says his club needs more players. "We need more especially some with size and experience."

The team plays an exhibition schedule with the four-team Edmonton Rigger league. Those matches serve as a tune-up for the upcoming series in Vancouver against the perennially powerful UBC outfit. It is a two-game total point affair with the Little Brown Jug at stake.



THE WALL HOLDS AGAIN

... bruising action in Saturday's Powder Puff Bowl

—Lyal photo

## Co-ed Clippers swamp University Nurses 36-0

Football is supposed to be primarily a rough, tough, males only, spectacular. So when women decide to get into the act, what should one expect?

Will you see a bunch of dizzy dames dashing about the field in wild, reckless abandon? Or do you await an inept and hopelessly silly scene? Or possibly a slew of giggling, laughing, carefree women simply wasting away a Saturday afternoon?

If that was even a vague facsimile of your thoughts prior to game time, then each and every fan was jolted beyond repair and reproach as the Co-ed Clippers swamped the University Nurses 36-0 at Varsity Field in that annual Fall classic, the Powder Puff Bowl.

Superb faking, effective rollout passing, crisp blocking, vigorous lineplay and fine running were much in evidence all afternoon to the delight of a near capacity turnout.

Be honest with yourself and try to recall if you have even seen a girl run a football club as did Carolyn Debnam on that cold, windy day. She was tremendously effective on rollouts, passed peerlessly from the pocket, and mixed plays with wild imagination.

Christie 'Mustang' Mowat and Carol 'Cruiser' Clute were dazzling runners and Rae 'Gluefingers' Armour snatched several tosses for good yardage.

Perhaps the most astonishing feature of the Clipper offense was the influential blocking by the interior linemen (or linewomen?). They opened up gapping holes for the ballcarriers and thoroughly controlled the movements of the Nurse defence.

Lorne Sawula and Hugh Twa coached the winners while Dennis Johnston and Don Holmes desperately searched for a successful combination of Nurses.

The Co-eds hit the scoreboard three times in each half. All were unconverted. Miss Mowat picked up two majors—one on an unbelievably slick and deceptive double reverse from 25 yards out.

'Crazylegs' Debnam scored twice and flipped a 30 yarder to Armour for another.

'Cruiser' Clute swung around left end for one more six-pointer.

The Nurses were not without standout performers. Janey' Hammer, Holdsworth and Jenny 'Whammy' Douglas did the job against a bigger Clipper line.

If this game is any indication, the Powder Puff Bowl could become a much anticipated event each year. Some more advertising and a public address system would attract many fans and increase the enjoyment for all.

The girls on both sides should be applauded for a wonderful effort. Their bruises prove it.

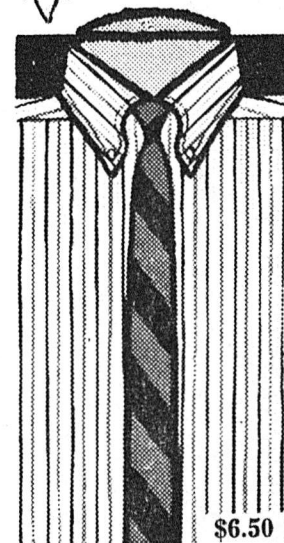


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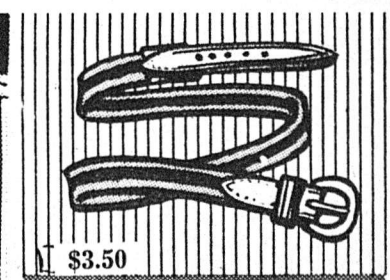
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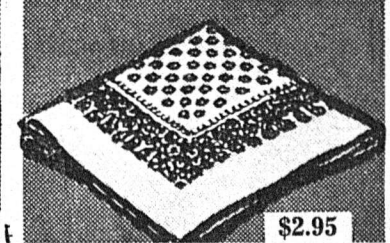
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