

SPORTS

Soccer Bears No. 1

University of Alberta soccer team won the Canadian collegiate title Saturday by defeating Loyola Warriors 3-1 on the rain-soaked CNE artificial rug in Toronto.

The team, coached since its inception four years ago by Stu Robbins, won all of its college matches this season, including two other victories, over Lakehead, 1-0, and University of Toronto, 2-0, in the national finals.

In the deciding game, John Devlin scored the Bears' first goal at the 15-minute mark on a well-placed penalty shot. Minutes later, Devlin was swung at by a Loyola player, who was subsequently ejected from the match.

Near the end of the half, Steve Odumah, who was set up by Tom Schmidt, beat the Loyola centre-half and lined up a perfect goal.

site of all tournament games save the final.

"It looked more like a slough than a soccer field," mused Robbins. "The mud was literally ankle deep."

Odumah scored the only goal in the Lakehead encounter, and added the final marker in the Bears' semi-final victory over University of Toronto Blues. Peter Chiu connected for Bears' other goal.

Bears' defence played exceptionally well in the tournament with goal tender Niel Johnston having two shutouts in three games. Salmon and rookie Rick Korol dominated the back-line while Ike MacKay, a member of Canada's national soccer squad, controlled the mid-field.

One of the heroes of the tournament didn't get into a



Going into the second half, Bears appeared satisfied to hang onto a two goal lead rather than play sound soccer. "The first 20 minutes," recalls coach Robbins, "we were uncertain and sloppy. During this time, our defence made perhaps their only glaring mistake in six games and let a Loyola player score."

Bears settled down, however, and 15 minutes before the final gun Devlin blasted another shot into the net.

The victory was not only Bears' first national championship, it also was a fine wedding present for their four-year veteran Geoff Salmon. Salmon left for Edmonton prior to the final game for the ceremony.

Bears had the toughest route to the final, having to play three games, compared to Loyola's two, in three days. Unfortunately, rain had played havoc with the York University's soccer pitch, the

single game, back-up goalie Doug Weisbeck. "He did a great job for team morale," commented Robbins. "We need more players like that."

Looking back over the year, Robbins was obviously pleased with Bears play. "You certainly can't grumble about a team that scored 15 goals in six inter-collegiate games and only allowed two markers. We've had good teams before but this year we had size and desire as well. It was tough to have to leave three good players behind before going to Toronto. I hope they realize they were put out by some of the best players in Canada."

Team Players: Neil Johnston, Doug Weisbeck, Derek Wynne, Tom Schmidt, Hans Strokan, Geoff Salmon, Rick Korol, Ike MacKay, Frank Tassone, Joss Binns, Steve Odumah, Peter Gray, John Devlin, Peter Chiu. Coaches: Stu Robbins and Clive Padfield. bt

Pucksters dump Huskies

After a shaky start in their exhibition schedule, U of A Hockey Bears played a close, tough game to down U of Saskatchewan Huskies 4-2 Friday night. Forced to juggle his lines due to the temporary loss of Gerry LeGrandeur, Clare Drake came up with a winning combination for the season opener in Saskatoon, with Rick Wyrozub, Dave Couves and Oliver Morris dividing up the scoring honours.

Drake lost another valuable forward in the first period when left winger Mike Snider was jammed into the boards. The check was clean, but Snider stretched ligaments in his knee and consequently will be wearing a cast for the next three weeks. He is not expected to skate for at least five weeks.

Bears defence came out of their shell to give a strong showing in their own end, aiding Barry Richardson in stopping 24 of Huskies' 26 shots on goal.

The score remained 3-1 till late in the final period when Wyrozub fired a short-handed goal, his seventh this year, and second of the night. Thirty seconds later, Huskies replied with a shot from Daryl Davies to make the final score 4-2.

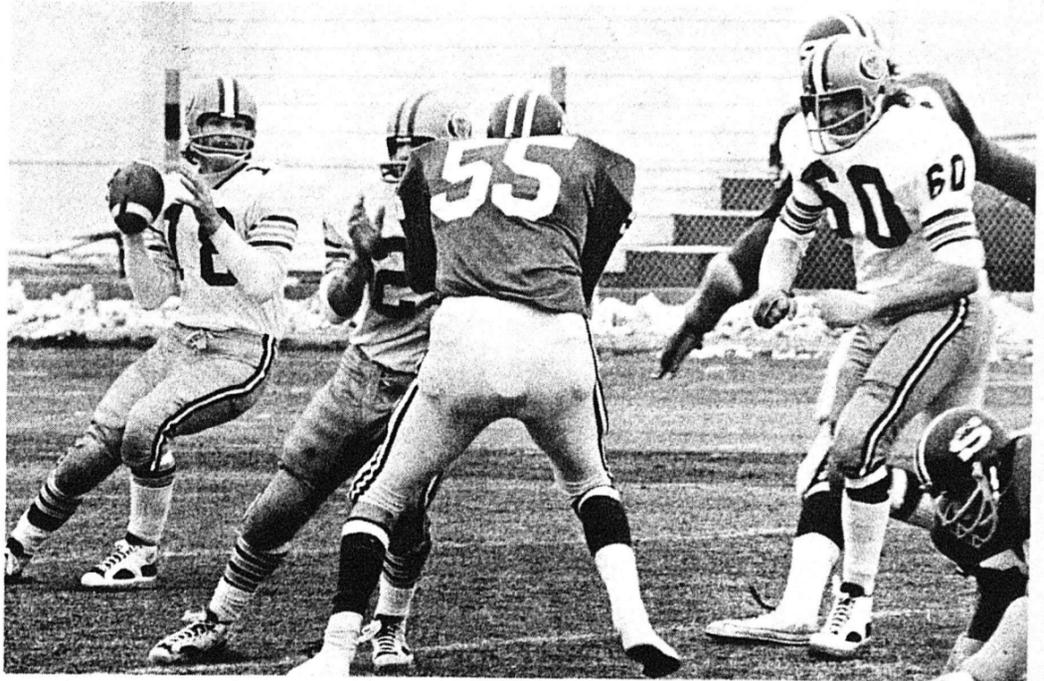
Earlier, Morris picked up a goal and two assists while Couves received credit for three assists as well as his second period power play goal. Doug Mitchell netted the other Saskatchewan goal.

Huskies are a fast-skating team that Drake feels will "give other teams trouble, especially in their own rink." ac



Terry Cairns (20)

..... finds it tough sledding against Huskies



Gerald Kuryk (18)

.....resorts to the airlines to move the ball

photos by Chuck Lyall

Football Bears rout Huskies

Even against weaker teams, University of Alberta Golden Bears football squad have consistently demonstrated one idiosyncrasy: They always seem to be a 'second-half' club.

Bears played true to form Saturday on Varsity stadium tarmac in a come-from-behind 31-13 victory over University of Saskatchewan Huskies before about 300 frozen spectators.

Actually, Jim Donlevy's

group were only down by five points, 7-2, at half time. But it wasn't the type of performance one would expect from run-away western intercollegiate conference champions.

Touchdowns by Terry Cairns and Vance Curtis early in the third quarter propelled Bears to their seventh consecutive victory of the season, against only one loss, a season-opening 22-18 debacle to Calgary Dinosaurs.

Dinosaurs handled University of British Columbia Thunderbirds 43-18 Saturday in Calgary.

Bears now go into the Western College Bowl, to be played in Varsity stadium 12:30 p.m. Saturday, versus Loyola University Warriors, who crushed MacDonald 50-6 in Montreal Saturday to take the Quebec football crown.

The Atlantic Bowl is to be played in Halifax the same day between St. Mary's and Waterloo Lutheran. The latter upset Western Ontario, the defending national collegiate champions, 38-24 to capture the Ontario crown.

Winners of the two bowl struggles journey to Toronto for the national collegiate finals Nov. 25.

Curtis' touchdown came on a play that troubled the Huskies' defense all afternoon, the 15-20 yard pass over the middle.

"They (Huskies) were keeping our running plays on first downs," explained quarterback Larry Tibble. "I faked it to Dalton (fullback Smarsh), their linebackers took a step up and I fired it over them to our tight ends." Curtis and Henry Schubach, at 6-4 and 6-2 respectively, had a distinct height advantage over the Huskies' defensive backs.

Over-confidence certainly had something to do with Bears' slow start. Many Bears felt Huskies' chances of winning the game were as minute as the contact lens

Western College Bowl

The athletic department is busily preparing for the Western College Bowl to be held Nov. 18 in Varsity Stadium. For some people, the game itself could be the low point compared to the numerous activities planned for the day to bring out that old 'Golden Bear Spirit.'

In the morning, entries in the Res banner contest will be judged by two exalted members of the local sports media, Wes Montgomery and Al McCann, and Mrs. Clare Drake.

Then, in conjunction with the banner contest, a student pre-game breakfast is set for 11 am. The Res cheerleaders, probably the ugliest group ever assembled, will provide the entertainment.

Just preceding the breakfast at 10:30 am will be the Alumni brunch. Athletic Director Chuck Moser has invited the 5,763 staff members on campus to the event which will be presided over by Alex Markle,

executive secretary of the Alumni Association, Doug Burns, assistant registrar, and Jim Malone, manager of the University book store.

Barbeque steak on a bun and hot dogs and chips will be sold to adults and children respectively.

The Bowl game itself starts at 12:30 to facilitate national television coverage of both the Atlantic Bowl and the later-starting game here at Varsity Stadium. The pre-game show will star the Birds of a Feather model airplane club and the Edmonton model rocket club. At the half, the Edmonton All-Girl Drum and Bugle Band will preview their routines before leaving for Hamilton for the Grey Cup.

Rounding out the activities will be a social (hopefully a celebration bash) put on by business administration and commerce students in Central Academic Building immediately following the game. There will be a cover charge of two dollars.

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