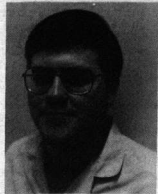


Bears must correct mistakes to beat T-Birds



Alan Small

Garth Iorg at the Bat

The outlook wasn't brilliant for the Hogville nine that day; The score stood one to none with but one inning more to play; And then, when Cecil died at first, and Manny Lee did the same, A sickly silence fell upon the patrons of the game.

A struggling few got up to turn the box off in despair. The rest Clung to that hope which "springs eternal in the human breast";

They thought, if only Garth could but get a whack at that, We'd put up even money now, with Garth Iorg at the bat.

Then from five million throats and more there rose a lusty yell, It rumbled through the valley, recoiled upon the flar; For Garth Iorg, mighty Garth Iorg was advancing at the bat.

Forty thousand eyes were on him as he rubbed his hands with dirt; Twenty thousand tongues applauded when he wiped them on his shirt.

The leather covered sphere came hurtling through the air, And if anyone doesn't know, Garth check-swung with cruel violence; As the hopes of Jay fans were shattered by his blow.

Oh somewhere in this favored land the sun is shining bright; The band is playing somewhere, and somewhere hearts are light, And somewhere men are laughing, and somewhere children shout;

But there is no joy in Hogville--mighty Garth had Grounded Out.

With the most sincere apologies to Ernest Lawrence Thayer do I "rework, modernize, and Canadianize" his classic poem "Casey at the Bat." I think it wraps up every Blue Jay fan's frustration from that terrible game last Sunday.



by Alan Small

The football Golden Bears face their most stern test of the year this weekend as they face the University of British Columbia Thunderbirds Saturday in Vancouver.

Not only are the T-Birds the only undefeated team in Canada, but if the Bears have any thoughts on post season play this season, they will probably have to defeat UBC at one time or another.

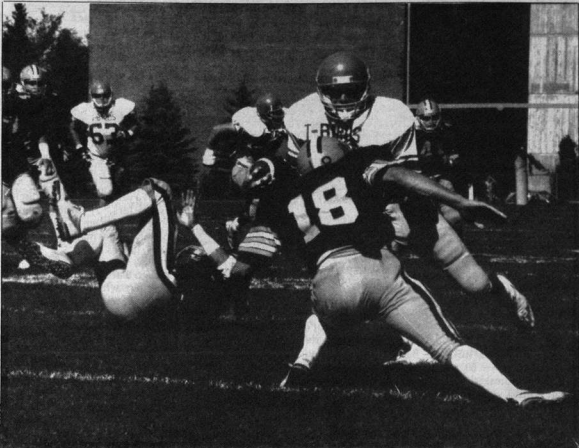
Most likely, they will have to win that game on the coast, something they have not done since October 27, 1984.

In a previous meeting this season, in the Bears home opener, the Bears put themselves in a hole with penalties and lost to the T-Birds 28-10.

It also was the beginning of running back Mark Brus's big season, as he ran for 102 yards against the sturdy T-Bird defence.



But the Bears defence will be the unit that will be under the most scrutiny by T-Bird fans. The defence was burned for 400 yards in their last outing against winless Manitoba, and will not have it any easier against the number one rated passer in the conference, UBC's Jordan Gagner. Gagner will be throwing to the number one receiver in the conference, Craig Keller. Mike Bellefontaine, Todd Wickham, and running back Matt Pearce also rate in the top ten in



Bear DB Kevin Hurrell lines up this UBC ball carrier. The Bear defence must come up big this weekend.

Canada West, which contains no Alberta Golden Bear receivers as yet.

A bit of Donley philosophy

would be poignant at this time after their previous loss to the T-Birds. "You are poor if you don't learn from your mistakes," head coach Jim Donley said after the game against Manitoba.

Improvements the Bears will have to make in order to be more successful than the last time they faced UBC will have to be the penalties, defence and special teams. They took 120 yards in penal-

ties in the UBC game, and the high emotions of the young players have cost the U of A many times this year.

The special teams have also been a sore spot for Alberta. They gave up a 62-yard punt return to UBC in the first game and have had bad games covering punts against Manitoba and Calgary. This will have to be shored up if they have any chance of defeating the tough T-Birds.

Finally, the defence will have to be sharp against the potent UBC offence. As usual they are balanced

and execute well, but with Gagner at the QB spot he may have the Bear defence at his mercy.

Bear Paws: LB Jim Tobert may miss the UBC game with a leg injury he sustained against the Bisons last weekend. That was the only injury from the game against Manitoba.

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Athletics biased, say former coaches

by Alan Small

The Faculty of Physical Education is biased when making funding decisions said former U of A cross country coaches Dr. James Haddow and Jerry Rose, Monday.

In a decision made this summer by the Phys. Ed. Faculty, the cross-country running, track and field, and diving programs would not be in the University of Alberta's inter-university schedule for the 1987-88 season.

"The sports were cut due to the prejudice of the Department of Athletics," claimed Rose and Haddow.

Dr. Robert Steadward, Chairman of the Department of Athletics, would not comment on the statement.

A specific criteria was followed by the Department of Athletics to assist in revising athletic programs. "We look at the net cost, the marketability of the sport, its growth, tradition, and our commitments to the CIAU (Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union) and the Canada West University Athletic Association (CWUAA)," Steadward said.

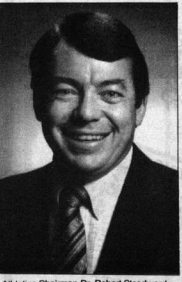
"The cross-country budget was negligible compared to sports like football. Some students are devastated by this decision. They say they consulted all of the sponsors of the programs before they cut back students pay for Athletics out of their fees too," Haddow said.

"A lot of alumni and students of the programs saw me after the

decision was made," Steadward said, "but no one saw me about putting cross-country running into a club. I think it's a viable idea."

Nineteen male and female athletes were involved in the program at an interuniversity level last year at the U of A. The track and field team and cross-country squad have been very successful in Canada West and CIAU competition in recent years. Last year, the Bears cross-country squad was number one in Canada West and was second in the country. They have won Canada West titles four of the past five years.

The Panda track team won a CIAU title in 1984-85 and have been no worse than third since.



Athletics Chairman Dr. Robert Steadward

The Golden Bears have placed in the top ten in the CIAU seven years in a row, last winning a Canada West championship in 1981-82. But the Department of Athletics have urged that a win-loss record is not the only criteria for keeping or dropping a program.

Steadward has urged the people involved with the sports to start up clubs so that they might get funding from outside the University.

"With some work and leadership, clubs can be very successful yet the costs are not nearly so great," Steadward said.

Haddow, however, thinks he could get the funding from outside the university to run an interuniversity cross-country program at the U of A. He also claims that no student consultation was done.

Although Steadward has said that he would welcome the sports back into the fold when the money was there, Haddow thinks there is little chance of that happening.

"We've been told that Athletics has no intention of reinstating the programs. I think that Athletics is acting in very bad faith in this matter."

Sports trivia midterm

1. Who threw the only no-hitter in the majors this season?
2. Which country did not win a gold medal when they hosted the Summer Olympics?
3. How many wins did the Washington Capitals get in their first year, 1974-75?
4. What team did the Capitals come in with during the 1974 expansion?
5. What team won the William Jennings Trophy last season?
6. This player from the Ottawa Silver Seven scored 14 goals in one playoff game against Dawson City in 1905.
7. Who fought in "The Thrilla in Manila"?
8. Name the three Boston Bruins

who won the Vezina Trophy while playing for the Bruins.

9. Who leads the Bruins in points in a career?
10. This present NHL coach was the fourth round pick of the Detroit Red Wings in the 1974 draft.
11. Who scored the most goals in one season for the Detroit Red Wings?
12. Name the three thoroughbreds that won the triple crown during the 70's.
13. Who is the "Hac-Man"?
14. Who won the Golden Boot at the 1982 World Cup of Soccer?
15. What does VFL stand for, and what sport is it associated with?

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