

#### A TALE OF TWO TRAINING CAMPS Part two: Edmonton

"Between American coaches, American managers, and American players, a Canadian rookie just doesn't have much of a chance."

That's the way Don Tallas sums up his experiences at the Edmonton Eskimo training camp which he attended this summer. Don, who alternates at quarterback for the football Golden Bears with Joe Petrone, visited Ray Jauch and company for a tryout at defensive back, and came away very disillusioned about the great game of football.



"It's the first camp I've been to where football is a job and not a joy,"said Don. "No one seemed to be there because of any love for the game. It's just a job to them."

"I was quite disillusioned at the time, and seriously considered giving up football.' For the record, Tallas was one of the first Canadian rookies to sign with the Esks and received a lot of ink from Jauch because of that. A lot of people felt that Jauch was guite high on him and would keep him around, but Don injured an ankle during camp and was cut after two exhibition games, getting in to neither of them. Then it was back to the Golden Bears, where he's had his best-ever season

#### **DON TALLAS**

Anyway, getting back to training camp, things were totally uneventful compared to the hectic pace of Petrone's Dallas, with no one actually trying to kill anyone else. About the most noteable feature was the way the Yanks stuck together in cliques.

The only other noteworthy event was the way Canadian rookies systematically and thoroughly got it in the ear from the Eskimo management. Norm Kimball knew exactly what the Eskimos thought that Canadian rookies were worth, and no one, not even their number one draft choice Mel Smith, was going to get a shekel more. Tallas, Smith and Don Hickey all signed for the minimum 6500 dollar Canadian contract, although Smith received a 1000 dollar bonus for signing.

Meanwhile, an American defensive back named Steve Sutton, who never made it past training camp, signed for twice that amount.

There was also a slight divergence in the manner in which players were treated. Citing counterexamples is kind of ridiculous since most of the players who were there when Don was are long gone, but say, for example, you're George McGowan. If you go in to see Mr. Kimball, you're ushered right in. If you're Don Tallas, you sit and wait and wait...

You sort of realize exactly where you are on the totem pole. And it's not very comfortable being on the bottom.

Training camps seem to have this effect on players. They vow never to go back. So, as Petrone is't going back to Dallas, Tallas isn't going back to the Eskimos.

I guess after a while your ear gets sore.

### Huskies dump Bears

# Two games a season?

"Two games do not a season make". So goes the old Ukrainian proverb and the Golden Bear basketballers must be taking great store in the old Bohunk platitude, for they had a less than auspicious debut to their season. The Bears can take some consolation in the fact that none of the teams in the Tri-University tournament came anywhere near mid-season form.

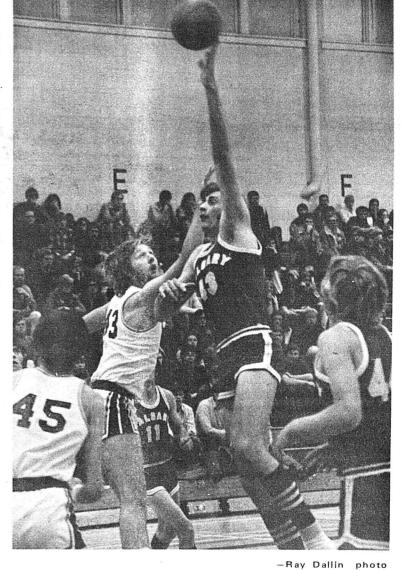
In Friday's opening game the Calgary Dinosaurs hohummed their way to an 89-59 win over the Lethbridge Pronghorns. The score was misleading in that it indicated Calgary may have possessed a respectable team, but all such thoughts were dispelled Saturday night. There was no doubt, however about Lethbridge. The graduation of All-Canadian Tim Tollestrup has reduced this team to the ranks of also-rans. The only player among the dwarf-like Pronghorns who showed any proficiency was quard Bill Magierowski, who at six feet is one of the team's taller members.

In the only entertaining game of the tournament, the Saskatchewan Huskies defeated the Bears 80-74 in Friday's closing match. Minus the services of Bob Morris, who left the game two minutes into the second half with a sprained ankle, the Bears were never able to mount a consistent attack. Rookie Tom Solyom made an impressive offensive debut as he netted 20 points, mostly from the vicinity of the parking lot, as the Bears found scoring inside to be difficult. The Bears managed to tie the score twice in the last five minutes but were never able to go ahead of the more experienced Huskies.

With the host team out of contention the stage was set for an undramatic final day.

The Bears defeated the Lethbridge Pronghorns 55-45 in a low scoring game which was in no way an indicator of fine defensive play. Shooting a horrendous 33% om the field the Bears won the game by out-muscling the Pronghorns on the boards by a 55-27 margin in total rebounds. Wallace Tollestrup hooped 13 points to pace the Bears, who again were without the steadying influence of the veteran Morris.

The championship match saw the Calgary Dinosaurs take a 16-3 lead in the early stages of the game. Visions of sugar plums danced in the heads of the Dinosaurs, who were probably too excited to notice that the Huskies had started three second stringers. At the half Calgary led 39-37 and it was at this point that Huskies coach Don Frv inserted American guard Bill Lacy. Lacy scored 11 points in twelve minutes before leaving the game. His performance spurred the Huskies on and Saskatchewan won going away with the final score being 90-64. As for the Bears, their immediate future is not cheery, for they will jump from the frying pan into the fire. November 12, they travel to Montana to meet the College of Great Falls and competition promises to be even keener than that encountered this weekend.



...enroute to Tri-U title

DINNIES' DAN QUANCE ... shoots a soft hook against Huskies

## Water Polo??????

Yes, Ed, you did make the water polo team this year!!! That's Ed, the talking horse who is back with the U of A water polo team for another season of water polo. Many people think that a game of water polo is played with seven players who swim, push, and shove and try to push a yellow ball the size of a volleyball between two goal posts ten feet wide. This is not true!! Water polo is played with seven men and seven horses, and the men carry sticks and swim around with the horse and try to knock a ball into a goal. Both the players and the horses wear beanies on their heads with numbers on them, which tells them what team they are on. The game starts out when both teams line up at their own ends of the pool and swim to the center of the pool for the ball. The first problem in this game is trying to start the horses in the water and have them swim as fast as they can to the center of the pool. What the referee does at this point is that he places a bright red carrot on top of the ball, so that the horses will notice this. After the ball has been batted around by the players who are on top of the horses, there comes the second problem of the horses. What happens if the horse has to s--t at this time. This

to catch all that c--p that the horse leaves behind. The goalie does not have a horse and he is considered as the fastest player on the team. This game is played under the International rules laid down by FINA which state that when a horse or a player is in complete control of the ball any other player may push, duck or even attack him. This is where our third problem comes in when the horses go wild, and the pool area becomes a wild rodeo. Players at this time go flying on the deck, on diving boards and some even land on other horses of the opposite team. The last and major problem is after the game, when the pool looks and smells like a horse stall, and usually there are a few drowned horses and most of the players are injured beyond repair.

The U of A water polo team is ravelling this weekend to play in an invitational polo tournament in Regina, where the U of C, U of M. and U of S (Regina Campus) teams will be participating. The coach Cisco Hincz has a problem on his hands. He is trying to get some stronger bucking horses, because the U of C team will be bringing some strong horses and this team will be the toughest competition in the tournament. Anyone out there who is a polo enthusiast and knows of a few strong horses please contact C.K. Hincz at the C.K. stables.

## Bears fourth in X-Country

Last weekend in Lethbridge the Golden Bear X Country Team finished fourth in the WCIAA conference meet. Over a rough course of 9000 meters with 3" fresh powdery snow, the Bears, despite a fine performance from some of the members on the team, placed fourth behind U.B.C, U. of S., and U. of Victoria. The runners counting for the Bears were Bill McBlain (9) (38:13), J.D. Brown (15) (39:45), Yogi Sharma (19) (40:32), Brian Asollstine (23) (41:38) and D. Campbell (25) (42:00). The field consisted of 45 runners.

In the women's events, Pandas finished second behind UBC. Top finisher was G. Dory, who came in fourth.

Now that X-country is over for the Bears, they will be training for Indoor track at the fieldhouse with the first dual meet at Winnipeg on Sat., Nov. 27.

problem is solved by the goalie who waits in his goal with a bucket and when he sees a horse lifting his tail he swims with the bucket as fast as he can and tries

Viper – a polo enthusiast.

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