

# SPORTS

## Kunyk saves Bears' title bid

### U of A runners place second

You'd think that a group of athletes satisfied with a second-place finish would have a loser's attitude.

But this doesn't apply to the University of Alberta cross country team's performance in the Western intercollegiate conference championships in Vancouver Sunday.

U of A runners have made dramatic progress in competition with the four universities in the conference. Two years ago they were fifth at the championship meet. Then in 1971, they finished fourth. So the jump to second was more gratifying than it would normally seem to be.

"Aside from one or two of the men not running up to their capability, we did very well," said coach Brian McCaLder. "We attained the goal we originally set out for at the beginning of the year."

The 6.5-mile race was very close, as the top seven finishers crossed the finish line within 57 seconds of each other. Bill McBlain was the top Bear runner, coming home in 34 minutes, 35 seconds for fourth place.

The placings of the

top five runners for each squad counted towards the team standings. University of British Columbia\* took the conference crown with 29 points, 32 points better than Bears. University of Victoria was third with 67 points.

Bob Baxendale just failed to earn a spot on the conference's all-star team (only the top seven runners are named to the squad) by finishing eighth. The all-star team, coached by McCaLder, travels to Kingston for the national finals Saturday.

Meanwhile, the U of A women's cross country team also placed second at the meet. Shawna Miller was the runner-up in the 2.8-mile race, while Sue Hoffart placed fifth.

The cross-country teams begin their indoor season Nov. 29 in Winnipeg. Teams from western Canada and northern United States will compete.

And what about next year? "Primarily we must maintain the position we have now," comments McCaLder. "In the minds of many of our athletes, first is the next logical step." bt

The University of Alberta Golden Bears' hopes of clinching the Western intercollegiate football title are in ruins. Then like a phoenix ascending from among the ashes, Gerald Kunyk comes off the bench and turns defeat into victory.

Bears needed only a tie to gain the Western conference pennant but found themselves behind 15-1 to the Manitoba Bisons going into the final quarter. Kunyk calmly fired three touchdown passes to tight end Henry Schubach to turn University of Manitoba field from a disaster area into a land of milk and honey. In fact, there was some white stuff on the field from the five inch snow fall of the past week.

The winning score occurred with less than four minutes to play after a 34-yard field goal by Don Kates had put Bisons ahead 18-15. Kunyk caught Bisons in a man-to-man defence and hit Schubach on a 75-yard play, burning cornerback Jamie Horne.

"Horne had hurt his leg," recalls head coach Jim Donlevy, "and in covering Henry he came up lame. Schubach just turned on his speed and out-ran Horne for the touchdown."

Donlevy was more than happy to get the Bison game out of the way. With the title now wrapped up, he can experiment with his line-up against the University

of Saskatchewan Huskies next Saturday at Varsity Stadium. "We've had to leave many good players at home this year. I hope to give some of these people as much playing time as possible."

Despite intercepting quarterback Bud Hardin five times, Bears were lucky to win the match. Two early interceptions by Dave Wray kept Bears in the game.

The first one came after Bisons' Lee Banard recovered a fumble on the opening kickoff on the Bear 39-yard line, Hardin threw from the shotgun formation was picked off by Wray on the 21. The next time Bisons had the ball they drove to the Bear 19-yard line and Wray stopped them cold again with another interception.

Seven minutes into the quarter Bisons finally got on the scoreboard, Hardin connecting with halfback Bob Toogood on a 18-yard screen pass. The two teams then traded breaks.

Bears failed to utilize a fumble recovery by Al Shemanchuck on the Bison ten-yard line and had to settle for a single point when Jack Schwartzberg muffed a field goal attempt from 13 yards out.

Bisons made the best of their break. Banard picked off a Larry Tibble pass intended for Terry Cairns to set up the Bisons' other touchdown, a nine-yard run off tackle by fullback Kates, with six minutes to play in the first half.

Kates picked up another point a few minutes later on a wide field goal try and Bears were down by two converted touchdowns. Alberta's offence was being frustrated time and time again.

George Latowski netted the single.

Drake is the first to admit his defence is weak. "They let the opposition get too many shots away," he noted. He softened the criticism slightly by adding that Sunday's confrontation with UBC "was a well-played game for the first two periods." Drake started Craig Gunther in the net, then switched to Richardson midway through the second period, and the team fell apart.

Oliver Morris opened the scoring in the first period, and Marcel St. Arnaud made it 2-1 on a breakaway goal early in the second. UBC replied with two and Gerry Hornby evened the score again going into the final period. Thunderbirds took a flying three goal lead, then were shot down when St. Arnaud grabbed his second goal of the evening, followed by singles from Oliver Steward and Rick Wyrozub that tied the game, 6-6. ac

### Bruins blow lead as defence crumbles

When asked about last weekend's games in Vancouver, center Gerry Hornby remarked stoically, "Some you win, some you lose." U of A Hockey Bears have bungled more than their share this season, the latest humiliation coming in the form of a 6-5 trouncing by Lakehead University Saturday night, and a 6-6 tie with University of British Columbia Sunday.

U of Calgary Dinosaurs took the Hockey Canada regional tournament championship with three consecutive wins. Dinnies downed Victoria 6-3 Friday and went into overtime to beat UBC 6-5 on Saturday. In Sunday's meet with Lakehead, the score stayed tied till 17:25 of the third period when Ron Gerlitz sank the winning goal. Tom Wiseman provided the insurance into an empty net with less than thirty seconds left to play.

Alberta went into the third period of Saturday's

game with a 5-1 lead over Lakehead. Oliver Morris led the Bear scoring with two goals, with Len Brulotte, Rick Wyrozub and Gerry LeGrandeur picking up the singles. Paul Sandberg potted the only Lakehead goal that period.

"The players were softened up by four easy goals in the first period," commented Coach Clare Drake. "They were playing loose. Lakehead changed goaltenders and started to play much better."

Bob Blanch captured the second Lakehead goal midway through the second period.

Netminder Barry Richardson, deserted by his defense, let four more shots get past him in the final fifteen minutes, with the winner coming from Larry Zulianello with four seconds left on the clock. That final goal made a hat trick for Zulianello who had two other connecting shots that period.

### Tollestrup sinks Bain's hoopsters

University of Alberta Golden Bear basketball team probably wish Phil Tollestrup hadn't left the friendly confines of Brigham Young, to come home to Canada.

After playing four seasons with one of the more successful United States college teams, Tollestrup has instantly changed the University of Lethbridge squad from also-rans into definite contenders for the league crown. The six-foot-six forward scored 33 points and grabbed 23 rebounds to lead Lethbridge to a 62-58 victory over Bears and first place in the Tri-University

tournament Saturday in the Southern Alberta city.

Bears had opened the tournament Friday night with a 76-67 win over the University of Saskatchewan Huskies. Lethbridge had whipped University of Calgary 75-48

Besides the presence of Tollestrup, Bears suffered from poor shooting, sinking only 31% of their field goal attempts and a miserable 40% from the free throw line.

"I was happy with the team's overall performance and spirit," coach Bob Bain said after the tournament.

"But any time you shoot only 30% you don't deserve to win."

Tollestrup was personally responsible for more than the 33 points indicated in the statistics. Many of Lethbridge's points came when Bear defenders concentrated on Phil and left other players wide open.

Dan Court took advantage of the situation to score 12 points.

Mike Frisby and Wallace Tollestrup perhaps the Bear's two most accomplished players, ran into early foul trouble, but their

But Bears had something else going for them, a cause. They wanted to win the game for a fallen comrade left at home, offensive lineman Jim Drummond.

"I don't know how much it had to do with the win," Donlevy said after the game, "but it was one of the most emotional dressing rooms I've ever been in."

Drummond, who had been sidelined for most of the year with a knee injury, broke his ankle in a freak accident at a practice during the week. Jim was operated on and a pin had been placed in the ankle. It won't be removed for at least six months.

The defences held in the third quarter as Bears and Bisons picked up only four first downs between them. Bears didn't move the ball until the last play of the quarter when Kunyk hit Brian Fryer for 41 yards. It was the beginning of a 100-yard march that culminated five plays later with a 10-yard scoring toss from Kunyk to Schubach.

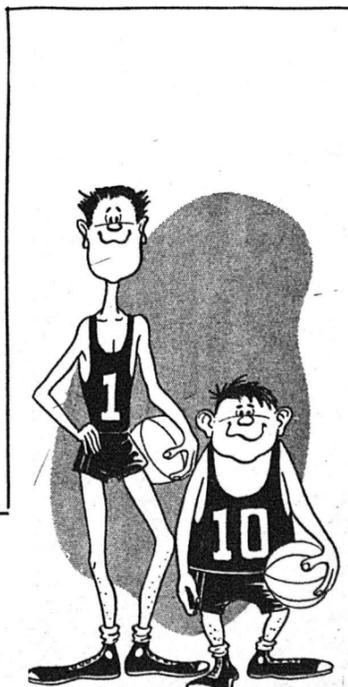
The break that turned the game around came immediately following the kickoff, Andy McLeod jarred Hardin and recovered the fumble on the Bison 24-yard line. Kunyk coolly converted two third down gambles, on the latter, He hit Schubach for a 10 yard touchdown to tie the game.

Bear front four put great pressure on Hardin and forced the Manitoba quarterback to throw the ball to linebacker McLeod to end the game.

At the Edmonton International Airport Saturday night, Drummond, who was confined to a wheelchair, welcomed his teammates home and was presented with the game ball with their signatures on it.

"This means a lot to me, thanks," said Drummond, who then added boldly, "I knew you would eventually win the game."

Going into the fourth quarter, he was probably the only person who actually believed it. bt



Other leading scorers for Bears were Wallace Tollestrup, with 10 points, and Tom Solyom, with eight points.

Solyom played well defensively and swished five field goals in the triumph over Huskies. Bears jumped off to a huge lead in the first half but relaxed in the second.

Frisby stayed out of trouble long enough in the first game, to net 24 points, including eight of ten free throws.

Next weekend the Bears host two games with University of Great Falls, a devastating team that has three players who average 20 or more points a game.

The first regular league game is Nov. 17 against University of Victoria Cougars in Victoria. bt