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Runners Finish Fourth, Eccleston Takes Title

The Golden Bear cross country team finished fourth in their final meet of the year held in Calgary last weekend.

The event was the WCIAA Championships and climaxed a year of tough competition for the Bears.

University of Manitoba won the meet and with it the right to advance to the Canadian Intercollegiate Championships to be held in Guelph, Ont. on Nov. 23.

ECCLESTON FIRST

The day was brightened for the Golden runners by John Eccleston's first place finish with a time of 23 minutes 24 seconds for the 4½ mile course. The strong wind and hard course which faced the contestants allowed Eccleston to show his talents to their full. In taking

the individual title Eccleston received an invitation to the Canadian Intercollegiate Championships in Guelph, Gary Chambers, Eccleston's strongest opponent, suffered a leg injury and finished fourth.

UBC SECOND

University of British Columbia captured second place in the meet followed by the University of Alberta (Calgary). University of Saskatchewan was fifth and last place was held down by the University of Saskatchewan (Regina).

Wrap-up:—

Manitoba	38 pts.
British Columbia	69 pts.
Alberta (Calgary)	72 pts.
Alberta	76 pts.
Saskatchewan	88 pts.
Saskatchewan (Regina)	188 pts.



BIRD MAULED—UBC Thunderbird quarterback Dick Gibbons was forced to live this sort of life all Saturday afternoon when he and his fine feathered friends were mauled by the Golden Bears 29-2. Photo by Wm. C. Stenton

Bears Trounce Thunderbirds, Hardy Cup In Den Again

By Gary Kiernan

It's official! The University of Alberta Golden Bears are the best in the west.

Bears convincingly erased any doubts Saturday by trouncing University of British Columbia Thunderbirds 29-2.

Although Birds are supposed to fly south before the cold, and Bears are reputed to go into hibernation at the first sign of winter, both braved cold and wind to do battle for the WCIAA Championship.

UBC flew into the Golden Bear den hoping to force a deadlock for first place but despite a gallant hard hitting effort they returned as they came, a second place ball club. They were simply outclassed.

Football Game Bewildering

There were at least 10 bewildered spectators at last Saturday's football game.

These 10 were members of a group of 51 foreign exchange students provided with free passes to the game between Alberta's Golden Bears and British Columbia's Thunderbirds.

They represented 18 of the 41 national groups on campus.

Geoff Lucas, former Golden Bear, and a Wildcat coach had previously instructed the group in the rudiments of the game. Most of the students, however, felt they could not completely understand the game without attending another.

Many of the students left during half-time disgusted with either the weather or the game.

Comments on the skirmish were varied:

- "But where are the rules?"
- "I laugh when one falls and all the rest pile on top of him!"
- "Great game! I'd like to play but I guess I'd have to practice first."

The first quarter, which was hampered by a strong wind, saw both clubs employ a running attack. A touchdown by Bear fullback Bert Carron gave U of A a 6-0 lead which they extended to 7-0 in the second quarter on a single by punter Maury Van Vliet. The wind died slightly in the second half of the game and the game moved faster through the air. Another Bear TD by Irwin Striffler in the third quarter pushed the score to 14-0. On the first play of the fourth quarter, 'Birds finally hit the scoreboard when Dick Gibbons kicked for a single. Bears retaliated with another TD by Carron and a single by Van Vliet. Gibbons again kicked a single and once again Bears retaliated with a touchdown, this time by Ken Neilsen.

The first quarter play was divided almost evenly between the two clubs, but Bears hard charging defense kept 'Birds deep in their own end. A pass interference call against UBC gave Bears the ball on the BC two yard line. Two plays later at 10:18 Carron charged in for the major. A bad snap on the convert attempt left the score 6-0.

The second quarter switch to a passing game opened the contest up but neither club could score a major. The only point came when Van Vliet kicked a 46 yard single at the 9:54 mark.

FUMBLE LEADS TO TD

A further reduction in wind velocity resulted in even better passing and more scoring. A 'Bird fumble gave U of A the ball on the UBC 28 yard line and in six plays they had another major. Striffler scored this one at 2:41 on a five yard plunge and Ron Martiniuk made the convert good. On the next set of plays, 'Birds moved the ball from their own 33 to the Bear 2, but lost the ball on a third down gamble.

Gibbons single came at the 29 second mark of the fourth quarter and put Birds on the board. Following the single, U of A was given possession on their own 25 yard line. In seven plays including a 27 yard pass and a 17 yard run, Bears moved the length of the field and scor-

ed another major, when Carron went in from the five at 3:42. A block punt gave Bears possession again. The 'Birdies 20 and at 6:39 Van Vliet kicked for a single. Gibbons again came back for the Thunderbirds and kicked another 45 yard single. One more Bears were on their own yard line, but this time it took the only one play to cover the distance. A swing pass to halfback Ken Neilsen sent him on an 85 yard romp to the 'Birds end zone in the most spectacular play of the game. The convert was good and the score was finished. Thunderbirds' on TD came late in the fourth quarter but was called back because of clipping penalty. There were more serious threats in the remaining three minutes.

Immediately following the game plans went into motion to bring the top eastern team to Edmonton for East-West final that will be held Nov. 16, if plans materialize.

Co-Ed Corner

V-Ball Begins

An organizational meeting for the Intervarsity volleyball team will be held on Nov. 7 at 7 p.m. in PEB 124. This team will travel to the University of Saskatchewan to compete in sports weekend late in February. Any interested girls are asked to attend this meeting.

Intramural broomball and curling begin this week and will continue the next three weeks. Curling has been changed from Monday night to Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday due to the difficulty in obtaining ice. Any girls who have signed up for either of these sports should contact their unit managers to find time and date of play. Supply your units girls, if you sign up, show up.

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