

Athletic Supporters

Chicago Bears to visit 'The Pad'

by Felix Enger

All year long the Athletic department has racked its brains trying to find a way to put fans in the stands. Dr. Steadward and his associates have brought in enough Chickens and Root Bears to start a zoo, and have given away enough beer to qualify for a liquor store, but nothing has really seemed to pack the bleachers. Until now.

Realizing that the people in Edmonton will only shell out the bucks to see a pro team, Dr. Steadward went out and got himself the ultimate pro team. As a result the Golden Bear football team will play an exhibition game against none other than the NFL's Chicago Bears on Sunday, December 19th.

"It was just a dream at first" said Dr. Steadward, "but I realized that Chicago would have a bye that weekend, because they had clinched their division so early. So I just called up Mike (Ditka the Bears Coach) and asked, and to my surprise he said yes."

It didn't hurt that he called Ditka the day after their first loss of the season to the Miami Dolphins either. "I didn't care if it was the Vienna Boys Choir on the phone, we'd play 'em" said coach Ditka when reached by phone. "I just wanted to get someone for my boys to beat the shit out of before we get into the playoffs".

But what do the players of the Chicago Bears think of this. "Hey

man, it's just another game on the schedule for me" said QB Jim McMahon. "The University of where?" said defensive end Richard Dent. "I don't care who it is" commented Nose Guard Dan Hampton, "I'll still beat the piss out of them". But the best comment of the day came from rookie sensation William (the Refrigerator) Perry who said "I pity the fools who get in my way. . . Prediction? PAIN!" Hmmm, sound familiar?

Well Chicago certainly seems ready for the game but how about the Golden Bears. How do they feel about facing the biggest and meanest team this side of the Iron Curtain. "WHAT!" said QB Mark Denesiuk when informed about the game. "There's no way I'll play". "Gosh I'd love to play them" said nose guard Dan Aloisio "but, ya know my old knee injury has been acting up lately so I don't think I'll be able to play." But Dan you never had a knee injury. "Then its my ankle. "You didn't have an ankle injury either. "Get lost already!"

Besides convincing the Golden Bear players to play, Dr. Steadward was faced with another pressing problem. Where are they going to play the game? The game can't be played at any of the football stadiums in the city because they are all under a foot of snow and even if one were available the temperature at game time could be -40°C. "The Butterdome is the only

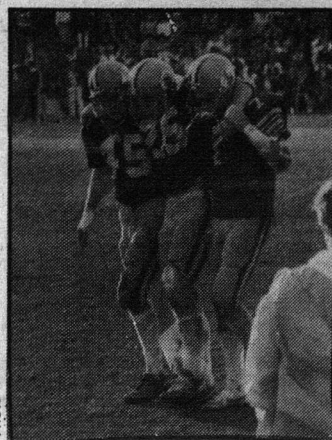
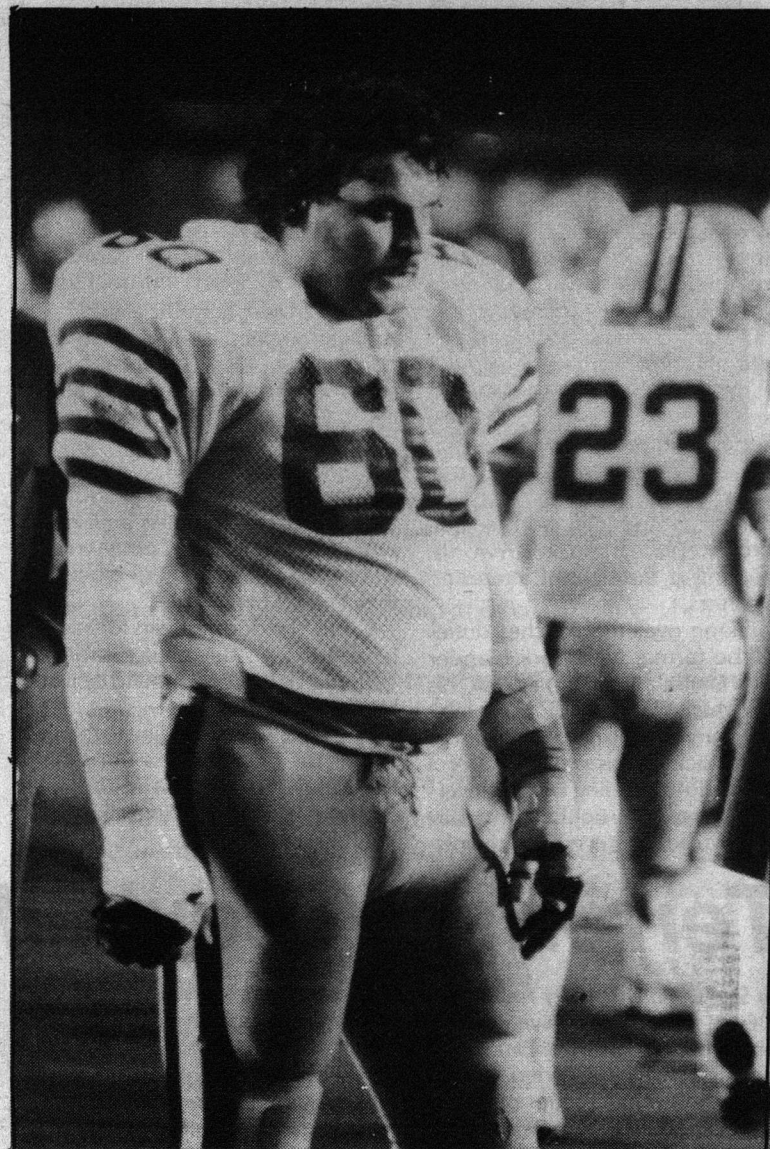


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answer" said Dr. Steadward. "It can fit an American football field and sit 5,000 people plus its indoors."

"But that surface is rock hard!" complained Denesiuk "I'll die out there!". "I don't care" said Chicago's superstar running back Walter Payton commenting on the Butterdome surface. "I'd play on a bed of nails as long as I got to carry the ball".

So there you have it; this game (providing that the Golden Bears show up) will be the first time an American football team will play on Canadian soil. Will the fans come? Will Chicago take it seriously? Will Denesiuk die on the Butterdome turf? Will Richard Dent figure out where Alberta is? These questions and many others will be answered Sunday, Dec. 29, at 2:00 P.M. in the Butterdome.



Free Degree Spree is Glee

by Mohammed McPherson

The University of Alberta's Athletic department showed signs of desperation in their eternal quest to fill the stands at Bears and Pandas events when they announced their latest promotion early yesterday. At the next Bears hockey game in early January, Athletics will sponsor a draw for a Degree of the winning student's choice.

To be eligible to win the draw you have to be a current U of A student with no outstanding Parking Services fines.

Commenting on the latest scheme, Director of Media Patronization Flail Hoopla remarked, "We felt that we had to improve upon the tuition giveaway idea and this is definitely a step up."

The students who's name is chosen will have to fulfill the skill-testing requirement of remembering the last time that more than one third of the stands were filled at a Bears hockey game.

"I mean, what's an Arts or Phys Ed Degree worth these days anyways?" questioned Chairman of Athletics Bob Spendmore. "If it means getting some fans into the building we'll happily give away a degree to a completely unqualified individual. Let's face it, the other faculties are doing it all the time."

The lucky student will have their choice of any three to six year Degree program offered at the U of A. Any particular specialization can be obtained simply by purchasing a seasons pass to next year's Athletics season. "It's what you might call a little incentive to get out to next year's games, too," said Spendmore. "But I firmly believe that once the students get out to the games they will appreciate blah blah. . . the competition is really

blah blah blah. . . and those kids are working their blah blah blah. . ."

University President Bander Wagonitz was questioned if this promotion is fair to the rest of the student body: "Well I'm really behind all of our teams one hundred percent. In fact, for what it costs this place to produce just one qualified student, it's a hell of a lot cheaper just to give the Degrees away."

Other crowd drawing events to be held at this upcoming weekend of fun include Scream for Amphetamines whereby the loudest group of fans will receive a cache of illicit

drugs courtesy Athletics and the Pharmaceutical Sciences department. A tequila gardens and squid eating contest round out the weekend of frivolity.

"I just can't wait to see the look on the face of the graduate when they realize that they have bypassed years of hard work and can now enter into the field of their choice just for coming to a Bears game," said President Wagonitz. "I'm quite sure that this idea was authorized by somebody important around here, wasn't it?"



Getaway photographers caught a couple of Bears faking injuries around campus lately. But there is one Bear that is looking forward to the matchup. 'The Beer Cooler' is the U of A's answer to 'The Refrigerator'.

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