Lewis Clark to explore Varsity Gym

Bears to do '88 version of Hickory Huskers?

by Alan Small

Lewis-Clark State make their fifth annual trip across the 49th parallel Sunday afternoon as the hoopsters from the Potato state focus their eyes on the baskets of Varsity Gym.

Last year's 80-79 thriller was the Warriors' only win over the Bears in four starts, as the Bears have taken 90-80, 77-73, and 100-69 victories over the Idahoans.

But those were the years of Mike Sudermans, the Mike Kornaks, and the Chris Toutants. What the Bears have now are a whole lot of youth, a whole lot of question marks and only ten players.

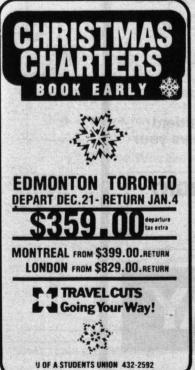
Since the Bear/Lewis-Clark battle usually marks the beginning of the year for the Golden Bear

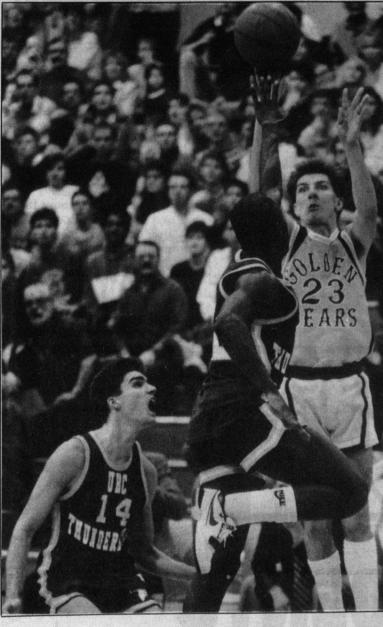
The Bears are 3-1 versus Lewis-Clark in their annual matchup.

basketball team, it is time we took a look at them, one of the big three sports teams on campus.

At guard, they look solid. Sean Chursinoff, the native Calgarian. and Dave Youngs, both fourth year guards, will hold down starting spots. Chursinoff will run the major part of the offence, while Youngs will take over Toutant's shooting guard spot. Youngs has proved in his first three years that he can shoot from the perimeter and can hit three point shots with the best of them in Canada West. Chursinoff has run the Bear offensive scheme for over three years and is one of the premier point guards in Canadian university basketball.

Second year guard Lorne Blatt, who had little playing time in his previous outing as a Bear two seasons ago, is a good shooting guard while freshman Shane Asbell will be backing up Chursinoff at times because he is a skilled ball handler.





Shooting guard

Bear guard Dave Youngs goes for the jumper last year against UBC. He'll be shooting even more this season.

The post position will be held down by fifth year Scott McIntyre and sophomore Bill Lavergne. Lavergne was the top high school player in Edmonton two seasons ago, but languished on the Golden Bear bench much of last season. McIntyre has been plagued by injuries the last three seasons in a Bear uniform, and will be counted upon to not only play better than he has done, but to play more often.

Look for 6'6" returnee Mark Smith, who played with the U of A three years ago to back up both McIntyre and Lavergne at the posts. Smith played with Mount Royal College last year, and is expected to do his share of the rebounding and scoring on the Bear club

The forward position will be Ed Joseph this season. The former high school phenom from M.E. Lazerte has shown plenty of potential in the past, but must stay free from injuries and stay out of foul trouble, both problem areas for the 6'4" forward in the past. Joseph will be counted on to do a lot of rebounding, as his enormous leaping ability can put him

above players four or five inches taller than him.

Sophomore Brian Halsey, like Lavergne, saw much of the Golden Bear action from the sidelines last season, but when he played, he showed an accurate outside shot that has the tendency to get redhot. What the Ainlay grad must work on is his defence and his rebounding.

The coaching is back in the capable hands of Don Horwood, who is in his sixth year as Bear coach. Assisting him is Cliff Rowein, who played with the Bears for three years, after coming out of Grant MacEwen.

The Bears will have problems against UVic and UBC this season, the two top teams from last year. Both teams are big and physical. Calgary will also be tough as former St. Joe's star Brian Masikewich will again dominate the inside like last year. Lethbridge and Saskatchewan are both in the same boat as Alberta (rebuilding) and will challenge the Bears for the final playoff spot in Canada West.

More honors for Bears' Houg

Golden Bear running back Tom Houg has been named the CIAU player of the week for his 43 carry, 250 yard performance against the Manitoba Bisons last weekend.

The 250 yards put him over the 1,000 yard mark for the season, the second Golden Bear in as many seasons to accomplish the feat.

The 24 year old, fourth year arts student led the Bears to their only victory of the season over the Bisons, 36-33.

The previous Bear 1,000 yard rusher was Mark Brus, who ran for 1,087 yards last season.



1,005 yard man Tom Houg

