

Gateway Sports

Bear stalwarts attend Canadian Nationals camp

By BOB ANDERSON

Although the hockey season is still a few weeks away two members of last year's Canadian collegiate champion Golden Bears aren't wasting any time getting into the swing of things.

Both Jim Seutter and Wayne Wiste, stalwarts of the Bears last season, attended the rookie camp of Canada's National Team held in Winnipeg, Aug. 30-Sept. 9.

The purpose of the camp was to give Nats coach Jackie MacLeod an opportunity to look at prospective players for the team.

Neither Seutter or Wiste were officially invited to the camp. They went at their own expense with an eye to a future stint with the Nationals. Both are completing their studies at Alberta this year.

"The competition was terrific," says Seutter, "and the pace quite gruelling. We went through two one-hour shifts each day and they were tough. But we sure learned

a lot. Guys like Marshall Johnston (now with Minnesota of the NHL) and Coach MacLeod took the time to individually teach us the little things that are so much a part of this game. They were really helpful."

The camp attracted about 50 players in all, some of them, like Wiste and Seutter, college players who still have some eligibility left. As well, there were several over-age junior players, and one or two senior hockey pucksters, such as Dave McLelland of the Edmonton Monarchs.

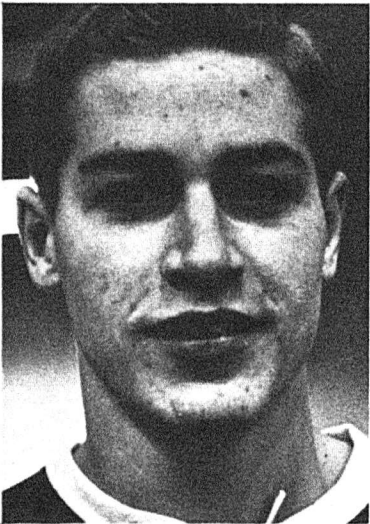
Both Wiste and Seutter have aspirations of playing for the Nats in the future, and both hope to be invited to training camp next year.

"But it depends on what kind of a season I have this year," says Wiste. "If a guy can't do well in our league, he's got no business going out for the Nationals."

Seutter agrees.

"If I have a good season this year, I'd be very interested in playing for the Nats, and at the same time continuing my education. It's a pretty good set-up."

Meanwhile, if past performances are any indication, both Wiste and Seutter should have fine seasons ahead, and indeed be a welcome addition to a future edition of Canada's National Team.



JIM SEUTTER



BEAR HOME GAMES

Sept. 28—Manitoba
Oct. 19—Saskatchewan
Oct. 26—Calgary
Nov. 17—College Bowl



—photo by Neil Driscoll

WOULD YOU BELIEVE—FLYING BEARS

... in last week's game against T-birds

Unbeaten Bears-Bisons clash Saturday

By JOHN BLACKWELL

This Saturday afternoon sees the opening of the regular WCIAA football season at Varsity Stadium.

In town to tangle with the Bears will be the University of Manitoba Bisons. Every indication shows that the event will be bigger, better, and sunnier than last weekend.

Both teams come into Saturday's game with identical 3-0 win-loss records for the exhibition season. The Bears though, had the edge in both offensive and defensive records with 88 compared to 77 points for and 15 to 34 points against.

In their exhibition season, the Bisons met up with the Waterloo-Lutheran Golden Hawks, the University of Guelph, and Bemidji State Teachers College.

The situation is very different

from last season when the Bisons came to Varsity Grid with a record of three losses and were handed their fourth loss by the Bears.

With bitter memories of this and the drive picked up in the exhibition season the Bisons will be tough to contain.

One person who isn't going to let the momentum of this year's exhibition season carry him into the game is Bears' Head Coach Clare Drake.

Asked about the Bisons at one of this week's practice sessions he said, "We haven't much to go on this year but we certainly expect them to be stronger than last year."

In preparing for the game, Coach Drake has his team going over last year's material on the Bisons.

He explained that the only real look the Bears have had of the Bisons this year was the television coverage of the Manitoba-Waterloo Lutheran game.

Asked if there would be any changes in the Bears lineup from last weekend Coach Drake said, "No, the starting lineup will remain the same. What changes we

make will depend on how the game goes."

Regarding his quarterbacking situation, Drake said Terry Lampert will be starting at the position with backup man Dan McCaffery at his usual safety spot.

Lyle Culham, who was injured in last Saturday's game, is one Bear who won't dress for the game. Trainer Ray Kelly says Culham will be out of the lineup for up to two weeks with an injured ankle.

In view of last week's large crowd it was hoped that more stands could be provided for this Saturday's game.

Unfortunately this will not be possible. But hopes are up for sunny weather so people will be able to sit on the grassy knoll on the east and south sides of the field.

BARE FACTS:

Several points for Bear fans to keep in mind are that the search is on again for the Bear Fan of the Week.

The game will also see the picking of the Bears top offensive and defensive players. Last game's winners being Ludwig Daubner and Dave Wray.

The Bears first road game is October 5 in Calgary.

Next home game for the Bears is October 19 against the U of S Huskies. But don't sit at home waiting for that one, get out and give the Bears the support they deserve this weekend.

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