

SPORTS

FACE EARLY TEST

Green Bears not yet Gold

Coaches on Parade

Jim Donlevy's Golden Bears football club isn't giving you much time to shake that migraine you picked up during registration week. In fact, some of you may not yet have an ID card to present at the gate when Bears open their 75-76 season at Varsity Stadium Saturday against Saskatchewan Huskies, the defending Western champs.

If you haven't been issued a card by game time, maybe you should bring along the most official looking paper you can find - you might just be able to convince some soft heart at the gate that you really are a student (who has paid his Athletic fees).

For a team that has lost 11 regulars from last season's defensive lineup, Donlevy's squad looks mean in workouts. Last year's entire defensive front four is gone, and the coach has had to move some of his offensive line over to defence to plug the gaps. Donlevy won't really know what kind of repair job he has done until after the Saskatchewan game.

Wherever else Bears may be untested, at least they have retained the services of three key offensive starters. Quarterback Ron Bryant proved he is capable of moving the offence in several appearances last year, while running back Dalton Smarsh and outstanding collegian Bryan Fryer should help give Bears all the attack they need. Only thing is, Bryant needs time to throw the ball, Fryer needs time to get open, and Smarsh now and then needs a hole to run through, so a largely rookie offensive line may hold the key to how well the offence works against Huskies.

Who's gone from last season's starting lineup?

Defence: Al Shemanchuk, Brian Jones, Mike Ewachniuk, Ken Luchkow, George Paleniuk (defensive linemen); Tom Towns, Hugh McColl, Bill Evans (linebackers); Garry Wilson, Doug Seniuk, Ted Olson (defensive backs).

Offence: Jim Baker, Chip Wilson, Heinz Brademann (offensive linemen); Gerald Kunyk (quarterback); Brian Adam (running back); Jack Raymond (tight end).

A better question might be who's left?

In ice hockey, Leon Abbott, former head coach at Boston University, will be the new man behind the Golden Bears' bench.

When Clare Drake was given a sabbatical to coach the Oilers (Drake would sign only a one-year deal), most players and reporters assumed that former assistant and Bearcat coach Dick Wintermute would succeed him, but he was deemed too "inexperienced" to handle what appears to be a one season job, and Abbott was given the nod. He will be walking into an unfamiliar setup, and fans will expect the defending national champs to repeat, at least as tops in the West, even though they may be missing all but one of their five starting defencemen from last year. The new coach will have his work cut out for him.

The volleyball Bears, too, will be under new tutelage, since last season's coach, Hugh Hoyles, accepted the position of Volleyball Co-ordinator for the 1976 Olympic Games in Montreal. New coach is Shuichi Ota, ex of Japan. Bears finished first in the West last year and narrowly missed winning the national final.

Gabor Simonyi of Hungary, who has coached international competitors from Hungary, England, Iceland, United States, and who has just returned from South Africa, was named the new coach of the U of A track and field and cross-country team. Simonyi is known as one of the world's leading field events coaches, and should do much to aid the local track and field scene.

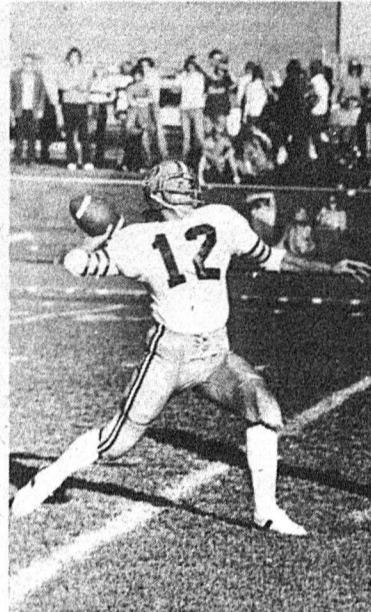
And, least but not last, don't forget about the three-ring circus that will be held in conjunction with the football games this year. Chuck Moser, in his best hockey playoff tradition, announces that Bears' home games will feature such extravaganzas as Thirteen-Legged Races and Balloon Races (not to mention marching bands).

Balloon Races? That's where each floor or group in residence sends up a balloon and the one found farthest away after a one-month period wins its owners a keg of beer, courtesy of UA Athletics. Sounds like a lot of hot air to me.

Cam Cole



Jim Donlevy hopes to be smiling after Saturday's Bears-Huskies contest. Ron Bryant (right) will start at quarterback.



A new season of collegiate athletics at the University of Alberta will be kicked off this Saturday.

At 2 p.m. the 1975 edition of the Golden Bears of football will meet the defending Western Intercollegiate Football League Champion University of Saskatchewan Huskies at Varsity Stadium.

From what he saw in the intersquad game his team played last Friday, Donlevy seems cautiously pleased. "We had a pretty good game - it showed us we had a lot of work to do though," he says. He was particularly pleased with the performance of rookie quarterback, Brian Larsen who showed

he could throw the ball at college level.

"Baptism by fire" might be the way to describe it says Bears' Head Coach, Jim Donlevy looking to the game from his team's perspective. "A young enthusiastic football team" is the way Donlevy describes his club. He will be starting a number of rookies against the more experienced Huskies - "without any question the team to beat this year."

"This will be the test of our team - how well we do against Huskies," says the Coach. Huskies will be led by Quarterback Barry Fraser, who Donlevy describes as a good strong pivot who does not get intimidated.

Although he would rather not make too many predictions about how his club will fare this season, the coach is making one prediction. "We'll be doing some new and different things that will contribute to the excitement and action in the league," he says.

As part of the entertainment for the game Saturday, the Edmonton All Girl Drum and Bugle Corps will provide pre-game entertainment, the Golden Bear Sky Diving Club will parachute in the game ball, and at half-time the Edmonton Strutters will perform.



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Bears Basketball

There will be an organizational meeting of the Golden Bear Basketball team on Thursday, September 11 at 5 p.m. in the Main gymnasium of the West Wing of the Physical Education Complex. Those interested in playing men's basketball at the intercollegiate level this year should attend this meeting. For further information please contact Dr. Barry Mitchelson in Room 144 of the Physical Education Complex or phone 432-5802.


Pandas Field Hockey

The Panda Field Hockey team will hold tryouts on Monday, Sept. 8, at Lister Hall field. There are many positions open, and all interested women are invited to come out and play. The tryout begins at 4:00 p.m. For further information contact Gail Amort at 432-5503.

Bears Hockey

The Golden Bears hockey team will hold its first meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 10th at 5:00 p.m. in Rm. E-120, in the East Wing of the Physical Education Complex.


All interested players are asked to attend. For further information please contact Leon Abbott at 432-5803.



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