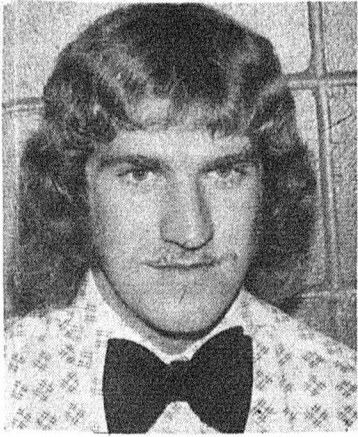


# Fryer signs with Washington



Brian Fryer, who starred for the Golden Bears at flanker last year, while also winning the 1975 Hec Crighton trophy, awarded to the outstanding College football player in Canada, has opted to sign with the NFL Washington Redskins, after being drafted by the club in

the eighth round. The Edmonton Eskimos had acquired the CFL rights to Fryer as one of their territorial picks.

Fryer said the primary reason for his choice was money. "The Eks just weren't willing to offer the kind of money the Redskins were. I don't know if they thought that I was bluffing or what, but I'm disappointed that they didn't try harder to sign me than they did."

Eskimos were believed to have offered Fryer something in the vicinity of \$65,000 over three years. The contract was undoubtedly the highest ever offered to a Canadian graduate right out of College. Eskimos have an abundance of talent at wide receiver. Along with Schenley award winner George McGowan at split end, there are Canadians Mike Warrington

(wingback), John Konihowski (flanker), Stu Lang (spit end) and Garry Levebvre (flanker).

Fryer's varsity coach, Jim Donlevy of the Golden Bears, says he is disappointed and shocked at the way the whole affair was handled. "There's no way the CFL and the Eskimos in particular should have let Brian get away. I'm not upset with Brian's decision, I'm just sorry that the people in Canada won't be able to see what a great player he is."

The Redskins had sent scouts to Edmonton to take a look at the all star flanker, having Bear quarterback Brian Larsen and Fryer go through a workout at the Kinsmen Field House. One of the scouts, Downon Oute, said that Fryer is

without a doubt one of the best athletes he's ever seen to come out of the Canadian College ranks.

There seems to be only one small problem for Fryer. And that is the coach of Washington club, George Allen, who doesn't take too kindly to rookies. In fact it is a very rare sight to even see a rookie on an Allen coached team, let alone some one under 30 years old. In fact Allen disdains the draft of College players so much that he had only 5 picks in the first 10 rounds.

Joe Theisman, who left the Toronto Argonauts of the CFL for the NFL, ended up in Washington, and hasn't done much more than keep stats on the sidelines for Allen while

running back an occasional punt, not a practice you would usually give to a quarterback.

Fryer said that he was aware of the situation in Washington with Allen's penchant for going with proven veterans, but he feels that if he is given a chance to prove himself he'll be able to crack the lineup.

"Just because I've signed with the NFL doesn't mean I'll never play in Canada. I love Edmonton and I wish that I could have played in front of all my friends, but it just didn't work out. Maybe if things don't go as well as I expect in the States, I'll return to Edmonton, but that's a long way off. I just want to concentrate on playing football, and right now that means in the NFL with Washington."



## Intramurals Intramurals Intramurals

At an editorial meeting held last week it was announced that starting next September in *The Gateway* sports pages will be primarily devoted to intramural sports. Although the vote was unanimous, the sports staff being the only staff opposed to the radical change in policy, it was still ratified by the new editor in chief, Kevin Gillese.

The primary factor behind the decision was the number of athletes involved in the two programs. There are over 4500 students involved in intramural sports at the University while only about 500 participants are involved in intravarsity sports, on the Golden Bear and Panda teams.

Although coverage of the varsity sports won't be entirely dropped there will be a significant cutback of their importance. Reporters will no longer travel with the football, hockey and basketball teams for out of town games. Kevin Gillese explained the rationale behind the decision. "We just received a bill from the athletic dept. for over \$1,000 spent on travel costs for *Gateway* staff. That kind of expenditure is completely out of proportion considering that other departments (news, arts, and features) never travel

to events outside of the University or if they do so it comes out of their own pocket."

Gillesse added that in the case that one of the varsity clubs was to make a national final, money would be available for a reporter to travel with the team. Gillese said that *the Gateway* is one of the few college papers that allows reporters to travel with the sports teams. "The day of big spending is over. That money could be better spent than to cover sporting events, which very few people read anyway."

Darrell Semenuk, the sports editor of *The Gateway* was not available for comment, it was believed that he was talking to Jim Donlevy, coach of the Golden Football team, about a tryout at a linebacker spot. Semenuk is 5'9" and weighs 180 pounds. It was not known whether he would continue as sports editor come September or if a new editor would have to be chosen.

John Van Doesburg, President of Men's Intramurals, said he was delighted with the announcement and that he would push the program even harder next year. "I'm glad to see that the paper finally got their priorities straightened out. We've been fighting for more exposure for a long time, and were finally going to get it."

## Sweat Hog calls it quits

by Hack Waite

So often in the field of sports reporting, reporters tend to concentrate on only the winners, the best in one sport, an elite. No mention is given to the other half of any event - the losers.

This story is about a special kind of loser. He has had so much experience in losing that it's become an art.

Sam "sweat hog" Simmons is a snooker player(?) who has become something of a legend at the SUB pool hall. Sweat Hog, who hails from Squeeze Box, Saskatchewan, 15 miles south of Climax, recently concluded playing at an open tournament over the weekend. He lost three games by scores of 89-2, 76-5, and 103-1.

After the match Simmons was heard to comment that he was feeling really good, but the shots just weren't dropping. Simmons, a third year Arts student, says he has been



"Sweat Hog" in one of his more pensive moods.

attempting to learn the game for the past five years, and that he has made great strides in his understanding and proficiency of the sport.

"I plan to coach a few clinics around the country this summer," Simmons said. When asked about his career record, Simmons stated the tally to be 3 wins, 1 tie, and roughly 6,000 losses.

His three victories came over a man in a state of cardiac arrest, a woman who had just been shot twice in the leg and a 13 month old youngster, who Simmons claims has all the makings of a great player. "I had to scramble to pull that one out of the fire. He had me down by 15, but I played it cool, and he finally conceded the match when the time came for his nap."

Sweat Hog plans to move back to Squeeze Box to open up a combination pool hall-car wash. One veteran player mused that "it just won't be the same without him." He certainly has a point there, how many people do you know that can boast of 3,000 losses at a snooker table?

## Soccer franchise for Edmonton

by Morris Fissure

Observers were shocked today when Bill Hunter actually called a worthwhile press conference. He announced the establishment of a major league soccer franchise in the city. The team will play in the newly founded World Soccer Association headed by Gary Davidson. Hunter, the man responsible for bringing major league hockey(?) to Edmonton, has once again blessed us with another star attraction.

Teams in the World Soccer Association are being formed in such major centers as British Guiana, Halitosis Norway, Sheepdung Scotland, Kapusta in the Ukraine, and Ballmi India. The season is scheduled to start on May 25 and will end with the final playoff series on May 24, 1978.

Hunter has a problem in the area of players, in that it will be difficult for him to find players of international caliber to compete with the likes of Pele and other international stars such as

Pele's brother Banana Pele or the world famous Nodesire Overpaidathlete. Hunter was asked if he plans to recruit players in the same manner that he did with the Oilers by merely grabbing people off the street and paying them huge salaries with no-cut contracts. Mr. Hunter then proceeded to assault the reporter with a rubber toothpick.

It was then suggested that since it was the off season, the Oilers could solve Hunter's recruiting problems by playing, the reasoning being that if they were lucky enough to get into the WHA playoffs with no talent, then they should be lucky enough to get into the WSA playoffs with the same amount of proficiency. Visibly shaking and frothing at the mouth, Hunter slurred a slimy, "No comment."

Hunter would not say who

owned the team but indicated that it was a person high up in the sporting world when he said, "Only God knows." He also said that he had picked up a sleeper in the way of players in the person of retired Ethiopian sheepherder Laughing Stock.

Hunter, who is the General Manager of the team, was asked who would coach the team, he blurted, "I will," but after consultation with his "Luckey Trade Maker Mirror" he mentioned the names of Claire Drake and Brian Shaw. "But I'll be waiting with the axe. I mean I'll be waiting in the wings in case." When his coaching ability was questioned, he said, "I could take over as coach of the team or owner, or Mayor, or Prime Minister, or King."

At this point the press conference was called to an end as Mr. Hunter had to be sedated.

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