

# Dinosaurs appear ready to move out of league cellar

Hold that annual headline "Bears Extincatorate Dinosaurs". Guess who's in first place in the WCIAA? Guess who has the most dangerous passing game? And the best place kicker in the league? None other than the ever lovin' U of C Dinosaurs. The traditional door mats of the league are out for blood, especially Bear blood. So far this season the Dinnies have beaten the U of S Huskies 10-0 and last weekend routed the U of M Bisons 22-8. That last victory came on the strength of a 69 yard pass and run play by Don

Maxwell for a TD, TD by quarterback Lorne Prokopy, and three field goals by Brian Kittleson. Last year the Bears managed a close 17-14 victory over Dennis Kadatz's squad. Kadatz lost quarterback Don Green and almost the entire backfield but this hasn't hurt the Dinnies at all. The only returnee from last years backfield is wingback Pat Sobieski. The fullback slot is filled by rookie Roy Boettger while rookies Norm Minor and Don Maxwell take care of the halfback duties. If Kadatz was worried about

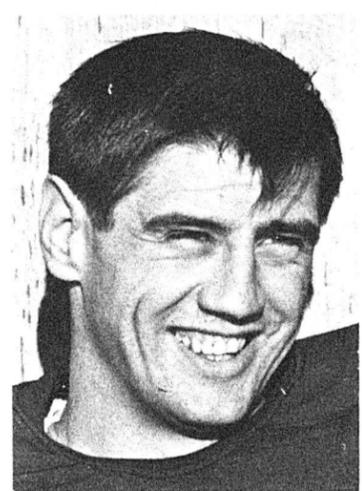
the quality of his quarterbacks he isn't now. Sophomore George Edwards and rookie Prokopy have led the Dinnies to three victories in their three outings. Last year the Dinnosaurs relied on a running game. This time around they use the air lanes. In split end Jim Burke and flanker Wayne Davies the Dinnies have excellent receivers. Davies was the number two receiver in the WCIAA last season. He caught 18 of 34 passes for 271 yards and three TD's, as the Dinnies' top scorer. The defense is built around returnees Doug Dersch, Jim Courtice and Ross Collet and is stronger than last year. They held the Bisons scoreless until the last minute of play, and the Bisons are rated as having a better offence than our Bears. Bear coach Clare Drake isn't planning to make any drastic changes for the Dinosaur game. "We can cover most of what Calgary throws at us", he said, "if we just execute properly". "We were primarily beaten by execution of the defensive stunting . . . the man who was supposed to be in there got cut off", said Drake. "We will have to put more pressure on their quarterbacks in a passing situation". "Calgary runs a lot of the same material that we do, they run out of the same sets, have a basic winged-T with two pulling guards . . . their offence is very similar to ours." Drake is going to make a few minor changes in the offence, "we have a couple of new things we'll put in that we didn't show against the Huskies". "We're going to try to change a couple of keys in our running attack to try to confuse them a bit, but basically we'll be trying to execute our offence better than we have been." The coaching staff isn't planning any drastic personnel changes, they're satisfied with the lines and backfields. The key is still execution. There may be some minor changes at the linebacking position though. "We just played badly against the Huskies, we didn't play for 60 minutes," said Drake. The Bears will have to play some good football for the entire 60 minutes if they expect to come back from Calgary with a win. The Dinnies aren't going to roll over and die as usual. Late reports from Calgary say that the Dinnies offence is becoming a little spotty and inconsistent. If this is so, the game should turn out to be a defensive battle with the Dinnies having the upper hand by a very slight margin. If either offence gets untracked it could be anybody's ball game. Both teams have the deep pass threats and both have breakaway runners. But the upper hand goes to the Dinnies because they have demonstrated they can score . . . and they've won their first three games this year.

## Dis and Data

By Steve Rybak

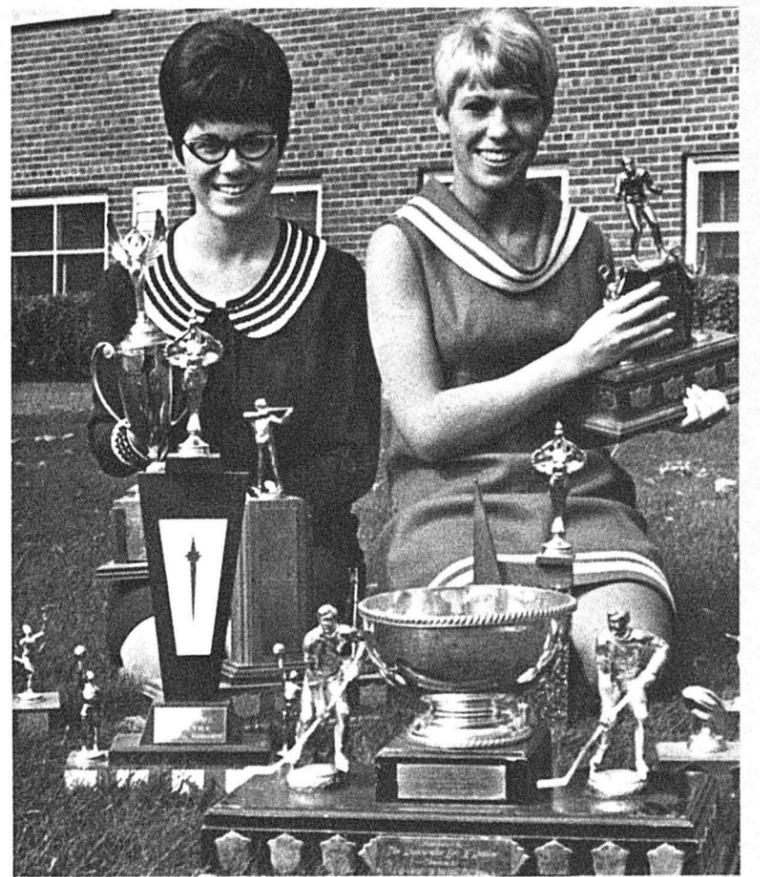
After playing offensive football for the last ten years Gil Mather has been converted to a defensive halfback. Mather has had a few troubles adjusting to the new position. Here he tells why.

. . . the biggest thing is defensive experience and this is what I don't have. I don't know what to expect. . . one think I'm really having trouble with is getting a good view of the whole field. When you're running your own pass pattern you're more or less concerned only with the man you have to beat. But when you're on defence your man is in front of you, but there is another guy who is coming from your blind side and he is coming into your zone and you're not aware of him. Then all of a sudden you'll see both men in your zone and you don't know what to do.



GIL MATHER  
... a new position

. . . you really have to keep your head up, you can't concentrate on one man, you've got to take in the whole scene. . . I'm too pass conscious, and in the first half against the Huskies I was dropping back covering the pass all the time, even when it was a run up the middle. I just couldn't see the total picture. Then in the second half it got better—I watched my man out of the corner of my eye and watched the quarterback more closely. . . troubles, well—one of the biggest trouble is running backwards, you're so accustomed to running forwards . . . your balance, your cuts, you use different muscles and this is a factor. . . you're in a different position when you're catching the ball too, you have to be more conscious of coming back to the ball because you will be in close proximity to an offensive man and you have to fight for the ball. . . It's new . . . I don't like it now because it's new, because I don't feel accustomed back there, I don't know what I'm doing defensively. . . I have confidence offensively and I don't think when I do anything offensively, I react. Defensively I have to think of what I'm doing all the time.



—George Barr photo  
**U OF A TROPHIES**—The luster and glamour of some of the athletic trophies in the possession of the U of A is somewhat dimmed by the beauty of the young ladies holding them. Miss Lynne Heffel (right) and Miss Elaine (left) provide the lovely backdrop for the picture.

## Formation of WCIAA raised level of intercollegiate sport

The Western Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic Association, of which The University of Alberta is a member, was organized to widen the scope and raise the standard of intercollegiate sports. These sports include football, basketball, hockey, wrestling, golf, tennis, badminton, swimming, skiing, curling, cross-country, fencing, gymnastics, judo, and volleyball. Members of the association are the Universities of Calgary, Alberta, Saskatchewan, (Saskatoon and Regina), British Columbia, Manitoba (Winnipeg and Brandon). A number of exhibition games are also arranged with local amateur teams and teams from the United States.

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