

Soccer Bears set

In three weeks time, the Canada West Universities Soccer Championships take place in Vancouver. Bears will have six games in three days, playing U of Vic., U.B.C., and the Huskies twice each, a tough schedule for any team. Gerry Redmond and Geoff Salmon have chosen their squad of sixteen players, and now they have to weld them into a cohesive unit. The squad is: John Baretta and Ed Staszuk, goalies; defenders Terry Whitney, Dave Clayton, Tommy Schmidt, George Lovell, and Rick Korol; midfielders Geoff Bird, John Devlin, Frank Tassone, and Glenn Murphy; and forwards Bobby Hrsak, Chris Kelly, Roland Leaute, Matteo Piscopo, and Phil Craig.

Three things have to be done for Bears to be at their strongest for Vancouver: the first of these is that Salmon and Redmond have to devise a system that will utilise their strengths as well as possible;

Redmond stresses that he wants a team that will work to a basic system without adhering to it slavishly. Without a system, you just have 11 individuals who happen to be wearing the same coloured shirts, trying to do things on their own; however, too rigid a system can stifle imagination, one of the beauties of soccer, and responsibility for adapting to the other team, one of the obligations of any soccer team, because coaching from the touchlines during a game is against the rules. Therefore you can still expect to see players tried in new positions, until the coaches are happy that they've hit the best arrangement.

The final requirement is fitness, pure and simple, and for this each player knows what he has to do. It is imperative that all the players attend as many of the practices as possible, and consciously work on getting it together.

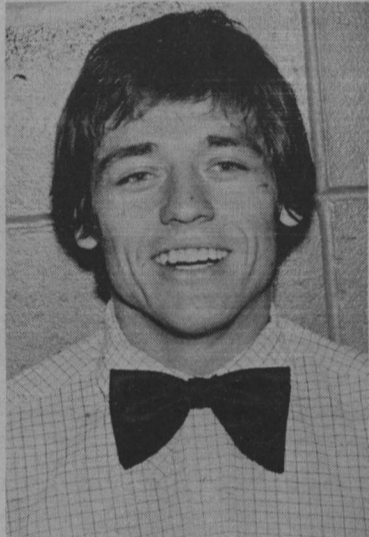
by Rhys Davies

Golden Bear Players of the Week



Offense

When fullback-placekicker Don Kates was at the University of Manitoba last year he led the Western Intercollegiate Football League in scoring. This year Kates transferred to U of A and at the rate that he's scoring for the Bears he'll probably better his 1973 total. In last Saturday's game against the UBC Thunderbirds he scored 16 points. He had a perfect day in field goal kicking, going four for four, and made four out of five converts. Kates also gained 43 yards for Alberta on seven carries. Don is an Education student majoring in physical education.



Defense

Bill Evans played an excellent game against the T'birds. His hard hitting was a joy to behold for everyone, that is, but UBC's ballcarriers. On one play last Saturday T'birds quarterback Dan Smith ran an option to Evans' side and the Golden Bears' linebacker drove him a good three yards back into his backfield. Evans was also responsible for one of Alberta's touchdowns against UBC. He blocked a punt and watched as Tom Towns picked up the loose ball and scored.

BASKETBALL BEGINNINGS

This year's edition of the Golden Bears' Basketball team is beginning practices this week. Coach Mitchelson has sixteen players in camp with five returning letterman and eleven rookies. Returning lettermen include, at centre 6'6" Leonard Daviduk and 6'5" Dave Holland, at forward Steve the Wonder Panteluk and Booker B. Hamilton III and at guard Rick Johnson. Steve Panteluk, who was all-league and second team All-Canadian last year, is the only returning starter. Booker Hamilton looks like he should be capable of slipping into the other starting forward position.

The centre position this year is wide open by the departure of Mike Frisby, who is now attending the University of Windsor in sunny Windsor. This leaves Daviduk and Holland to duel for the post position. Holland, who has just had a pin removed from his shoulder, will probably not be 100% till mid November.

The guard position should be taken care of by Rick Johnson at one point and the other guard position is still up for grabs.

Dr. Barry Mitchelson, in his second year after returning from Ohio State in Columbus, finished rookie camp last week and decided to go with eleven rookies. This means that Coach Mitchelson will have 16 players in his main camp (before he cuts to his 12 players) and the part-time appearance of Brian Fryer who is still playing football for the Bears.

The Bears should have a young and hustling team this year with no positions overly secure.

The most promising rookies seem to be Colin Fenell, Doug Baker and Dan Court. Fenell is a 6'3" leaper from Victoria High who was a first team all-city player last year. Baker is a 6'4" forward who attended Mount Royal last year and is an impressive shooter. Dan Court played for Lethbridge in the Intercollegiate last year and could possible fill in at the vacant guard position.

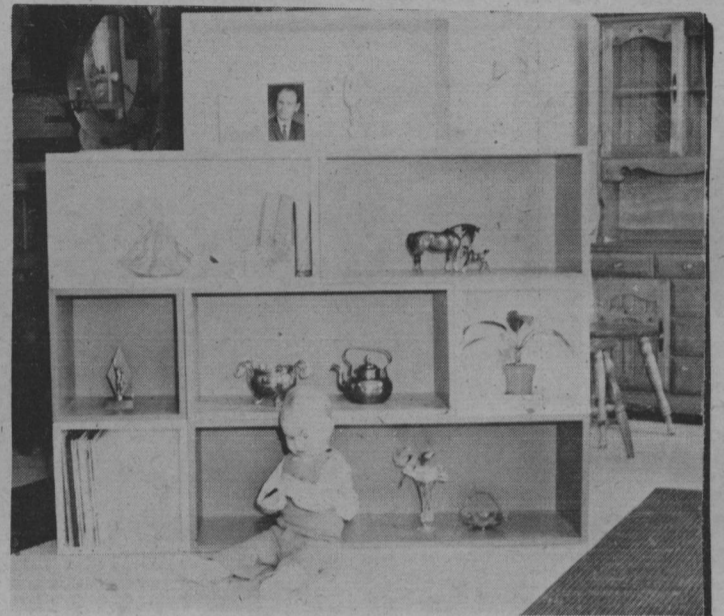
Coming up from the last year's junior varsity team are Scott Laurie, Rick Nilson and Bob Nodwell.

Bears will be opening up their season in the Tri-University

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Tri-University this year and should be a good opening test for the codgers this year.

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