

Puck picture promising

The saying "familiarity breeds contempt" should apply to the rivals of University of Alberta Golden Bear hockey team.

It has been a few years since anyone has knocked the Bears off the top rung of the western intercollegiate hockey ladder. This year, Bears would seem ripe to be unseated as champs, having lost nine starters to graduation. However, University of British Columbia Thunderbirds and University of Calgary Dinosaurs, the top two contenders in 1971-72, have also suffered heavily in the graduation category.

Dinosaurs will provide the first test for Clare Drake's Bears Saturday and Sunday, 8:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. respectively, at Varsity rink.

Gone from last year's 18-2 squad are defencemen Steve Carlyle, Byron Baltimore and Dan Bouwmeester and forwards Billy Moores, Harvey Poon, Jack Gibson, Cal Botterill, Randy Clark, Dave White and goaltender Jim Coombs.

Carlyle, in the past considered by many hockey people the best player outside of professional ranks, joins Gibson in the World Hockey Association; Steve playing for the Alberta Oilers and Jack for the Ottawa Nationals.

Among the others, Coombs, Bouwmeester and Poon are teaching; Botterill is in Winnipeg and Clark in Toronto.

Billy Moores, the determined little centre who lead Bears in scoring with 34 points, tried out with the Oilers but couldn't earn a position on their roster.

One change Drake didn't anticipate was the loss of Baltimore, a big 19-year-old blueliner, to the Los Angeles Kings' farm system. "I was counting quite a lot on him coming back," Drake noted.

The spots left vacant by Carlyle and Baltimore on defence will be filled by Bob Beaulieu and Ross Barros.

Beaulieu, who can also play forward, is a veteran of three seasons with Dinosaurs while Barros toiled last year with the Western Movers of the Alberta Junior B Hockey League. These newcomers join holdovers Paul St. Cyr, Brian Middleton and Len Brulotte. St. Cyr, who played on the 1970 Laurentian University hockey squad, is in his second season with Bears.

"Our defence will have to improve. It wasn't strong last year."

The return of Barry Richardson, easily the second best goalie in Canadian college hockey last term, brought comfort to Drake, who otherwise would have started the season with two unproven players in that position. Richardson auditioned with the Oilers in September and may be recalled to that team if Jack Norris or Ken Brown is injured.

Drake will have Craig Gunther, a freshman from the Wetaskiwin Colonels' intermediate hockey club, as his second goalie.

Drake was pleased with the work of his forwards in training camp.

In addition to the six holdovers from last year's squad on the forward lines, Mike Snider and Oliver Morris, Bears of bygone days, are returning, the latter after a two-year stint with the now-defunct Edmonton Monarchs.

Drake is particularly excited about speedy Oliver Steward, a native of Dawson Creek B.C. who somehow found his way to St. Louis University hockey squad last season.

Other new forwards are Steve McNight, Bruce Crawford and John Kuzbik. McNight performed for the Western Movers in 1971-72, while Kuzbik,

a six-foot-two, 195 pounder, is making a big jump from juvenile to collegiate hockey.

Dave Couves, Gerry Hornby and Rick Wyrozub, all proven goal scorers, are back, with Couves and Hornby in their

final years of eligibility.

Gerry LeGrandeur, centre Clarence Wanchulak and Marcel St. Arnaud are the other forwards returning from 1971-72 Bears. St. Arnaud is coming back after a serious knee-cap injury coming back after a serious knee-cap injury.

This season, Bears will compete against Dinosaurs, Thunderbirds, University of Victoria and Saskatchewan Huskies for top spot in a new division, the Canadian West Conference. Bears travel to Saskatchewan to open the regular league schedule, Nov. 10.

After this weekend's exhibitions with Dinosaurs, Bears will prepare for the Hockey Canada regional tournament, one of eight set for Nov. 3 and 4 that will determine the combatants for the Hockey Canada finals, in Hamilton during Christmas holidays.

In the past, the junior varsity Bearcats have been bored with inactivity. However, this season Bearcats compete in the new Edmonton Metropolitan Junior Hockey League, possibly the greatest development in local hockey in recent memory. Bearcats, coached by Dick Wintermute, open their schedule Friday at 8 p.m. against the St. Albert Bruins. Saturday, at 2 p.m., they host the South Side Metros at Varsity arena.

Dentistry on top

Dentistry, with a strong first place finish in the Cycle drag, have taken the lead in "A" Conference. Dentistry now has a total of 319 points, Kappa Sigma has 237, and slipping from first to third is Engineering with 186.

The first racquetball tournament came to a close on Saturday morning and Ron Pawlowski of Commerce defeated John Robbins of Geology 15-10 and 15-12 to capture the singles crown. In the doubles final Dave Cox and Pete Teasdale of Law upset Jeff Pollitt and Ken Ewasjuk of AAA, 10-15, 15-12, and 15-12.

A second tournament will be held in January.

Division I hockey will bet under way this coming Tuesday.

The deadline for water polo is Tuesday, October 24, at 1 p.m. in the Men's Intramural office.

Our intramural "Participant of the Week" is Allan Pawlovich of 10th Henday. Allan came close to turning a 10-6 loss to Medicine "D" around in Division III flag-football, and also contributed to Upper Residence's sixth place finish in the Cycle Drag last Saturday.

Timekeepers are required for Division I hockey. The salary is \$2 per hour. Further information is available at the Men's Intramural office, rm 24, PE building, between 12 and 1 p.m., and 4 and 5:30 p.m. weekdays.

Finals tonight

The finals for women's intramural water polo is set for tonight at 7 p.m. in the west pool. The top five teams from Tuesday and Thursday leagues are playing...Badminton defaults are on the rise...Registration forms for broomball, curling and flag football are now available at the women's intramural office in the physical education building.

Squash and paddleball competitors must play a minimum of five games before Dec. 1.

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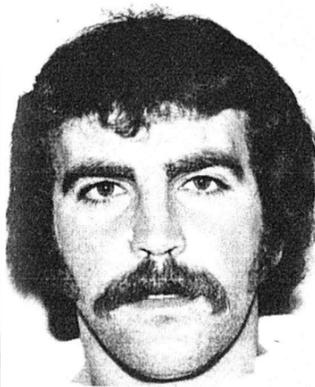
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Golden Bear players of the week



Ken Ewing

The Golden Bear running attack has been dynamite this season due to the holes guard Ken Ewing and his offensive line mates have been blasting in opposition defences. "The co-ordination between the line and the runners is really starting to blossom," asserts coach Jim Donlevy. Against University of Calgary, Ken also did a fine job covering punts, tackling Dinnies' John Farlinger for a single point in the last quarter. In his third season with the Bears, Ken stands six foot and weighs 205 pounds. A graduate student in educational psychology,

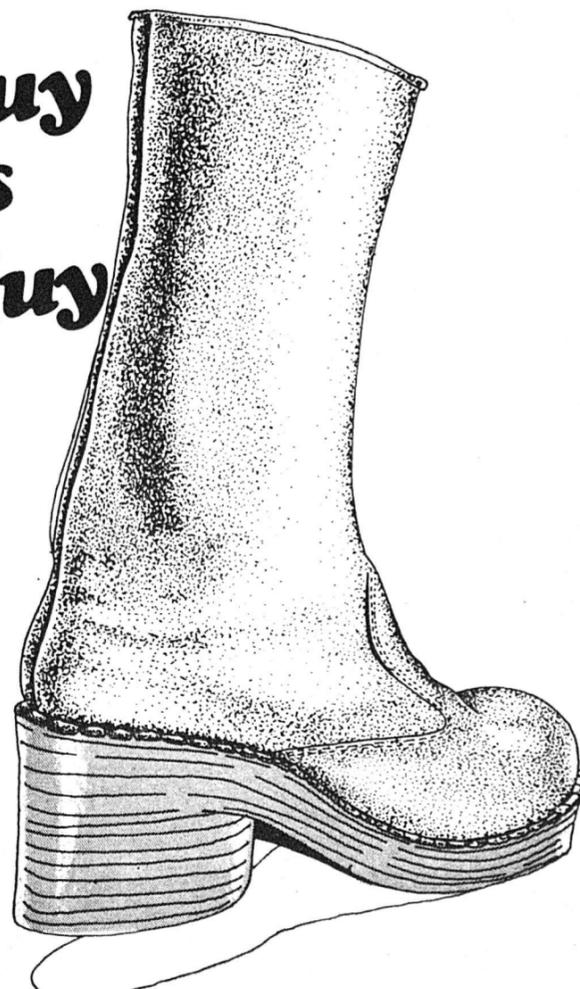


Doug Seniuk

One of the unsung heroes of the Bear defensive unit, halfback Doug Seniuk came up big against the University of Calgary Dinosaurs Saturday. Doug helped to prevent long pass completions and, in the fourth quarter, broke up numerous receptions in a vain Dinosaurs comeback bid. One of the few junior varsity players to make the jump into a starting position this year, Seniuk has good speed and is rated a good tackler. A 19-year old Education student, Doug stands five-foot-ten and weighs 180 pounds.

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