



**HUSKY FULLBACK** Brian Hammerton cuts into Bear defence during Varsity Grid action last Saturday before being stopped by Randy Spence (23). Power runner's efforts were not sufficient, however, to prevent 47-23 defeat.

Photo by Con Stenton

# League Leadership At Stake At UBC

U of A Golden Bears at present hold first place in the WCIAA football league, but this could change tomorrow.

Bears are on their way to meet their arch rivals the UBC Thunderbirds on the BC playing field. If Bears win, they will have sole possession of first place, but if they lose they will share that spot with the UBC club. Both clubs won all their games, however, U of A has played one more game than UBC.

All the suspense surrounding this next contest is reminiscent of last year. A year ago, when the Bears were in first spot fresh from a 59-0 trouncing of U of S Huskies, they made this same journey to UBC. However, Thunderbirds, hungry for a share of the league lead, fielded a determined club and were rewarded with a 23-19 victory.

### MEMORY SORE SPOT

The memory of this loss is a sore spot on the Bear record and Bears want to redeem themselves before their fans and their rivals. Bears are strong after their last win and are still relatively injury free. However, the Thunderbirds are strong and healthy also.

Last weekend, Ray Wickland and Roger Hardy returned to the Thunderbird ranks and brought the club back to full strength. The defensive unit is bolstered by Ray Shatzka, who all but won an offensive guard position with the Calgary Stampeders, but due to the Stamp's strength at the guard position, was returned to UBC to play out his college eligibility.

U of A Golden Bears will have to be at their best to beat Thunderbirds according to Frank Gnuv who has this to say about his club. "We

know this is one of the best teams UBC has ever had."

## Bears Lose Close Game To Pirates

Bears lost a close one 6-5 to the Pirates in rigger action at the South Side Athletic grounds on Saturday, Oct. 12. Once again, the Bears' superior drive and stamina was not sufficient to overcome their lack of experience.

Two infringements, resulting from ignorance of the rules, gave Pirates two penalty kicks early in the first half. Full-back Tim Upton made no mistake in either case. Bears stormed back on the offensive and after sustained pressure, front-row forward Mike Urchuk, playing his first game, forced his way over in the corner. Wayne Boddy's convert, from a difficult angle, was good.

### BEARS CLOSE

The second half was very scrappy and neither side threatened until the closing minutes of the game when Ernie Weins had a long run deep into Pirate territory. The final whistle blew with Bears on the Pirates' five yard line.

Bears missed the services of half-backs Forrest Angus and Jim Waddell, and centre Joe Clarke. Had they been playing, the backs would have been able to capitalize on the fiery performance by the forwards. In the past three games no team has managed to cross the Bears' line, a tribute to the university's defensive ability.

STATISTICS		
	U of A	U of S
Passes tried	27	13
Passes completed	17	8
Passing yards gained	232	85
Rushing yards gained	253	81
First downs	27	6
Punts	8	10
Passes intercepted	1	3
Fumbles—U of A: 3 lost 2. U of S: 4 lost 4.		
Field goals—U of A: 1 made 1. U of S: 1 made 1.		
Penalties—U of A: 9 for 85 yards. U of S: 2 for 20 yards.		

## Cross Country Bears Drop Stateside Meet

The cross country Golden Bears fell victim to U of Manitoba last weekend during the meet staged at Grand Forks, North Dakota.

The Bears came in fourth behind North Dakota State, U of M, and U of M frosh. They were followed by U of ND, Demidje College, ND State frosh, and U of ND frosh.

John Eccleston put on a supreme effort for U of A to come in second in a field of 80 runners. In a very fast finish, Brian Chambers of U of M moved ahead to defeat Eccleston.

Eccleston finished with a time of 15:49.2, 1.2 seconds behind Chambers. Chambers is rated by many, including Bear coach Jim Haddow, as one of the best in Western Canada.

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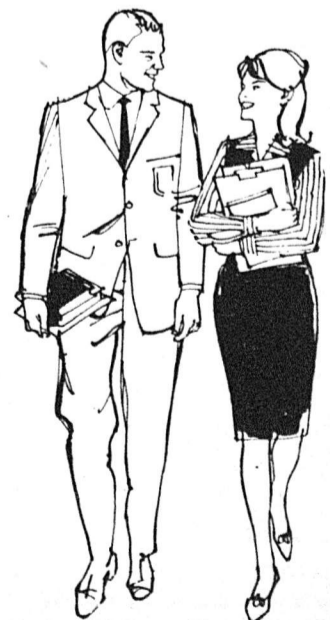
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