



# Alex Hardy

## Sports Chatter

Glenn Claerhout isn't the type of character who tears saloons apart, rips trees up by the roots or performs such circus feats as holding a tug-of-war with a railroad car with a



**GLENN CLAERHOUT**  
... no joke

rope between his teeth. He just looks like the type. "Hoot", as his teammates call him, is a first-string offensive tackle with the University of Alberta Golden Bears. What's more he looks like a football player.

He has abdominal muscles the size and consistency of crane cables, thigh bullets would bounce off, and

the neck and chest of a creature that lives in trees at the equator.

He's the type of fellow who could walk into a foreign car shop and say "Don't bother to deliver. I'll just carry it." He looks like a guy who would bend axles lifting railroad wheels off the floor. For it all, he's so polite he makes an English butler seem like a backslapper at a beer party.

Hoot grew up with his seven brothers and sisters on a farm near Bashaw. His family was rarely more than hollering distance apart.

Golden Bear manager Chuck Morse tells a story of Glenn's high school days, spent in Red Deer.

"The school's football coach was Arnie Enger, who now coaches at Jasper Place Composite," the Chuck-er relates.

"One day Enger spied Hoot roaming the halls stuffing his classmates into lockers. He decided then and there that Hoot was the type of fellow he wanted on his football team.

"But Hoot didn't share the feeling. He told the coach he would rather spend his Saturday afternoons back home with his family than spend them crippling the country's youth. The coach shrugged, but managed to drag Hoot out to a couple of mid-week practices.

"During one session Hoot nailed the team's star backfielder so hard the poor guy wasn't able to straighten up. They had to bury him in a crouched position. Well sir, after that the coach knew he had to have Hoot on his side. He finally persuaded him to play by promising to drive him home to his parents' farm after each game."

Hoot was a raw-boned, wide-eyed youth with cheeks as hollow as the heroine of a French opera when he arrived in Edmonton. During his first month in the big city he was so

## Fans Don't Know "Hoot", Opponents Wish They Didn't

blinded by the bright lights at night that he wore sunglasses when he went for the paper.

It was no joke, however, when he began throwing around his six-foot-two, 210 pound frame on the football field. A long line to the medical room quickly formed, and Hoot was about the only one not in it.

As a sophomore last year he made the Western Intercollegiate all-star team. Some say he could have made the team playing on roller skates.

Still, three will get you five the big fellow isn't known by more than a handful of university students. He's a lineman in a game that heaps the glory on backfielders. Playing offensive tackle is like being a butler. Nobody notices you. You keep an opponent out with a forearm shiver and you spend half your life explaining what it is.

But Hoot's opponents notice. "trying to get past Claerhout," said one, his eye shut and nose puffed, "is like trying to eat fire and swallow a sword in the same mouthful."

Glenn runs as if he were in a burning building and was trying to crash through the locked exit door.

Given a shot at defense in a recent game, he elbowed past his blocker like a determined woman who sees exactly what she wants on Dollar Day at the Bay. He ran to the sideline as if he were fleeing a shower of spears and grabbed the ball-carrier in a bear hug. Then he jumped on him and said in a voice as soft as a burglar's "Gotcha!"

Hoot has just one regret in life. His father has never seen him play. Maybe he doesn't like the sight of blood, even if it isn't his son's.

Injuries have never been much of

a factor in Glenn's career. He's the type who would show up for a game in an iron lung.

Look for the big fellow Saturday afternoon at Varsity Stadium, when Golden Bears host University of Manitoba Bisons in the schedule's final home game. If the game starts to drag, try shouting "HOOT" and see what happens.

## Vandals Get No Sympathy

Vandals who painted parking meters in SUB parking lot Thanksgiving Weekend receive no sympathy from Francis Saville, Students' Union president.

"If students here want parking meters removed, this is no way for them to get rid of them," he told The Gateway Sunday.

Edmonton city police were called in to investigate the vandalism, which has cost an estimated \$100.

Saville said this kind of trouble could create the "police-state" atmosphere present at UBC, where city police rather than campus patrol, handle parking and speeding violations.

The SU president said he had been misquoted earlier as saying the students' union was "not concerned" with the matter.

## UAC Stags Extincterate Rugger Bears

By Rick Assinger

The UAC Stags rugger team defeated the UAE Golden Bears 8-3 on Saturday at Edmonton.

From the start of the game to the finish, the Stags forced the Bears to play the ball mostly from their own end.

Barrie Baptie of the Stags scored a try late in the first half, and teammate Stan Hutton converted to put UAC ahead 5-0.

### MAJOR INJURY

The Bears suffered a major injury in the first half when Ernie Weins broke his collar bone.

UAC kicked off following half-time, and successfully held the Bears in their own end. The Bears received a penalty on their own 30-yard line and soon trailed 8-0 when Stan Hutton made a penalty kick.

Wayne Boddy successfully marked up three points for the Bears on a try. The convert was unsuccessful.

Dr. M. Howell, UAE coach, said injuries received during the game partially accounted for the team's defeat.

Calgary coach P. Reichenback stated: "four fellows played well, whereas the Bears played below their potential."

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