



THE SPORTING LIFE AS TOLD BY WINSHIP

I'm a sad, disillusioned, and disappointed writer. Nobody told me the Bears could lose! I, therefore, assumed it was impossible, at least, improbable.

Imagine my shock and humiliation when I heard that the Thunderbirds had done the improbable, and defeated the Bears 23-19.

My world tumbled at my feet with the realization that the Bears were mere mortals, not the invincible power I conceived them to be.

I had such big plans for the Bears: an East-West collegiate championship contest, possibly a challenge to the Grey Cup champions, and certainly, a tour of major Canadian football cities to flaunt their superiority.

Now, with one ungrateful act, the Bears have shattered my dreams, my plans, my predictions!

Tomorrow, however, the Bears will get a chance to make amends, and perhaps rekindle my plans and dreams, by shelacking the visiting U of S Huskies.

The only factor in the Huskies favor is the impetus their one game winning streak might give them. But as for a Husky victory . . . well, even Ripley wouldn't believe it!

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Let's establish one fact right now: I'm a "homer"—always have been, and always will be. I take defeat hard, although the foregoing might lead one to think otherwise.

I really don't think there's anything amusing about the Golden Bears' loss to the Thunderbirds. I don't think the Bears do either. I don't think the Bears should have lost.

To come so close to winning, and still lose, is small consolation to a team who had no right to expect a last minute miracle to save the day.

Football is a 60 minute game, and teams which play only 30 can hardly expect victory. Yet the Bears came within four inches of turning defeat into victory in a spirited second half come-back.

A Bear victory would almost have assured the WCIAU title and possibly given impetus to negotiations for an East-West collegiate final. Now, the possibility of a playoff with the T-Birds or a sharing of the Hardy Trophy, something akin to kissing your sister, seems likely.

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On the brighter side, the U of A cross country team will enter tomorrow's WCIAU championship slight favorites to retain the title they have captured eight years in succession.

The cross country team's record is second only to the hockey Bears who at one time had 15 consecutive titles to their credit, a record which prompted conference officials to permanently retire the trophy!

This year, however, the U of A runners are going to face the toughest competition the meet has attracted in many years.

The University of Manitoba will start an experienced, balanced team which has had the opportunity to compete against American competition—and win! Coach Jim Daly's squad has depth, a factor which is most important in determining the winner under the present system of scoring.

Saskatchewan improves every time out and has been very close behind Alberta in competitions this season. The UBC squad is expected to better last season's third place performance.

Nevertheless, I still like Alberta's chances to win their ninth consecutive title. I expect John Eccleston to take first place, followed by Manitoba's Brian Chalmers, and U of S's Terry Maloney. And I don't think any UAC or UBC runner will make a liar of me!

**Fencing Gains True Sport Status
Instructions Offered To Beginners**

Student fencing, active on the campus for the past six years under the leadership of Mr. Nicholas Rosta, is now valued as a true sport.

Rosta, who recently won the 1962 Dominion Sabre Championship, is now eligible for the forthcoming Commonwealth Games to be held in Australia and has an eye on the Pan-American Games to be held in Brazil.

Mr. Rosta, a native of Hungary, was a Class I fencer and Hungarian University Champion in 1939. Following this he captured the Alberta Sabre Championship in 1957 and 1951.

At U of A, fencing will soon be offered as a physical education credit course, and Dr. G. Peacock of the Department of Fine Arts has shown interest in fencing for drama students.

At present, under the direction of Dr. Gads and Dr. J. H. Whyte, a club for university staff and other professional people is being formed.

Fencing is held on Mondays and Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. in room 11 of PEB. Beginners are invited to attend. Equipment is supplied and instruction will be given. Inquiries may be directed to club president Jim Boulton, GE 3-7723.

»» **SPORTS SHORTS** ««

by Brian Flewwelling

Game of the week:

The Phi Kappa Pi "A" team rolled to their third straight victory as they walloped Pharmacy 37-0 in intramural flag-football Friday, Oct. 19. Previous victims of the big Phi Kap machine were Residence and LDS. This was Pharmacy's third loss in as many starts.

The Phi Kap team boasts a solid line and a backfield of fleet-footed footballers. Not to be discounted is the powerful defence which pushed the Pharmacy offensive club back for almost as many yards as Pharmacy gained.

The Pillboys were able to muster one sustained rush but it died just shy of a score and the Phi Kaps bounced back to score another touchdown.

Ed Wahl led the winning team with three touchdowns from the quarterback slot. He also connected on four passes for three more TD's and a convert.

The druggists were able to excuse their performance by blaming Nigel Hughes, student director of intramurals, for putting them in a league with too much competition. But it appears when the files were checked that the Pharmacy application had no indication that they did not want to compete in division A.

It is intramural policy that the first team entering from any unit will be placed in division A unless requested otherwise. Sorry chaps, that excuse will not do.

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The big attraction last weekend was the cycle drag on Saturday, Oct. 20. Spectators were also treated to a glimpse or so of the rugger match.

Medicine rode across the finish line with a time 1 hour 24 min., seven minutes ahead of second place Delta Kappa Epsilon. St. Joseph's College and Delta Upsilon placed third and fourth respectively.

By four o'clock the track was a maze of bicycle fragments, torn clothing, and scraped, bruised bodies. We must continue to support this sport!

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CONTINUING THEIR success, the intramural medical bicycle team won the hundred lap drag race, Saturday, Oct. 20. photo by Kendel Rust

Robin Hood, the archery tournament was successfully run off. Brian Younge of Medicine wins the green hat, with feather, for the top score of 146, 54 ahead of second place C. Cahoon from LDS.

With the results of archery and tennis considered, Medicine is on top with 131 followed by LDS with 128½, Delta Kappa Epsilon with 104, and Residence with 102½. When the results of the cycle drag are considered it will probably bring the Dekes up to second place still well behind the hot Meds.

Saturday, Oct. 27, is the last day for competition in intramural golf. Results will be out next week.

Coffee-row predicts the victory of the Gateway Sports Staff

entries in the cross-country Saturday, Oct. 27. Time—1:00 p.m.

There are 302 soon to be disappointed entries for intramural's classic distance run, 92 from residence. Training continues on the well-worn track between SUB and the Park!

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An ugly situation has arisen as the Kappa Sigma unit, deep in the basement of the intramural league with—8 points, has been indulging in "dirty" play.

Both Kappa Sigma teams, according to the referees interviewed, have been displaying poor sportsmanship in flag-football by slugging, kicking, and lipping-off referees.

Cross Country Team Thumbnails

Dr. Jack Alexander: Third year as coach of the U of A cross-country team. Won the one-half, one, three, five and ten-mile championships in Quebec in 1950. Obtained B.Sc. from Notre Dame University, Indiana. Was captain of cross-country team. Won the one-half and one mile championships twice. Doctorate from Michigan State University. Best mile 4:17.

John Eccleston: Third year Engineering. Alberta one and six mile champion. Past Alberta Junior Cross Country Champion. Sixth in a one mile during British Empire Games Trials. Has been individual winner in two out of three meets this year. Fourth in Western Intercollegiate Athletic Union Conference last year. Best mile 4:19.

E. Frost: Second year pre-law. Second in one mile, half-mile in Alberta Junior H class. Provincial High School Intermediate Champion. Best mile 4:40.

Art Hubscher: Doctoral student in chemistry. Highland Games three-mile champion. Second in nine mile Sherwood Park Marathon.

Bob Gillespie: Third year Arts. Sixth in WCIAU Conference last year.

Don Burfoot: Third year Engineering. First in last year's intramural cross country race. Tenth in WCIAU last year.

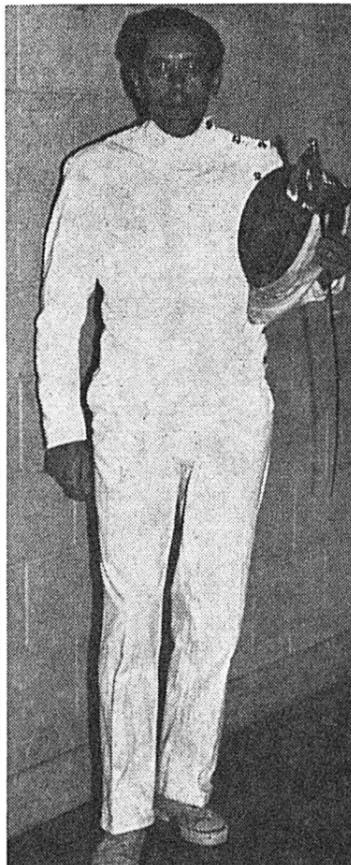
Doug MacDonald: Fourth year Education. Has yet to run in any meet this year. Was fifth in WCIAU Conference last year. Best mile 4:25.

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ODEON THEATRES

VARSCONA—3rd Week—"TWICE AROUND THE DAFFODILS"

ODEON—2nd Week—"CARRY ON CRUISING"

RIALTO - SKY-VUE—"BEST OF ENEMIES" with David Niven

ROXY—"A TOUCH OF MINK" Gary Grant, Doris Day

AVENUE—"SERGEANTS 3" and "TRAZAN THE APE MAN"