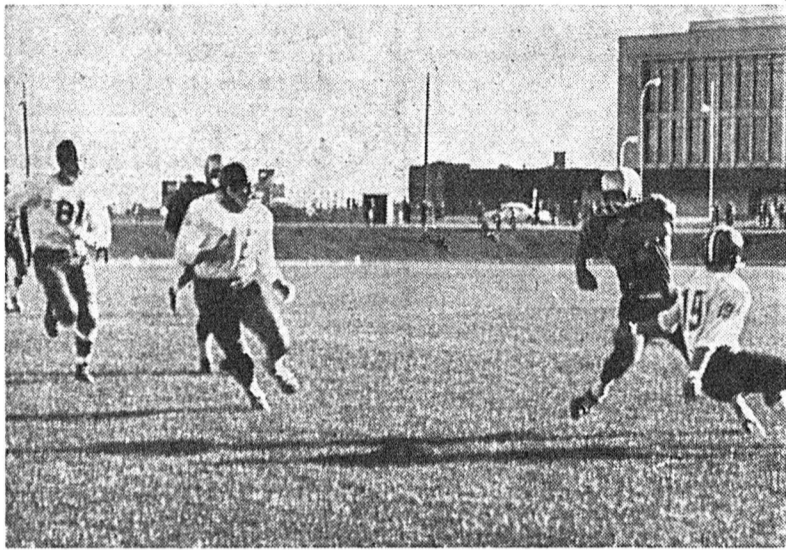


Bears Blank Thunderbirds



BEAR FULLBACK Bert Carron tries in vain to elude Thunderbird tacklers in last Saturday's WCIAU football game. Carron accounted for 93 yards on 17 carries, 16 more than the entire UBC offence managed.
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cess. Consequently most of Alberta's ground plays were sent up the middle.

Attesting to this was the fact that Bear fullbacks, Bert Carron and Ron Strifler carried on over three quarters of the Bear ground plays. Carron made 93 yards on 17 carries while Strifler added 87 more on 14 attempts.

Both fullbacks made MORE YARDS INDIVIDUALLY than did the WHOLE Thunderbird team along the ground.

The highly touted Alberta defense capably caged the weak 'Bird attack, holding them down to a meager 121 total gained yards.

Only too aware of his team's showing, Thunderbird head coach Frank Gnuip stated, "They just whopped us good. They had it all over us." And referring to his own team, "We made a lot of mistakes. Not one individual did a good job."

He then explained that there are

"only" eight returnees in this year's backfield!

The only laurels that could go to the BC club would be in the punting department. UBC quarterback Barry Carkner kicked the longest punt—60 yards—as well as achieving the highest punt distance average at 38.7 yards.

The Thunderbird pass defense was more powerful than reports made it out to be, as it held down the Al-

berta pass percentage completed to its season low of less than 58 per cent.

The longest pass play of the game—40 yards—from Smith to Nielson, was only four less than the total BC yards through the air.

The longest gain along the ground was made by Irvin Strifler who gained 18 yards in the march leading to a field goal in the second quarter.

Ken Nielson was Smith's favorite receiver, snagging four of seven passes for 78 yards. Carron was good for 38 yards in three out of three passes, as was Bradley who nabbed three of four passes thrown his way.

Game Statistics

	Alta	BC
First downs	25	9
Total yards	395	121
Yards rushing	205	77
Yards passing	190	44
Passes attempted	26	17
Passes made	15	7
Passes intercepted by	2	2
Punts	9	13
Average yards	36	38.4
Fumbles	2	1
Fumbles lost	0	1
Yards penalized	70	128

The Bears will be travelling to Vancouver for a rematch against the Thunderbirds next Saturday. The Bears are now one win ahead of the UBC team and a loss next Saturday would result in a first place tie between the two teams. Therefore the Saturday contest is quite an import-



HOTLY pursued, UBC quarterback Barry Carkner rolls out in last Saturday's Bear-'Bird tussle to find nobody in the clear; unlike last year when he completed two long pass plays in the dying minutes to gain a 14-14 tie with Bears.
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ant one to the two clubs.

In regards to the upcoming bout, Golden Bear head coach Clare Drake stated, "Neither Manitoba nor Saskatchewan will be able to beat them; we'll have to beat them ourselves." He then added, "There's no question in my mind that we should beat them."

Also referring to the next game, UBC coach Gnuip stated, "We'll just have to wait for next Saturday."

This weekend's match between the two teams should show whether or not the Bears deserve to be in first place.



THE SPORTING LIFE AS TOLD BY WINSHIP

Winnipeg (I think!)—If there is one thing the University of Manitoba has it's optimism.

If you were to believe all the self-professed experts on its campus you'd have to conclude that Manitoba's display cases will be over-burdened with WCIAU trophies come next spring.

Not even 47-7 and 28-0 snow-jobs at the hands of the Bears and Thunderbirds can convince staunch Bison supporters to abandon ship. They still expect a "miracle" from coach George Depres's first-year team.

Even more miraculous is that this optimism is shared among Bison players. Of the several players I talked to not one was ready to admit that the Golden Bears were a better team. One was convinced the Bisons would beat the Bears in Edmonton on Nov. 3.

Apparently the much publicized spirit of the Bison supporters was only the ill-fated flickerings of a fuel-less flame.

The football special to Saskatoon, and the subsequent celebrations which included a traffic-halting snake dance in downtown Winnipeg, only fed a fire destined to be doused by an unsympathetic Golden Bear team.

Many of the 4,000 fans who watched the Bisons being crushed by the Bears took the hint and stayed away the following Monday when UBC came calling.

That is the price ticket promoters must pay for promoting a defective product. Once the truth becomes apparent it's difficult to arouse even a superficial display of enthusiasm.

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The optimism, however, was by no means reserved for the football team alone.

Before the results were known U of M students were expecting victory in the intersarsity golf and tennis championships in Calgary. Their hopes once more outreached their abilities.

The cross country team is now the object of praise, and is being picked to end Alberta's eight-year stranglehold on the championship, which will be held at U of A Oct. 27.

Once again I think this suggestion is a false alarm. The U of M will have to go a long day to beat Dr. Alexander's Bear team led by John Eccleston.

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You know, it's wonderful attending a university whose athletic teams can't lose for winning and whose trophy cases are full, not by spring, but by the end of October!

Racquet Squad Wins WCIAU Title

by Dave Reece

The U of A men's tennis team avenged last year's narrow defeat by edging U of M in a dramatic final match against U of S.

The doubles team of Cam Dalglish and Lance Richard gave Alberta the title in the pressure-packed final match which climaxed a weekend of high calibre play.

Lyll McCurdy and Heather Mc-

Pherson teamed up to win the mixed doubles event.

U of A finished with 15 points, U of M was second with 14 points, U of S reaped 10 points, UBC, 9, and UAC was last with 2 points.

The individual honors went to Jim Ioanitis of Manitoba, who won four straight singles matches. Cam Dalglish was second with a 3-1 record.

A similar 3-1 record gave Lyll McCurdy second place to Tibor El-eksky of Manitoba in the second division.

Lance Richard won two and lost two as J. Cochayne of UBC won the third division.

Coach A. Affleck was very pleased with the tremendous team effort.

The women's team placed second behind UBC in the two-day affair.

Elenor O'Gorman of U of M edged out Alberta's Heather McPherson to win the first division. U of A's Linda Clute placed third in the second division with two wins and two losses, while Audrey King ranked second in the third division with a 3-1 record.

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