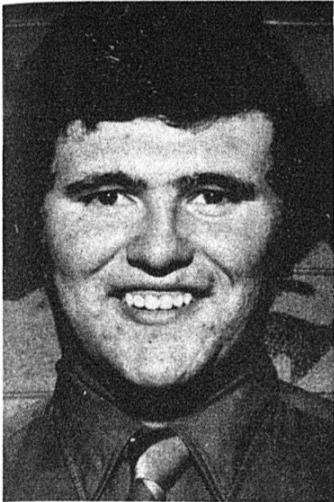


Golden Bear Players of the Week



First year Bear Errol Moen anchored the defensive effort that held Calgary Dinosaurs to 62 yards rushing and 200 yards in total offense last Saturday. Moen has been a starter since defensive tackle Mike Ewachniuk was injured in Winnipeg October 6. He has moved in alongside Al Shemanchuk to keep the middle of U of A's defensive wall intact. Shemanchuk has complete confidence in his linemate: "He's so big and strong that he has no problem." Moen, in turn, credits Shemanchuk's help and advice for much of his success. "If it hadn't been for Al I wouldn't be playing." The second year physical education student stands six-foot-two and weighs 250 pounds and, at 19 years old, is still growing.



photo by Sandy Campbell

The players pictured above are known collectively as Golden Bear's offensive line. They're the guys who open the holes for Bears' running backs and protect the quarterbacks on passing plays. In other words, they're the men who make U of A's offense work. You don't see their names on the score sheet but their dedicated efforts show up in offensive statistics. On a muddy field against Calgary they led Alberta to 388 yards rushing and 568 yards total offense. Offensive line coach Don Barry is proud of his unit: "Any time you gain over 300 yards rushing," (as Bears have on several occasions) "you know the offensive line is doing a good job." Normally they're a modest, fun-loving group but, when persistently questioned they did admit to being, as Drummond put it, "The brains and backbone of the team"

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Another defenseman, rookie Abby Hebert, came into Sunday's game in the second period to replace centre Bruce Crawford who was injured. He put in a solid performance at wing, and was generally impressive playing in his regular position Monday.

Toronto coach Tom Watt expressed disappointment at his team's inability to complete plays, and felt they pressed little too hard for goals.

However, it's quite evident that he has another championship team in the making, despite the fact that ten players, including both goalies, are new this year.



BEAR FACTS

Alberta suffered heavy casualties last weekend. Definite non-starters for the upcoming Manitoba series: rookie defenseman Len Spratt with a pulled groin muscle, and John Simkin with a badly bruised knee muscle...Bruce Crawford is also a doubtful starter with a bruised hip....Dwayne Bolkoway suffered a strained shoulder and will be out of action for a while...Clarence Wanchulak, out of commission for over a week with stretched knee ligaments, is practicing with the team again but will not play for at least another week....Rick Wyrozub, last year's league leader in goals and total points, will begin skating late this week. He fractured his ankle during the summer.



Grid Bears to B.C.

Jim Donlevy's Golden Bear football team flies to Vancouver this weekend to play UBC Thunderbirds, coached by Norm Thomas. Last time the teams met Bears used Brian Fryer's five touchdowns to stomp the west coast club 53-7.

With that smarting defeat in their minds T'birds should be eager for revenge. "Thunderbirds will probably come against us with all guns blazing," says Donlevy.

UBC is winless so far in six regular season contests and, with only two games left to play, will be desperate for a victory.

Bears will have to guard against overconfidence because injuries often occur when players aren't giving a full effort. Alberta cannot afford any more injuries.

It's also important for U of A to play well in order to build up momentum for their last game at Varsity Stadium versus Manitoba November 10. Bisons can clinch at least a tie for the Western Intercollegiate Football League title with a victory over Alberta.

In Manitoba's last outing they beat UBC 49-23. The victory was costly though as fullback Don Kates left the game early with injury problems.

Doctors weren't sure how seriously Kates would be impaired, but head coach Gary Naylor has his fingers crossed that his fullback will play against U of A. Kates was leading the league in scoring and rushing when he was hurt.

Also in the WFL this weekend University of Saskatchewan Huskies travel to Calgary to take on the fourth place Dinosaurs.



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