

Bears open season in east

Meet McMaster and Waterloo in exhibition series

By BILL KANKEWITT

Clare Drake and his masters of mayhem, the Golden Bear football team, are off to Eastern Canada this weekend.

The jaunt marks the opening of the 1968 exhibition season for the defending national champs.

On Saturday in Hamilton, they take on their Vanier Cup rivals of the last year, the McMaster Marauders. Just 48 hours later, the Bears will pile into Waterloo to tangle with the University of Waterloo Warriors.

HOME OPENER

As if this isn't enough, the Bears barely have time to unpack upon their return before they take to the field Saturday, Sept. 21 for their home opener against the U.B.C. Thunderbirds.

Although they have lost such stars as John Wilson, Ed Molstad, John Violini and Les Sorenson from last year's team, the Bears look stronger than ever in '68.

Newcomers Bill Jenner and Rick Spencer are looking well in workouts. Pete Tyler, Larry Speers and Larry Bird are Bear stars of past seasons returning to school this year.

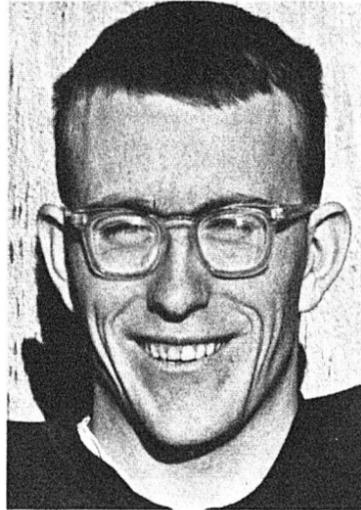
Bruce Gainer, Larry Dufresne and pint-sized bundle of dynamite Hart Cantelon saw considerable preseason action in the cap of the Edmonton Eskimos.

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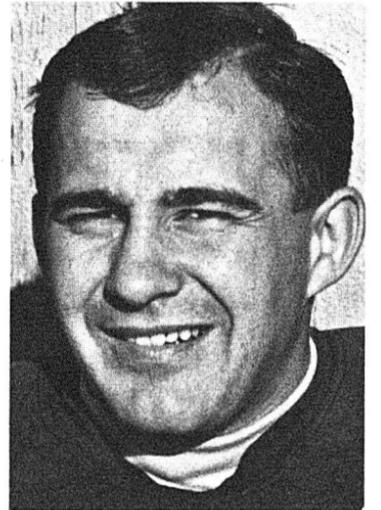
Trainer Ray Kelly says this year's Bear camp is the best he's ever seen. In fact Kelly, who assisted the Eskimos in their pre-season workouts, says the Bears are hitting and working harder than the Eskimos did in their camp.

The offensive and defensive lines appear almost lethal. Averaging well over 200 pounds per man, the "beasts of burden" are hitting with reckless abandon.

Veteran linemen the likes of Ken Van Loon, Hart Schneider and Gene Lobay have been forced to fight hard to retain the positions they held last year.



KEN VAN LOON
... veteran lineman



LARRY DUFRESNE
... top defender

Coach Drake has the same coaching staff as last season with the exception of Arnie Enger. Roy Stevenson, Don Barry and Jim Donlevy are the returning coaches.

Guest coaches assisting in the pre-season training are Murry Smith, Dr. Bert Taylor, Dave Sande, Barry Mitchelson and Calgarian John Borger.

They whittled down the original 85 prospects to a workable 45. Thirty will make the eastern trip.

Following their final exhibition game against the Thunderbirds, the Bear's work will begin in earnest. Their league opener is set for the

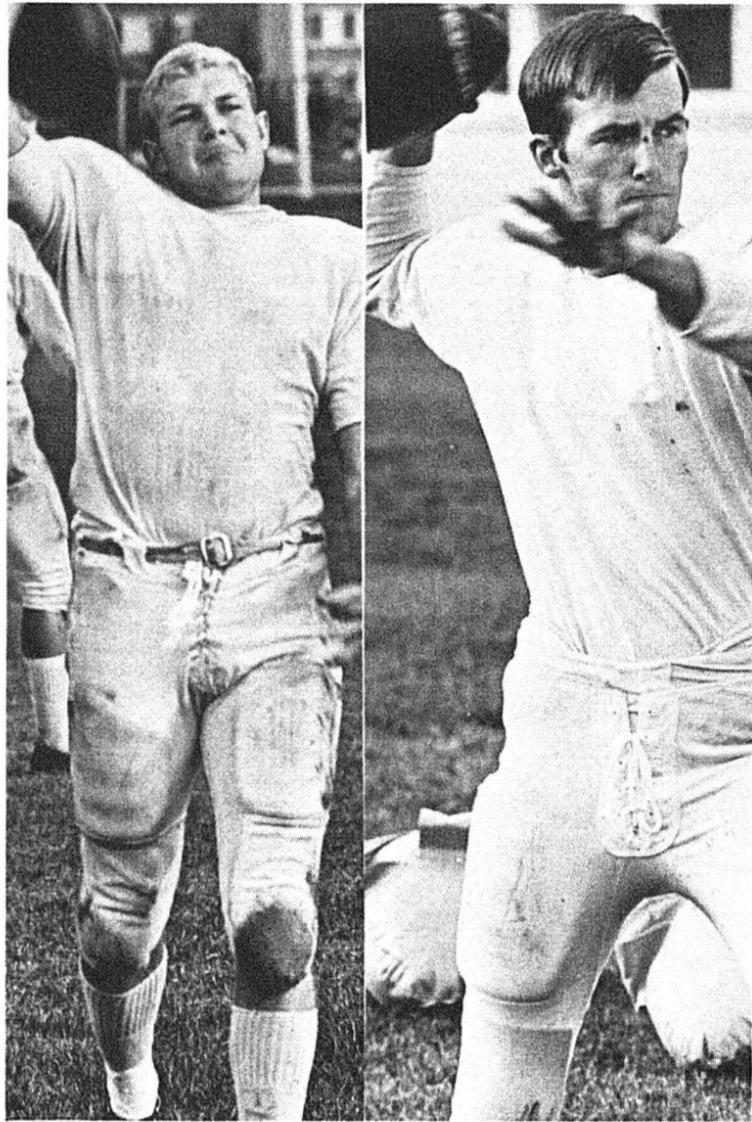
following Saturday, Sept. 28 against Manitoba Bisons.

BARE FACTS:

One of the major surprises of the camp had to be the departure of highly-touted Max Wrotniak. The ex-Wildcat end looked well in workouts but decided to pack it up.

Sophomore flanker Garry Schielke has been one of the most improved Bear players.

Finally we have to turn to Hart Cantelon for the quote of the week. Watching the beefy lineman trundling over to join the backs in a drill Cantelon was heard to utter, "Here come the animals."



—Neil Driscoll photos

BATTLING FOR QB POSITION

Dan McCaffery (right) is making a strong bid to take the number one quarterbacking position away from Terry Lampert (left). McCaffery led his squad to victory in the inter-squad game last Saturday.

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BEAR SEASON OPENS SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Dinos get two new coaches

Two University of Calgary graduates and former members of the football Dinosaurs have joined the coaching staff of their old term. Head coach Dennis Kadatz, director of athletics at U of C, announced the addition of Don Green and Jim Courtice to his coaching staff.

The two newcomers join assistants Walt Saponja, Geof Lucas and

Mike Lashuk. Saponja, offensive line coach for the Dinnies, has been with the club for five seasons. Lucas, defensive line coach, is beginning his third year.

Appointment of Lashuk, the former Edmonton Eskimos player, to handle the offensive backs was made earlier this season.

Short short

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