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Bears go a-hunting

by Peter Best

After four consecutive weeks of Western Intercollegiate Football League games, the Golden Bears have a pleasant change lined up for this weekend: they will be playing the Simon Fraser University Clansmen in an exhibition game Saturday evening in Vancouver's Empire Stadium.

Saturday's game is the second half of a home-and-home series which started last fall here at U of A. In the 1973 U of A-SFU game, which the Bears won 30-18, the teams developed admost an instant rivallry.

As you probably know, Simon Fraser is one of the few Canadian universities that offer athletic scholarships, Because of this they don't play in Canadian intercollegiate football. Instead they play in a division of small

colleges from the United States, with some exhibitions against Canadian schools. SFU's scholarship program, plus the number of Clansmen graduate that have made professional teams has led many people to believe that Simon Fraser has the best football program in Canadian universities.

U of A and other Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic Union members have always denied the myth about Simon Fraser's football team. Consequently when Alberta, then defending Canadian champions, beat the Clansmen last year the feelings on both sides were considerably greater than in a normal exhibition game.

This year emotions will be running just as high as before. The Clansmen will be out to prove that their loss last season

was a mistake. The Bears will be trying to keep their unbeaten record intact. The result should be a fine football game.

Bears' coach Jim Donlevy is looking forward to the game for two reasons. First he would dearly love to beat the Clansmen again. And second he wants his

team to be challenged.

In each of their four WIFL games so far the Bears have been in complete control despite weaknesses in some aspects of their games. Donlevy wants Simon Fraser to give Alberta a good test so that they will be ready for the second half of the WIFL schedule and the playoffs.

The 1974 edition of the Clansmen should be challenge enough for almost any team. With 30 lettermen back from last year they should be a balanced, experienced team. So far this season SFU has a 2-1 record. They have beaten the University of Montana and Humboldt State University from California, and lost to the University of California in Chico, Calif.

Terry Bailey, their small college All-American last season, has graduated and is now playing for the B.C. Lions. He has been replaced by Barry Houlihan, a transfer student from the University of Washington. Lui Passaglia has shifted from wide receiver to quarterback and is reportedly doing a good job of leading the Clansmen's attack.

The defense is led by tackle Marc Stevenson. Stevenson is built like the Bears' Al Shemanchuk (6 ft. tall, 235 lbs.) and is very strong and fast. He is the player that SFU's publicity department is touting this season for an All-American selection.

While the Bears will be playing Simon Fraser, the rest of the WIFL will be trying to catch U of A in the standings. The second-place University of Calgary will meet the Saskatchewan Huskies in Calgary, and the UBC Thunderbirds will play Manitoba in Winnipeg.



INTRAMURALS

And the winners are: Mary Hole (Apathy) and Audrey Rudko (St. Johns) in Pitch and Putt, Barb Haber (St. JoHns) in competitive nine hole golf and Cheryl Nixon (Education) in Turkey Trot,

Despite the cold weather, girls turned out to participate in the Turkey Trot. Cheryl Nixon completed the 2 mile course in 8 minutes 41 seconds winning herself a Thanksgiving turkey and Melita Salt and Colleen Seymour were the lucky turkey winners.

Flag football went off on schedule last weekend but the majority of games were defaulted due to inclement weather. However all teams will be playing this Saturday so check the Women's Intramural Board for time and locations.

It appears to be a close battle in Innertube Water Polo with five teams tied for first place. The games Tuesday and Thursday of next week will

decide the playoff schedule.

Basketball Free Throw and Basketball nine hole golf takes place Monday at 7 p.m. in the West Gym. Participants may sign up at the gym at 6:45 p.m.

Volleyball starts October 17 and curling takes place at SUB on Sat. Oct. 26 and Nov. 2. Look for sign up sheets or visit the Intramural Office Monday to Friday from 12-1 p.m. or 4-5 p.m.

Keep Fit classes will take place in the Fencing Room, Phys. Ed. Complex on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 12-1.

Jogging starts Thursday on the Ice Arena Track. Look for a sign up poster to record your mileage. Run 50 miles by December 1 and win a Women's Intramural T-shirt.

Intramural T-shirts are being sold now in the Intramural office for \$3.00---have a team uniform, colors are white, blue, green, red and yellow.

Tryout camp continues

Golden Bears tryout camp continues this week with the number of hopefuls slowly dropping into the double figures.

The 74-75 Bears will feature a few more rookies than recent editions, having lost 7 veterans from last year's roster. Gone are goalie Barry Richardson, Defenceman Bob Beaulieu, and forwards Gerry LeGrandeur, Marcel St. Arnaud, Clarence Wanchulak, Oliver Morris and Oliver Stewart, although Stewart may return if he decides not to play semi-pro hockey in the International League this winter.

Coach Clare Drake says that he may dress up to 21 players this season. The Junior Bearcats team is likely extinct and Bears will need the enlarged roster in the event of injuries to starters.

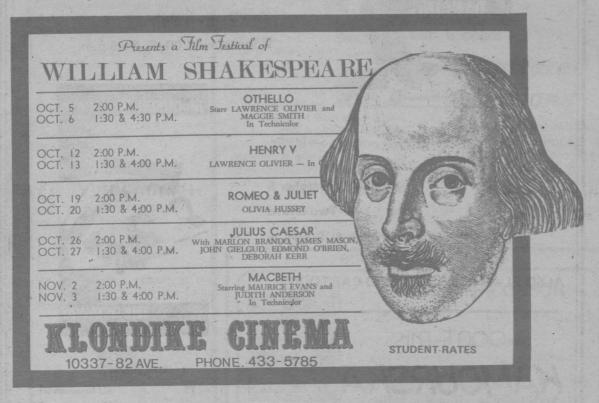
Craig Gunther, Dale Henwood, and Jack Cummings will battle for the 2 goalie posts available (no pun intended), while 4 to 6 forward slots and 2 or 3 jobs on defence are up for grabs

Howard Crosley and Larry Wall, both former Bearcats seem to be the leading candidates on defence, although G. Nattrass, a former Medicine Hat Tiger, and Hank Barrie, another Bearcat grad, have looked good in workouts at Varsity Arena.

Numerous forwards have excellent chances at cracking the lineup, including Milt Hohol, who is returning to the Bears after several seasons' absence.

Rejoining the team from last your are defencemen John Simkin, Ross Barros, Abby Hebert and Brian Middleton. Forwards returning include John Horcoff, Rick Wyrozub, Bruce Crawford, Steve McKnight, Rick Peterson and Jim Ofrim.

Coach Drake expects to reduce the number of bodies to about 34 by the weekend from approximately 60 now in camp.





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