

Bubba Blake

by Bob Kilgannon

Blake Dermott's character is unforgettable.

The 19 year old Bonnie Doon High School product is a happy-go-lucky joker from way back. He can keep his teammates on the football team (and anyone else within earshot) entertained for hours with his own unique brand of humor.

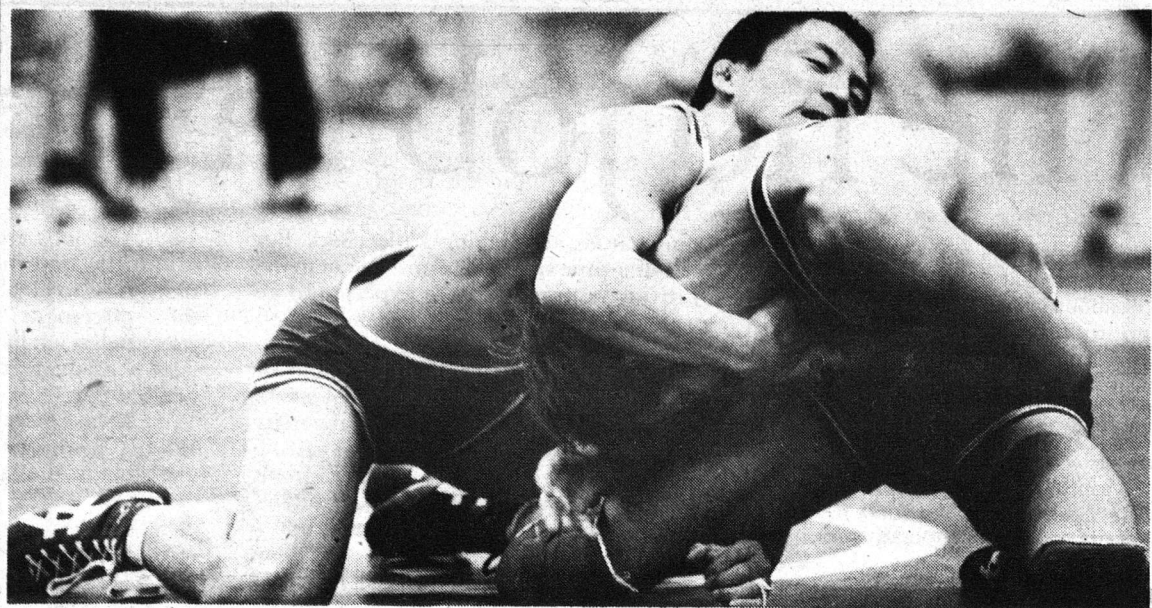
More importantly, though, Blake Dermott is an excellent football player. His play, particularly in the last few games, has helped to lead the Bears to their berth in this year's College Bowl.

Blake puts it into team terms when he says, "I just wish the season was a little longer. We are getting better every game. If we played a couple more games, and continued to improve (like we are doing now) we would be awesome."

A former silver medallist in the discus in the 1977 Junior

Canadian Legion track and field championships, Blake has been a defensive lineman for most of his football career. At Bonnie Doon, Bubba, as his teammates call him, was a defensive tackle in grades 10 and 11. In his senior year there was a fall teacher's strike, so Dermott played almost the entire season with the Edmonton Huskies under John Belmont. Then, when school did start, Blake became a jack-of-all-trades. He played defensive tackle, defensive end, offensive tackle and fullback.

After high school, Blake had some choices to make about where to continue his education. "I had some scholarship offers (at Simon Fraser, Utah, Weber State and Walla Walla Community College) but I decided to come here because they have a good phys. ed. program," Blake said. "I also figured that this was the only place where I had a chance to start in my first year."



Okay coach, what do I do now? The Japanese team had the Bears all wrapped up last night at Varsity Gym.

photo Tom Freeland

Asked about how it felt to be going to the College Bowl, Blake replied, "It hasn't really hit me yet. I want to play Acadia, though, to make up for last year (when Acadia beat the Bears 27-3 in the Atlantic Bowl). If we play Acadia I

think that will be great."

Dermott says the Bears' defense is improved from last year's edition. "I think our defense is better this year because we have more experience. We know better what to expect in big games."

The biggest game of the year for the Bears is November 29 in Toronto. Both the defense and the offense will have to come through for the Bears to return home as College Bowl champions.

From Tokyo to Intramurals

by Garnet DuGray

Intramurals a haven for ex-pros?

Well, not exactly, but they seem to be enjoying themselves by participating in the program.

Last week it was mentioned that there were two ex-pro hockey players in the program. This week's story comes out of the track and field meet held this past Saturday at the fieldhouse. Dr. Anthony Sneazwell of the Dentistry faculty was reported to have captured the high jump title at the meet with full details out next week when they are all tabulated.

Although this may not seem significant, the fact that Dr.

Sneazwell was ranked number 2 in the world in high jump at this time in 1963, is. Trailing only Valeriy Brumel of the Soviet Union, Dr. Sneazwell had cleared 7'2 1/2" at Tokyo that year while remaining undefeated close behind Brumel. Congratulations go out to Dr. Sneazwell for his contribution and his accomplishment in intramurals.

In other men's sports, the waterpolo leagues wrap up next week with the playoffs to follow. Come out and support your team. The men's basketball league continues into January also to be followed by a round of playoffs.

The final two events of the

fall term had their deadlines this past Tuesday as the squash tourney runs this Grey Cup weekend in the East Courts from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Also the snooker tourney will run next Tuesday - Thursday, November 25 - 27 in the SUB games area. Check the board for playing dates and times of both events or contact your unit manager.

The co-rec volleyball leagues wind up this week with the two-game guarantee tourney to run Monday - Thursday, November 24 - December 4 in all gyms. Check for your playing times and dates outside the office. The co-rec curling bonspiel will run on Saturday, November 29 from 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. in the SUB rink.

The women's ice hockey leagues continue until the month's end with the European handball to run Mondays and Thursdays, November 24 - December 4. Playing times and places will be posted.

Due to a large number of "no-shows" in the women's instructional clinics, the women's council has decided to bar these no-shows from further clinic participation this year.

And finally, deadline for the women's racquetball tourney by one p.m. on Thursday, November 27 in the women's office. The tourney will run on Saturday, November 29 from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. in the East Courts.

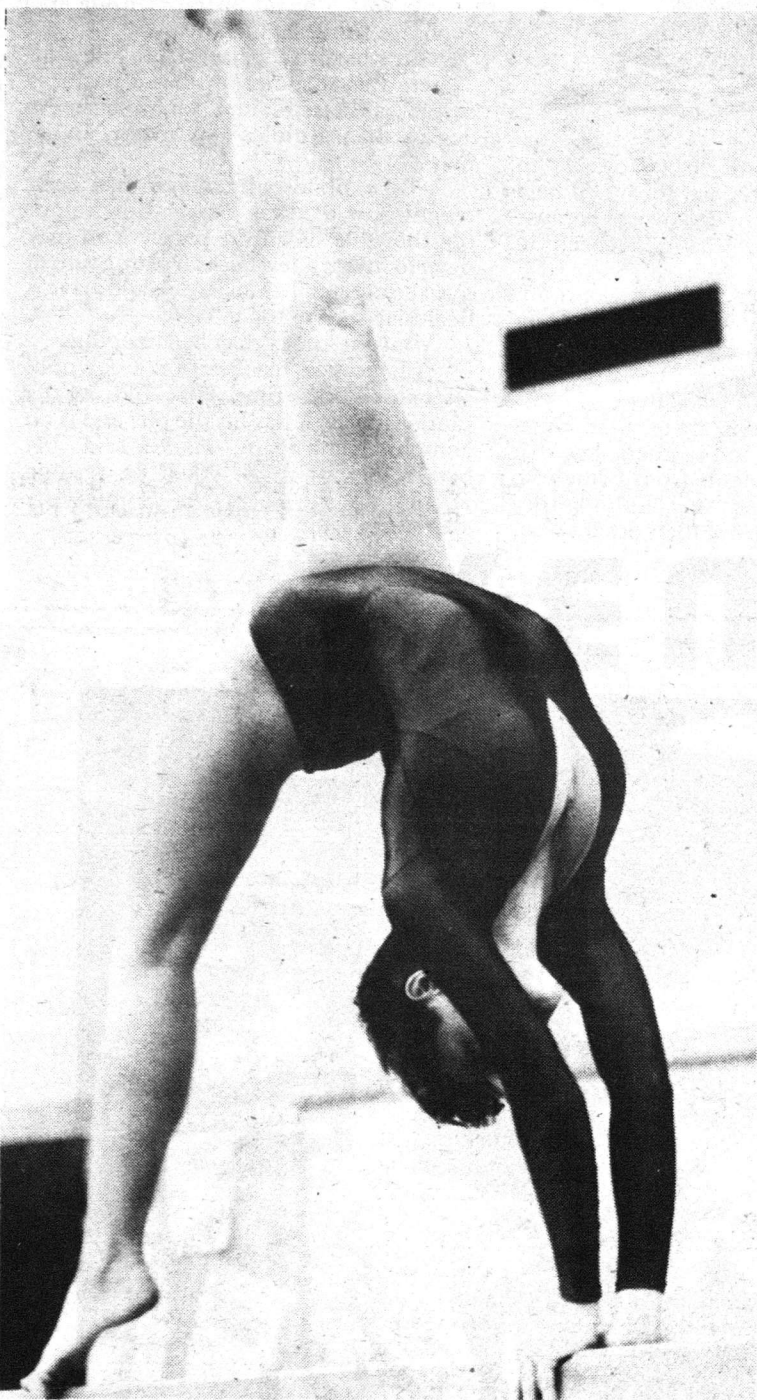


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When Calgary failed to show the Pandas held their own meet last weekend.

Glen tried Harder

Twenty male gymnasts from three universities competed in an informal warm-up meet Sunday in the Dance Gym. Nine Golden Bears, eight UBC Thunderbirds and three Calgary Dinosaurs participated.

Individually UBC's Glen Harder was the top competitor with firsts in the rings, parallel bars and floor exercise.

Bear rookie Brendon Carrigay had first place standings in the pommel horse and horizontal bar competitions while

another Bear, veteran Eric Ruckenthaler, was the best vaulter.

The Pandas were supposed to compete against the U of C team but they cancelled on Friday. Subsequently, they held an intra-squad meet among nine of their own members. Rookie Janice Gorgichuk took the all-around title while veteran Noreen Skoreyko was second.

The next home meet for both teams is the U of A Invitational in February.

Bears learn lesson in California

Coach Brian Heaney took his Golden Bear basketball team on a tour of Los Angeles last weekend to play a couple of exhibition games.

While they came home without any wins in the three contests, Heaney feels the trip was a valuable learning experience. He says, "I'm sure our players can set some new objectives and perspectives on where we are in the real world of basketball."

That "real world" included Loyola Marymount University, a National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I team. Division I is the top college league in the States and Loyola competes against teams like Indiana, a power in American college basketball.

The Bears also played a Division II team, Whittier College, and a Division III team, Westmount College.

In the first game, against Whittier, the Bears lost 80-53 after trailing 46-26 at the half. Greg Dell had 13 points and Jim Pratt eight as did Jeff Gourley for Alberta.

The Whittier contest once again saw the Bears fall behind early and they trailed 31-19 at halftime. They got their act together in the second half but couldn't overcome the deficit and dropped a 64-50 decision. Ken Haak hooped 15 points with Dell adding 13 and Gourley ten.

The Loyola squad showed the Bears what first rate basketball is all about as they more than doubled the score, 85-42, on the

Bears. Terry Ayers with 12 and Haak with ten were the only Bears to score in double figures.

Heaney says the games taught the team "what intensity means, how to play hard."

The Bears will have a chance to put what they learned into action this weekend. Both they and the Pandas are travelling to Vancouver to take on UBC. It's the season opener for the Bears while the Pandas are 0-2 after a pair of losses to Victoria last weekend at home.



The Hockey Bears tangle with the Saskatchewan Huskies this weekend at Varsity Rink. Both teams will be decked out in Cooper-all uniforms. Barrie Stafford is shown here wearing the latest thing to hit the hockey scene.