



The Volleyball Pandas won their half of the North-Am Tournament held at Varsity Gym this weekend. The Bears were knocked out in the semi-finals on the men's side.

photo: Bill Ingles

The last word (well, almost)

With the conclusion of the Canadian university football season I believe it would be a good time to review the pre-season predictions of the Gateway's football writer.

The predictions for the Western Intercollegiate Football League were (team, predicted finish, predicted record): Saskatchewan, 1st, 6-2; Alberta, 2nd, 5-3; Manitoba, 3rd, 4-4; UBC, 4th, 3-5; Calgary, 5th, 2-6. The actual finish was: Calgary, 1st; UBC, 2nd; Saskatchewan, 3rd; Alberta, 4th; Manitoba, 5th.

It is to be noted that he missed on both of the conference's playoff teams; failed to pick a team closer than two positions of their actual finish in a five-team league; and missed one by the maximum possible four positions (last to first).

The report on the Dinosaurs, of whom your writer was particularly disparaging, left one with the impression that they would be fortunate to finish as high as last place.

As it turned out, not only did Calgary finish first,

but they also won the conference and national championships, and were #1 ranked nationally for the last five weeks of the season.

Even conceding that prognostication becomes much simpler after the event, it is astonishing that the predictions could be off by so much. I would submit, as a partial explanation, that perhaps your sports writer is as divorced from reality as the so-called political commentators and other left-wing hacks that staff your publication.

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Editors Note:

At the time the predictions were made, Greg Vavra; Calgary quarterback-punter, Hec Creiton Trophy winner and minor deity, was still with the Edmonton Eskimos. As for reality, divorce is still in the courts, pending a decision on who gets custody of the ascertainable facts.

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