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#1 T-Birds roll into town at 4-0

by Dean Bennett

What do you do if your team is 1-3 and the number one ranked team in the nation is coming to your ballpark this weekend?

How about hope for snow?

The possibility of snow is one advantage the football Golden Bears would not dismiss as they begin the second half of their season by hosting the UBC Thunderbirds at Varsity Stadium this Saturday.

"If it's raining it doesn't matter. There's no advantage. BC plays in the rain all the time," said defensive lineman Dan Aloisio. "But they hate snow. We're kinda hopin' it'll freeze."

Cold weather definitely played a part in the Bears victory over UBC in Edmonton last year. On November 9 the Bears, aided by -16 degree Celsius temperatures and a superhuman performance by linebacker Mike McLean, defeated the T-Birds 38-13. Going into the game the Bears had to beat UBC by 25 points and the Saskatchewan Huskies had to defeat the Manitoba Bisons for Alberta to make the playoffs. The Bears of course did defeat UBC by the required amount but the Bisons destroyed Saskatchewan and went into the playoffs ahead of the green and gold.

This season the Bears opened their season in Vancouver, and were overwhelmed 23-5 by an impressive T-Bird defense. Since that time the teams have travelled in opposite directions in the standings. UBC is currently 4-0 and on

top of the WIFL. The Bears are all but eliminated from post season competition. The team attitude, though, does not seem to be one of pessimism.

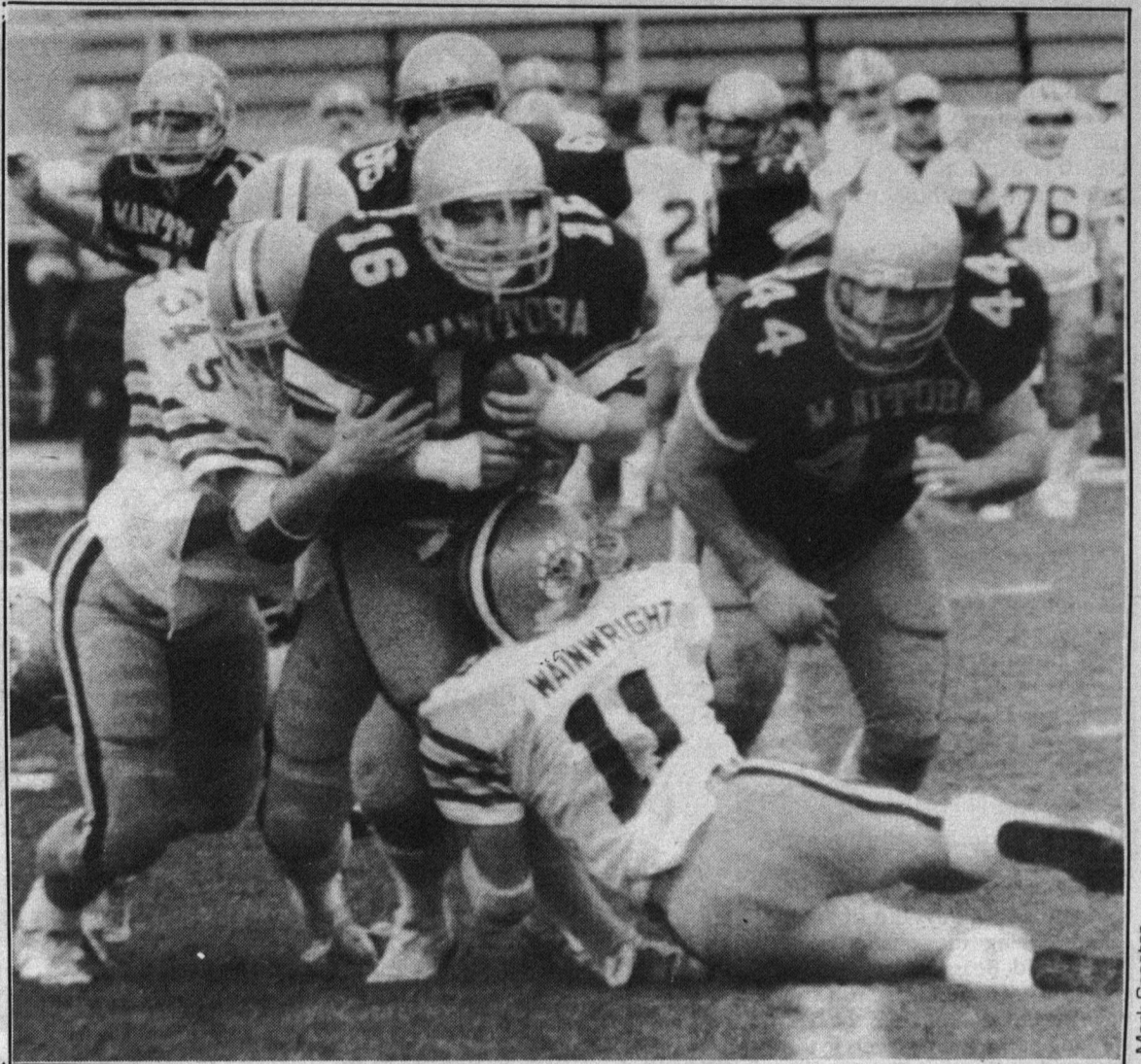
"The attitude is a lot better now (than at the start of the season) even though we're 1-3," said safety Sheldon Weinkauf. "Against UBC we had no game experience and had only 32 guys (maximum travel roster). Now we know what to do and we've got the whole roster available (60 players), so fatigue won't be a problem."

Even if the weather is a question mark at this point, UBC leaves no doubt about what they're going to throw at the Bears.

"Frank Smith (UBC head coach) is showing us the same things from his 1982 playbook," said Alberta Head Coach Jim Donlevy. "But they execute real well. He's a very meticulous coach. They've done nothing different in any game they've played so far."

"BC doesn't change," added Aloisio. "They tell you where they're gonna run and it's up to you to stop them."

Bear Facts: Running back **Jeff Funtasz** will make his first appearance of the 1986 season on Saturday; he missed the first half of the year with a hamstring tear . . . defensive back **Andrzej Obodzinski** has been moved from the back up safety spot to running back to replace the injured **Mark Brus**; Obodzinski should not have too much trouble adapting, as running back is his natural position; he only became a



Mark Spector

Manitoba handed the Golden Bears their third loss of the season two weeks ago. This Saturday the UBC T-Birds come to town, sporting the number one ranking in Canada.

safety after a severe knee injury forced the switch to the defensive backfield . . . offensive tackle **Andrew Stephen** will miss the upcoming game with stretched nerves in his neck . . . other injured Bears include inside receiver **John Lamb** (dislocated shoulder) and

defensive lineman **Karsten Kelm** (knee injury) . . . the 13th man program is now extinct. **Donlevy's** autopsy report reveals too many administrative details and a lack of expected popular response finally did the program in; Donlevy hopes to revive it again next year, possibly

getting the fraternities more involved . . . Varsity Field still looks like Anzio, there is little hope of improvement by game time . . . the game will be broadcast live on **CJSR-FM, 88.5** starting at 12:45.

Harley revs up for spot in goal



Rookie goalie Brian Harley. the Pre-Med student has a bead on the second netminder spot behind sophomore John Krill.

by Mark Spector

With the beginning of the Canada West regular season just over a week away, rookie goaltender Brian Harley is looking good to step in behind John Krill as Alberta's number two man.

But even though he's so close now that he can probably smell it, he's not tipping his hand.

"There's still lots to go," said the cautious teenager, "and coach Drake still has Nadr (Jomha) around."

Jomha, trying out for the Bears for the second straight year, was within a whisker of making the club last season until Drake cleared the way for ex-McGill netminder Darren Turner to play. Turner would go on to become Alberta's number one tender right through to the CIAU's.

This year Jomha, ever the unfortunate one, pulled his groin early in training camp and is finding it difficult to make a solid return.

But Drake's decision to keep Harley, son of the Associate Dean of Medicine and in Pre-Med himself, will be made easy for two reasons: Harley's outstanding 3.35 Goals Against, and the fact that Turner must forego at least the first half of this season due to academic problems.

"Our goalies have been better than we had expected judging by training camp," said Drake after Tuesday night's 4-1 snoozer win over Red Deer College. "During practice they weren't outstanding but once we started playing games they've really picked it up."

Harley went the distance in that game, stopping 21 shots. It was

especially gratifying to him after a tough outing in Saskatoon at the Labatts Classic the previous weekend.

"The Arena that we played in (The Doghouse, a small arena right on the U of S campus) was pretty dark. On two shots guys came just over the blueline and let go slapshots that got past me."

Should he stick, Harley will be the second would-be Doctor on the Golden Bears, right behind third-fourth year center Dave Otto, who is currently in the Medicine faculty.

Coincidentally, Harley's father taught Randy Gregg, the most famous Doctor to come out of Drakes' program.

Jeff Helland has two goals, while Bret Cox and Darwin Bozek had singles to subdue an over-matched Red Deer squad.

Bears 4 Red Deer 1



FIRST PERIOD

1. Red Deer Sylvester (Kobelka, Baker) 9:41. **Penalties:** No Penalties.

SECOND PERIOD

2. Alberta, Hellond (1) (Walter, Dill) 10:00. **Penalties:** Stokowski, Alta., 0:28; Straw, R.D., 10:43.

THIRD PERIOD

3. Alberta, Box (2) (unass.) 3:23.
4. Alberta, Hellond (2) (unass.) 10:38.
5. Alberta, Bozek (1) (Cox), sh, 13:52. **Penalties:** Lawson, Alta., 7:30; Stokowski, Alta., 14:46; Bozek, Alta., 18:17. **Shots On Goal:** Alta. 13 11 7 31; R.D. 10 8 4 22.

Goaltenders: Harley, Alta., Brooker, Helfrisch, Cory, R.D.

Back to stay (for a while at least) is second year forward Bret Walter, who played his first game for Alberta versus Red Deer. So far this fall Walter has attended the training camp of the New York Rangers ("The arena is on the fifth floor!" was one of the surprises of his trip).

He returned to the Golden Bears for a couple of days, then took off for Dave Kings Olympic program, and now is finally settled here for a while.

"According to Dave King, I'll be going up and down all year," says Walter, "if that's O.K. with coach Drake." With the Oly's based in Calgary travel shouldn't be too great a concern, and the experience won't hurt either.

"I don't mind moving around a bit," admits the native Calgarian. "Dave King and Clare Drake are both excellent coaches."

In The Crease: Sid Cranston has only played in five games but still leads the Bears' scoring parade with 6-5-11 . . . **Dean Clarke** has been the most impressive newcomer on defense, according to Drake. Also, the coach expects to see 6 or 7 new bodies on the final edition of the Golden Bears. He will cut 4 or 5 by Friday, paring down from the current 30 . . . **John Krill** has had a solid camp between the pipes. He's allowed only 8 goals in 240 minutes (2.00), posting a shutout . . . Alberta has outscored their opponents 32 to 23 in 7 games, with the widest margin coming in the third period (11-4). The Bears powerplay efficiency is at 16.3, while they are killing 87.5 of their own penalties.