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## Top-ranked Bears demolish Dinos

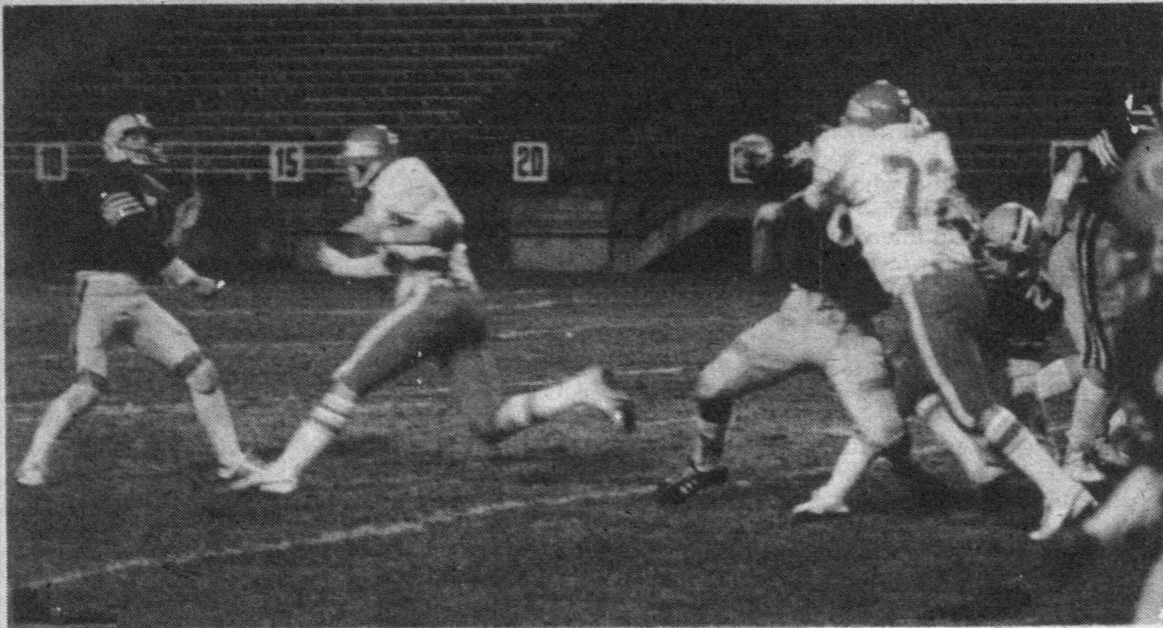


photo by Brent Jeffrey

Bears QB Jaimie Crawford is rapidly developing into one of Canada's premier college pivots.

Bears 34 Dinosaurus 19

by Bob Kilgannon

It took a while to come but come it did. Friday night the Golden Bears offense finally put it into high gear, scoring 24 points in the second quarter and 31 in the first half. The Bears actually led 31-0 at half time and then held on, substituting freely in the second half, for an eventual 34-19 verdict.

The game was really decided in the first half, as quarterback Jaimie Crawford played "probably (his) best game as a Golden Bear." Crawford, the third year pivot from Lachine, Quebec, played extremely well and might have set some records if he had played for the entire game rather than just the first 30 minutes. Crawford's statistics make it look as though he played the whole game — 14 for 21 in passing for 318 yards.

That's not too bad considering the fact that in their first three games the Bears averaged 328 yards of net offense for the entire game. (In the first half the Bears also got 22 yards rushing so their net offense was 340 yards).

Crawford went to speedster Troy Ciochetti (who now is catching the ball the way everyone knew he could) for 59 and 99 yard pass and run touchdowns. Crawford said that, "... it was our plan to go to Troy. In Manitoba he caught some passes inside and tonight it really came together" (for Ciochetti).

Coach Jim Donlevy explained it this way — "They took away some of the things we do well (like quick outs) but they just couldn't cover us deep. It's really ironic. Last year we had the speedy Irishman (Sean Kehoe) who no  
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Some miscellaneous manderings on a day when, quite frankly, I'd rather be in Regina:

Why are football fans in Central Canada taking this year's disgusting sequence of events lying down? For one thing, lying down almost ensures that you're going to choke on your own vomit when you hear the latest results. Last year, football fans in New Orleans took to wearing paper bags over their heads while attending Saints' games. Something in that area is what this year's CFL season is lacking.

I'm not talking about fan protest, either, perish forbid. What I'm talking about is more a matter of unification. After all, futility can be fun. I should know; I've been a Calgary Stampeders fan for as long as I can remember.

Over the years that I've followed sports, both as a professional in this business and as a fan, I've noticed over and over that nothing succeeds like the lack of success. Colleagues who are suffering from terminal ennui as the Eskimos chase their 187th consecutive Grey Cup think back fondly on those halcyon days of the '60s when the local lads continually came up with exciting ways to fail. Winnipeg Jets fans wear tuxedos to home games; perhaps in an attempt to convince themselves that what they're watching is actually Wagner's *Die Gotterdammerung* on skates. People in New York continue to turn out en masse to watch the Jets, Giants, and Rangers, teams which seem to be developing failure into an hereditary trait.

Why, then, can't football fans in Canada accept this 1981 season for what it is: a Looney Tune, playing live for our benefit. I mean, how can anybody listen to Pat Marsden and Bill Stevenson and *possibly* believe that this stuff is supposed to be taken *seriously*? Instead of bemoaning Vince Ferragamo's ineptitude, we should rejoice in an honest effort that just isn't working out. Let's cheer Vinnie on and hope that he manages to break Tom Dublinski's interception record in a *really* big way. Where are the Ferragamo Fan Clubs?

Along the same lines, which Eastern Conference squad really deserves our plaudits this year? Keeping in mind that the last playoff berth will be going to a team with a 2-14 record, the answer should be fairly obvious. This year, it's going to take a particularly inspired effort to *miss* the Eastern Conference playoffs, and that effort should be rewarded. Paper bags are obviously out, but there is, no doubt, some inspired humanoid out there with an idea that requires only a bit of encouragement to burst into full flower. (How would the Eskimos respond, I wonder, to entreaties that they 'lose one for the Gipper' - substitute kipper if you're really into smoked fish.)

While we're on the subject of Les Alouettes, let's take some time out to malign Nelson Skalbania - something approaching the status of a sport in itself, these days. The arguments for and against individual ownership of sports teams have been made often enough, but one point stands clear: the individuals who own these teams are never dull - for the most part, at least. As far as controversy goes, though, Skalbania is pretty poor stuff stacked alongside such greats as George Steinbrenner, Charles Finley and Bill Veeck. Nelson's predicament, currently causing such a ruckus within the Canadian sports media, unfortunately suggests little more than a hotshot real estate salesman getting too big for his britches. This certainly pales in comparison with Steinbrenner's legal problems, and Skalbania's so-called flair (which seems to have consisted largely of signing cheques) couldn't hold a candle to Veeck or Al Davis at their best. Talk about a national inferiority complex — we can't even raise a robber-baron sports owner worth talking about.

I'd love to go on, but the man with the butterfly net is here and wants to chat. I'll be back next week, once I've been properly fitted for a wrap-around sports coat.

## Trojans are frozen out

by Andrew Watts

In an exhibition game here Saturday the U of A Golden Bears hockey team trounced the Trojans from SAIT 10-1.

"We were fairly pleased with how our team performed considering it was our first time out against another club this year," commented U of A coach Clare Drake.

The Bears totally dominated the Trojans and the game was never in doubt as they scored three first period goals and four in the second before Darrin Woitas scored the lone Trojan goal. The third period was a repeat of the first as the Bears put three more goals behind Trojans goalie John Gillespie.

The defence, constantly on the move and rushing the puck well, accounted for four of the goals with Brad Helfrich collecting three of them.

"We like our defencemen to rush the puck as long as they know when to stay back," said Drake.

Helfrich's third goal came off a neat rush out of his own end and

a beautiful give and go pass in the Trojans end before he slid the puck under Gillespie.

Throughout the game the Bears out-hustled the Trojans and constantly beat them off the puck. In the third period the Bears showed some fine penalty killing work twice killing off two man disadvantages with aggressive defences and energetic checking from Perry Zapernick.

"We have been on the ice for four or five days longer and I think it showed in the third period," observed coach Drake.

The Trojans did seem tired in the third period and the Bears were able to use their superior size to move them out of the corners and create havoc in front of the Trojans net. The Bears were using the body all game and there were some solid checks dished out by Helfrich and Wade Campbell on defence.

The Bear forwards constantly applied pressure in the Trojans end but were still able to backcheck effectively when called upon.

The two Bear goalies, starter Don Soboleski and mid game replacement Garth Astles were rarely tested but came up with two or three good saves apiece (Astles' first save being a breakaway).

The Bears put together a well balanced attack with 18 of 20 skaters collecting at least one point. The big guns for the Bears were Helfrich with three, captain Terry Lescisin with two and singles going to Rob Daum, Ron Parent, Dan Hewes, Brad Schneider and Duncan Babchuk.

The 1980 Canadian College Champion Trojans seemed no match for the Golden Bears who completely overwhelmed them.

"Our players are a year older and I think this extra experience and size was evident," observed Drake.

Although the Bears looked fairly impressive this was only an exhibition game against a club of inferior quality to the ones they will be facing later this year. Only time will tell whether this team can regain the national crown lost last year.



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The hockey bears spent Saturday afternoon making life distinctly unpleasant for SAIT Trojans goalie John Gillespie.