

Bears go flat on prairies

by Bob Kilgannon

First the good news. The Golden Bears scored 31 points Saturday. The bad news is that they allowed 47 points. The Green and Gold came up against a vastly improved and emotionally inspired team in the Manitoba Bisons.

Offensively the Bisons played exceptionally well, being helped initially by turnovers in Alberta's end of the field. Quarterback Duand Hysop was just outstanding. He led the Bisons in every category, rushing 15 times for 112 yards and going 15 for 19 in passing for 244 yards.

Manitoba jumped on the Bears immediately, Hysop running eight yards for a touchdown at the 2:38 mark. The Bears defense stiffened for the rest of the quarter, although Manitoba had excellent field position. Then near the end of the quarter safety Gord Syme intercepted a Hysop pass and returned the ball 90 yards for a touchdown. That kept the game close at 8-7 for the Bisons.

Manitoba came back in the second quarter with 10 more points, making the score 18-11. However, with just 32 seconds left, the Golden Bear defense

lapsed badly, allowing Hysop to complete a 49-yard touchdown pass to Les Oakes. The Bisons also got the two-point convert. Instead of trailing by just seven points, the Bears went to the dressing room down by 15 points.

The Bisons really finished off the Bears at the start of the second half. They scored touchdowns the first two times they had their hands on the ball and made the score 40-11. The Bears didn't quit, though. They scored three touchdowns (with one unsuccessful two-point conversion attempt) to the Bisons' one to make the final score 47-31. Rick Paulitsch scored two touchdowns on runs of two and seven yards. Frank Cunningham got the other touchdown on a two-yard plunge.

Manitoba head coach Dennis Hryciako wasn't surprised by his team's offensive play. "We felt that we could run against them (the Bears). We ran well against them in Edmonton." He was also happy with the margin of victory, explaining, "Us winning by more than 12 points (what the Bears beat Manitoba by) is important. It leaves us in control of our own destiny. Now

if we win our last two games (against Calgary and Saskatchewan) we make the playoffs. What scares me though is if Alberta and B.C. tie. That could knock us out of the playoffs."

Hryciako pointed out only some of the possibilities. If Manitoba (3-3) wins their last two games, the Bears (4-2) need to win their last two to make the playoffs. If the Bisons lose one of their remaining games the Bears need to win only one of their remaining two games. If Alberta beats Saskatchewan (1-5) and loses to UBC (5-2), they would finish second. If the reverse occurred, the Bears would finish first and UBC second.

While the Bears lost, they displayed character in not giving up. The Green and Gold worked hard for the entire game. Maybe athletic therapist Ray Kelly put it best, saying, "We've got more balls than burns."

Bear Facts

A belated Golden Bear thank you to the men and women of the Deke and DG fraternities for Bear Country.

Friday night in Calgary UBC ended the Dinosaurs

YARDSTICKS		
	Alberta	Manitoba
First downs	20	31
Yards Rushing	63	310
Yards passing	284	244
Total offense	347	554
Team losses	26	17
Net offense	321	537
passes made/attempted	17/39	15/19
Interceptions/yards	1/90	3/32
Punts/average	6/45.6	6/32.6
Fumbles/lost	3/3	2/1
Penalties/yards	10/79	10/91

INDIVIDUAL		
	Manitoba	Alberta
Rushing		Paulitsch 4/24
	Safiniuk 11/76	
	Hysop 15/112	
	Futz 14/68	
Receiving		McLean 5/86
	Safiniuk 6/94	Waterhouse 4/51
	Oakes 2/61	O'Connor 3/51
	Groshak 3/42	Paulitsch 4/50

playoff hopes with a 29-12 victory.

There didn't appear to be any injuries for the Bears Saturday other than the usual assortment of bumps and bruises.

Dave Brown had his best game of the year punting. He had six kicks for a 45.6 yard average.

He also boomed an 85 yard single in the second quarter.



photo Jim Connell

Vikings did not pillage and burn Edmonton. However, they managed a 1-0 victory Saturday.

Pandas bounce back

by Dora Johnson

The 1979 version of the Pandas Basketball team is almost ready, and have been practising for over two weeks. The Pandas are learning a crafty new offense and the famous "help and recover defense."

The team consists of many veterans and has added some new faces to the intercollegiate scene. Among the veterans are Trix Kannekens, Janet Bosscha, Sarah Van Tighem, Glynis Grif-fiths and Noreen Mitchell. Nancy Spencer and Ann Faulk are also back, but are off to a slow start because of injuries. The seven newcomers are Lynn Graf-faas, Bev Freeman, Brenda Mckinnon and Deanna Swinamer.

So far the team looks young and unexperienced. Still, they are ready and willing to offer tough competition in the race for top league honors.

Old men from the sea best Bears

The Bears soccer team has a chance to win the West conference, next year. The U of V Viking's Saturday 1-0 victory was not the result of a clear advantage in playing ability, but rather in experience. Victoria, after an early goal, gave the Bears many second half scoring chances.

Generally, the Bears played well. However, the Bear's youth probably led them to try too hard and fail in completing attacks.

It is easy to understand the pressure they faced being in first place and playing at home for a chance at the national championship. When the Bears gain more experience they will not be inconsistent under pressure and will be able to win pivotal games.

Actually, these deficiencies were not large, but against a skillful Viking squad, any error was amplified. The Bears defense played well. They were, except for David Secco's goal, able to neutralize the coastal team's world student game players, Peter Zachary and Secco.

In fact the Alberta defense stopped most attacks, and after the first half maintained a tight man to man defense. In addition, goalkeeper Joel Cochrane played without fault and backed up the attack with long balls to the midfield.

The game started badly for the Bears when Victoria's Secco headed a left cross into the Alberta goal's low right corner. The man to man defense had lapsed for a moment and Victoria took the opportunity. Alberta responded with

forwards Rudy Bartholomew and Ase Ayobahan, but was unable to create a clear scoring chance.

Later, both teams had chances. The Bears had penalty kicks and Victoria used long balls crossing in front of the Bear net. On the other hand, Victoria did not give the Bears time to loose good kicks and Victoria forwards often got tangled in traffic near the Bear net.

Victoria's defense was quick to recover and would take advantage of a slow attack. The Bear defense often stopped the Vikings at midfield and left them with little choice: run the ball and possible lose it, or kick a long ball and chase it into the Alberta end.

The goalkeepers, Ted Vanwaes for U of V and Joel Cochrane for Alberta, kept the score 1-0. The half ended with

good saves by Cochrane and a leaping effort by Vanwaes. Vanwaes tipped Steve Smith's head ball just over the goal cross-bar.

The second half displayed the same fast pace with the Bears, in particular, pressing well. However, they had trouble feeding the forwards on the U of V's flanks. On the other hand Victoria could not stretch out the Bear defense and often lost the ball at the goal crease. The Vikings attack weakened when Barry Jones was given the red card and thrown out of the match.

From that point the Bears pressured Victoria and held the attack until the game's end. Still, the Bears were halted by a defense quick to follow up on any hesitation. The Bears, as coach Peter Esdale commented, "came up flat".

The half's midpoint showed the Bears using the flanks and pushing up. Both Phil Webb and Mark Olivieri had chances, but goalkeeper Vanwaes did not fail the Vikings. The game ended with the Bears in attack, but unable to crack the Victoria defense.

Esdale explained the Bear's loss as "not from a lack of effort". Instead he described the Bears as perhaps too intense. He stated "we didn't settle the ball and lost loose and airborne balls".

Esdale seems right, nothing was wrong with the Bears conditioning or technique. Instead Victoria's experience came through and the Bear's youth showed up. The same was exciting, and really points out the Bear's potential. One imagine next year Victoria will not be so fortunate.