

SPORTS

Rookies shine in Bears loss

by Tom Hayward

Nearly six thousand fans watched the host University of Calgary Dinosaurs surge to a 43-2 third quarter lead, then hang on to win as the University of Alberta Golden Bears scored 35 consecutive points in the final 18 minutes. At the gun, the score was Dinosaurs 43, Bears 37 - and neither team was happy.

The afternoon began poorly for the Bears. Starting quarterback Darren Brezden couldn't complete a pass to his open receivers, and gave up one interception before being replaced by rookie Mark Denesiuk late in the second quarter. The interception led directly to Calgary's second touchdown of the game, a pass from Dinosaurs quarterback Lew Lawrick to Josh Berger.

The Bears defense and special teams were inconsistent in the first half. Missed assignments, poor tackling, and a Calgary passing attack that ripped the seams out of the Bears zone defense all contributed to the half time score of 29-2.

The two points were a gift from Calgary's Lawrick. With time running out in the first half and the Dinosaurs on their own three yard line, Lawrick backed and touched his knee to the ground. Unfortunately for Lawrick, he was in the end zone, and thus gave up a safety touch.

In the second half, things got worse. Alberta attempted an onside kick, but failed to recover the ball. Lawrick completed three consecutive passes, the last on for 10 yards to Mike Siroishka, and the Dino-

saur led 36-2. On the ensuing kickoff, Alberta's Danny Rousseau fumbled the ball, and Calgary recovered on the Bears 28 yard line. Two passes, both to Ken Szarka, from Lawrick, and suddenly the score was 43-2.

At 9:38 of the third quarter, the Bears offense suddenly appeared on the field. Led by quarterback Denesiuk, rookie receiver Tim Hamblin and fullback Jeff Funtasz, the Bears scored their first touchdown on a 17 yard pass from Denesiuk to Hamblin.

Five minutes into the fourth quarter, Denesiuk again found Hamblin free, and completed a 41 yard pass deep in Calgary territory. On the next play, Denesiuk hit Brad Clarke on a 17 yard pass pattern, and the Bears had their second

touchdown. The two point conversion attempt went for nought and the score stood 43-16.

With four minutes left in the game, Bears safety Frank Salverda intercepted a pass from Calgary backup quarterback Chuck Eudaley (yes, that's his real name) and the Bears offense needed only one play, a 27 yard pass from Denesiuk to Hamblin, to bring the score to 43-22.

Bears head coach Jim Donlevy decided to try another onside kick, and this time Ron Lammers recovered for the Bears. On first down, the Bears lost nine yards as Denesiuk was sacked in the backfield; on second down, Denesiuk passed to Hamblin for a 44 yard touchdown. The convert was good, and the following kickoff went through the end zone, bringing the Bears total score to 30 points.

Calgary failed to move the ball on their next series of downs, and were forced to punt. Again Denesiuk found open receivers, first Danny Rousseau for 20 yards, then Scott Smith over the middle for Alberta's fifth touchdown. With

1:37 to play, the Bears were down 43-37, and Lew Lawrick's two point gift had become a factor.

After the Calgary offense failed again to make a first down and control the ball, the Bears had one last chance to win. Unfortunately, a second down pass from Denesiuk was deflected and intercepted by Dinosaur linebacker Chester Krala. Only eighteen seconds remained, and Calgary simply ran out the clock.

Denesiuk's strong performance suggests that there should be changes in the starting quarterback position. Rookie Jeff Funtasz ran well, and the play of Tom Richards, both running and blocking is worthy of mention. Tim Hamblin's strong performance indicates that the Bears now have two deep threats, with Rousseau on the opposite side.

Bears home opener is this Saturday against the University of British Columbia Thunderbirds. This team is already better than last years, and if they need anything its FAN SUPPORT.

See you Saturday.



Fungos sweep Dirt

by Tim Heidt

This weekend featured a co-rec slow pitch tournament. On the competitive side the Fungos played the Dirtbags in the final and the Aces played the Lemmas in the rec final.

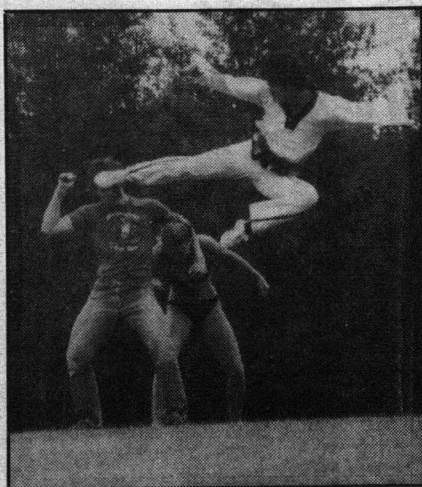
On the rec side, the Aces were edged out by the Lemma's 7-6/ The Lemmas were lead by great defense

and the strong pitching of Ron Sawatzky who went the distance and was credited with the victory. Shawna Vossler started the game for the Aces and was relieved in the third with a slight lead by Mike Pacholen, who picked up the loss.

On the competitive side the Fungos defeated the Dirtbags 10-7. The Fungos were lead by George

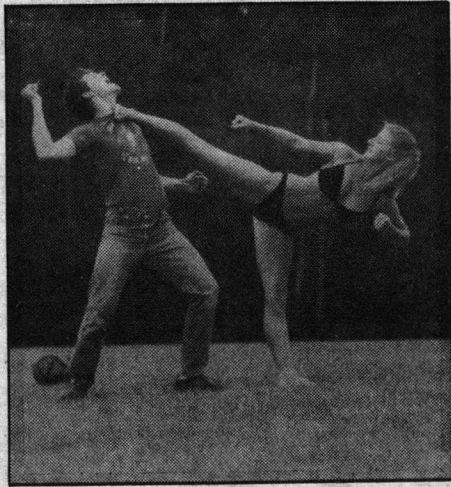
Cushrage, who was 0 for 10 on Saturday but went 4 for 5 in the final game Sunday. The Fungos came up with steady defence to aid a great pitching effort by Gail McPherson to take them past their rivals.

Congratulations to all of the teams who took part and hope to see you all next year.



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