

# Golden Bear offence overwhelms Bison defence

by Jay O'Neill

University of Alberta Head Football Coach Jim Donlevy was hoping that the Bears offence would be more respectable for their home opener against the University of Manitoba Bisons than they were against UBC. They were more than respectable.

The Bears crushed the University of Manitoba Bisons as the offence rolled up 424 total yards. The Bears offensive attack was well balanced as they rushed for 249 yards and passed for 175 yards.

"It's the balance between run and pass that I've been striving to get here for about four years," said Donlevy.

University of Manitoba Head Coach Dennis Hrycaiko said the Bears offence was the difference in the game. "We felt we were pretty strong defensively and yet they executed very well," said Hrycaiko.

The Bears were led by fourth year quarterback Jeff Steinberg and fourth year wide receiver Darryl Szafranski. Although Steinberg's numbers were not all that impressive (6-15, 88 yards, 1 td), his direction of the offence was superb.

On the Bears first touchdown drive, Steinberg marched the offence using a mixture of rushing and passing plays. He hit Marc Tobert for 13 yards to get the ball down to the Bisons 28 yard line. After a third down conversion, he scrambled 14 yards to the two yard line. This set up Christian Perron's 2 yard touchdown run.

In the second quarter with the Bears leading 11-0 after a Stephen Kasowski field goal and single, Steinberg and Szafranski combined for what Bison Head Coach Hrycaiko called "the biggest turning point of the game."

With the Bears on the Bisons 23, Steinberg threw the ball toward Szafranski who made a spectacular catch in the endzone for the Bears second touchdown. Szafranski turned his body and reached over the cornerback to make the catch.

"It was a heartbreaker for our guys to see a guy make a big play like that," said Hrycaiko.

"We talk about making the tough catch, I think Darryl Szafranski showed what the word tough catch means," said Donlevy.

Steinberg feels that there is something between himself and Szafranski, which Szafranski calls "spiritual communication."



Bear return specialist Todd Matheson (16) eyes his next obstacle as he eludes another Bison tackler in Sunday's football action.

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ritual communication." This communication was the reason for Szafranski making the touchdown catch.

Steinberg saw that the Bisons were playing bump and run and he knows that "when somebody plays bump on Darryl, he (Szafranski) will get the ball."

Szafranski feels the experience the two have allows them to make the big play. Szafranski "knows exactly where he (Steinberg) will throw the ball." Szafranski finished the day with 5 receptions for 112 yards with one touchdown.

The Bears also got touchdowns from Kris Thorsteinson on a 9 yard

touchdown pass from Robert Taylor at the end of the first half and a 36 yard touchdown run by Jason Duxbury at 8:03 of the fourth quarter.

The Bears other points came from kicker Steve Kasowski (2 field goals, 4 converts, 1 single) and John Cutler (42 yard field goal).

With his 11 points, Kasowski became the Bears all-time points leader. He passed Brian Fryer's total of 211.

The Bears next home game is this Saturday against the University of Saskatchewan Huskies at Varsity Stadium.



## SUMMARY

### First Quarter

Alta - TD Perron 2 run (Kasowski convert) 11:58

### Second Quarter

Alta - FG Kasowski 39 4:17  
Alta - Single Kasowski 26 6:23  
Alta - TD Szafranski 22 pass from Steinberg (Kasowski convert) 9:12  
Alta - FG Kasowski 16 12:30  
Alta - TD Thorsteinson 9 pass from Taylor (Kasowski convert)

### Third Quarter

Alta - FG Cutler 42 13:14

### Fourth Quarter

Alta - TD Duxbury 36 run (Kasowski convert)

## Kasowski boots record

by Todd Saelhof

By far the most golden moment of the Bears' 38-0 shutout of the University of Manitoba Bisons Sunday afternoon came with just 23 seconds left to play in the first half. Golden Bear kicker Steve Kasowski provided the golden moment chipping home a convert to move him one point ahead of Bryan Fryer's all time Golden Bear career point record.

With the late first half convert, after an 8 yard Rob Taylor to Kris Thorsteinson touchdown toss, Kasowski reached the 212 point mark giving him sole possession of the all-time Golden Bear point record.

Moments earlier Kasowski had equalled the Bryan Fryer record of 211 points with a 16 yard field goal.

All in all, Kasowski counted 11 points on the day, went 2 for 4 on field goal attempts, and booted a strong 43.3 average. The two field goals, according to Kasowski were not a result of any pressure to break the record.

"No, not at all. The first two field goals I missed were just my own mental error," claims the kicker.

As for the record, the fifth year placekicker/punter and backup receiver says "the feeling is great" and remarks that "to pass a guy like

Bryan Fryer is something special. I had him as a coach for a couple of years. He's just a great person."

Now with the lock on five Golden Bear records, career punting yards (12,503), career kickoff yards (5,770), longest kickoff (90 yards), kickoff yards in one season (1,935), and career point total (213), Kasowski can aim for another record — WIFL career point total.

"With this big one out of the way, I can concentrate on looking at U of C's Brent Match's record for most points in the WIFL."

Kasowski figures himself to be about 40 yards short and therefore well within reach of the Stampeders punter's WIFL record.

As long as the fifth year Bear stays consistent, chances are the record will fall, and as Coach Donlevy sees it, Kasowski's biggest contribution to the Bears' football team is consistency. Donlevy describes Kasowski as a versatile player with more than capable hands to prove an excellent backup receiver in addition to his kicking skills.

But for now, it is Kasowski's time to wallow in and reflect upon Sunday afternoon's record breaking performance.

Not only was Sunday afternoon Kasowski's



Punter/placekicker Steve Kasowski gets all of this one. He now holds the Bear scoring crown as well.