SPORTS

" No. 1" downs T'birds 60-7

by Peter Best

"I think Alberta is the number one team in the country right now." Thunderbird head coach Norm Thomas' words before Golden Bears wipped his University of British Columbia 60-7 Saturday in Vancouver. After the game he was speechless.

Thomas had expected Jim Donlevy's Bears to use the running attack that had been so successful in Alberta's previous 53-7 victory over UBC at Varsity Stadium September 29.

But UBC's coach knew that U of A's passing game was also an effective weapon. He said Bears' depth and versatility made it very tough to prepare

for them. His fears were justified.

Bears rolled up 667 yards in total offence - 366 on the ground and 301 through the air. They picked up 30 first downs and quarterbacks Gerald Kunyk and Ron Bryant completed 17

of 28 pass attempts.

Defensively U of A held UBC to eight first downs and

100 yards total offence 71 yards rushing, 29 passing. T'bird quarter back Jim Tarves, who completed three of 14 attempted aerials, was sacked six times by Bears' front four. On two other occasions his passes were knocked down at the line of scrimmage by Alberta's Brian Jones and Ken Luchkow.

The game was almost decided in the first quarter when Bears scored the first three times they had possession. Donlevy started Bryant to give him some experience and after the opening kickoff he marched Bears 63 yards in 11 plays for a touchdown. Fullback Dalton Smarsh carried over from one yard out and Jack Schwartzberg kicked the first of six converts for a 7-0 lead after six minutes and 14 seconds.

Smarsh had one of his best days as a Golden Bear. He gained 192 yards on 17 carries and scored three touchdowns.

Four-and-a-half minutes after his first major, Smarsh capped another drive with a 13-yard scoring run. An unsuccessful attempt for a two-point convert left the score 13-0.

On UBC's first play following Bears' kickoff Tarves tried to hit Bob Newman with a pass but U of A's Larry McDaniei intercepted and returned it to T'birds' 25 yards line

In three plays Bryant moved his offence 19 yards. On third down from the six yard line Donlevy sent powerful Tom Towns into the backfield. The ball was snapped and Towns drove into the line but Bryant had faked to his fullback and he found wingback Gary Weisbrot all alone in the right flat for another touchdown, giving Alberta a 20-0 lead after one quarter

UBC settled down in the second period to-pin Bears deep in their own end. Kunyk has replaced Bryant but the offence moved inconsistently.

A poor snap on a third down punt attempt forced Schwartzberg, back-up punter for this game, to try a pass but it fell incomplete and UBC took over on U of A's 15 yard line. It took one play, a screen pass to Don Cameron, for T'birds to score. Jim Hill kicked what turned out to be UBC's final point of the day at 12:39. The half ended with the score 20-7.

In the third quarter Bryant returned to duty and racked up

another three touchdowns.

At the 5:13 mark from Bears' 52 yard line halfback Brian Fryer started on a sweep to his left, turned the corner, cut back and went all the way for a major. Although he only managed one touchdown (he had five in the September 29 game) Fryer gained 127 yards on 13 carries and caught four passes for 71 more yards.

Another 13-yard run by smarsh and a 30-yard pass from

Bryant to flanker Roy Beechey left the score 41-7 after three quarters. Smarsh's third touchdown was set up by his run from a punt formation that kept the drive going.

Beechey continues to be the favourite pass receiver for Kunyk and Bryant. He caught eight passes Saturday for 136 yards

Kunyk came back for the last period determined to improve on his earlier performance. In three plays he moved Bears 61 yards for a touchdown, Beechey gathering in a 12-yard pass for the score.

At 10:06 Kunyk found end Vance Curtis streaking all alone down the middle and hit him for a 50-yard major. Schwartzberg's convert hit the crossbar and fell back to leave the score 54-7.

With 16 seconds left to play Beechey collected his third touchdown pass, this time from 17 yards out, to end Bears' scoring. A poor snap wiped out Schwartzberg's convert attempt.

Bears' margin of victory was due not only to their superior talents, but also to their mental domination of UBC. Prior to the game they were very confident of winning. There wasn't nearly as much tension as usual during the ride to Thunderbird Stadium.

Alberta was sure they would win and they quickly convinced T'birds with their three quick touchdowns in the opening quarter.

Bears were also inspired by the soul-stirring music of the Allen Shemanchuk Boys' Choir who supplied song and laughter on their bus rides. The quartet of Shemanchuk, Kunyk, Dave Kates and Pat Paproski has an amazing repetoire of old and new tunes. "Row,Row, Row Your Boat," "Hit the Road, Jack (Shewartzberg)," and the ever-popular "Hooray for the Bussy" are just a few of their (printable) hits.

Despite his team's 0-7 record, Thomas is optomistic a bout UBC's football programme in future years. At the moment he admits that "We just don't have enough good football players," but hopes his organization will attract more talent.

Thomas said he was happy with fan interest and press coverage of his team and feels that his players' mental attitude is still "...surprisingly good."

He was glad that Bears defeated UBC's cross-town rivals Simon Frazer University, because it made the Vancouver-area fans realize that T'birds play in a very good league.

Thomas' club is in a rebuilding programme this year but with 15 players under 20 years old, the future looks good. An improved UBC team would make the WIFL Canada's best conference.

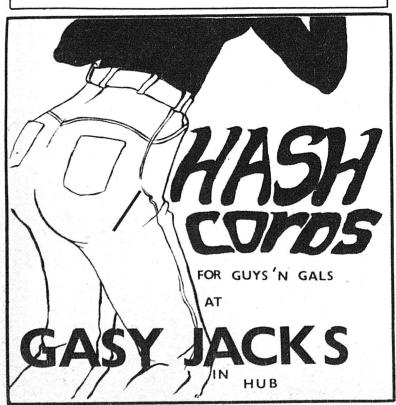


Dalton Smarsh (25) gained 192 yards on 17 carries and scored three Alberta touchdowns in Saturday's thriller against University of British Columbia Thunderbirds in Vancouver.

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Recycled manure

(EARTH NEWS) - American cattle produce around 600-million tons of manure every year, and that's a problem. The manure represents the single largest source of solid waste in the nation, and so far there's been no economically feasible way to p8t it to work.

But now a Colorado State University economist says that he's found the solution--feed it back to the cattle. Dr. David Seckler says that after 15 years of research into ways to recycle cattle manure, he's found a way to convert it back to inexpensive, high-protein cattle feed.

Seckler calls his new manure-based feed Cerola. He says that it contains about 30 percent protein, and will sell for as little as \$70-a-ton, compared to the \$206-a-ton for soybean oil meal, which is currently used.

Seckler is currently working on a project involving 6,000 cattle, and the Ceres Land Company in Colorado is spending half-a-million dollars to convert its feedlots into manure collection pens.

Before the new cattle feed can go on the commercial market, it has be be approved by the Food and Drug Administration.

STATISTICS		
UBC		Bears
8	First downs	30
71	Yards rushing	366
29	Yards passing	301
100	Total offence	667
3/14	Passes made/tried	17/28
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12/35	Punts/average	2/36
3	Interceptions	1
5/38	Penalties/yards	9/70