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UBC BLASTS BEARS

Bears 5 at UBC Thunderbirds 23 by Dean Bennett

There was one thing Bears' Head Coach Jim Donlevy knew his team had to do to beat UBC: keep the score close. And the game plan was working early on (the Bears were only down by three at the half). But in the third quarter, all the wheels fell off and the T-Birds coasted to a 23-5 win before 1400 fans at Thunderbird Stadium, last Saturday night.

"The UBC defense is very good, and when they get a comfortable lead, they just sit back and wait for you to screw up. They dictated the play. That's what I was afraid would happen," said Donlevy.

The T-Birds' defense was very good on this night, allowing the Bears only 129 yards net offense. They kept constant pressure on Bears' quarterback Mark Denesiuk, forcing him to hurry a number of passes. They sacked the Bears' QB's three times in a row in the fourth quarter, and they helped set up a T-Birds TD in the first. UBC was lucky the defense played as well as it did because the T-Bird offense was almost as inept as the Bears'. UBC racked up only 246 yards in net offense.

Alberta played the T-Birds close in the first half. The only major of the half came late in the first quarter when Bears' running back Tom Houg fumbled the ball at his own 15. T-Birds' defensive back Jordan

Leith recovered it and four plays later, on third and goal from the one, running back Mark Petros slammed up the middle for the touchdown.

Alberta kicker Steve Kasowski kicked a 35 yard field goal midway through the second quarter and, with a minute to go in the half, booted an impressive 63-yard punt single. He would later add a single on a missed 40 yard field goal attempt in the fourth to round out the Bears' scoring.

At 8:42 of the third quarter, the Bears were for all intents and purposes out of the game. After trading punts on the first two possessions of the half, UBC capped an impressive seven play, 81 yard drive with Petros again driving through the middle from the two for the major score.

On the ensuing kickoff, Golden Bear cornerback Trent Brown missed the ball and the Bears were forced to start from their own one-yard line. On their first play from scrimmage, Houg was tackled in the end zone for a safety. 16-4 T-Birds.

The nightmare continued in the fourth quarter. Quarterback Kevin Molcak replaced Mark Denesiuk, but lasted only four plays. He re-injured his ribs on a QB sack. After Molcak left, Denesiuk returned and the opposition welcomed him back by sacking him twice in a row.

And finally, at 13:47, the Bears'

punt cover team suffered a major letdown. T-Bird Terry Cochrane fielded a Kasowski punt at the Bears' 42 and ran it around the left side, virtually untouched, for the touchdown.

To the Bears' credit, though, they never gave up even after the game was hopelessly lost. (As evidenced by Trent Brown when he blocked a UBC field goal attempt with only six seconds left in the game.)

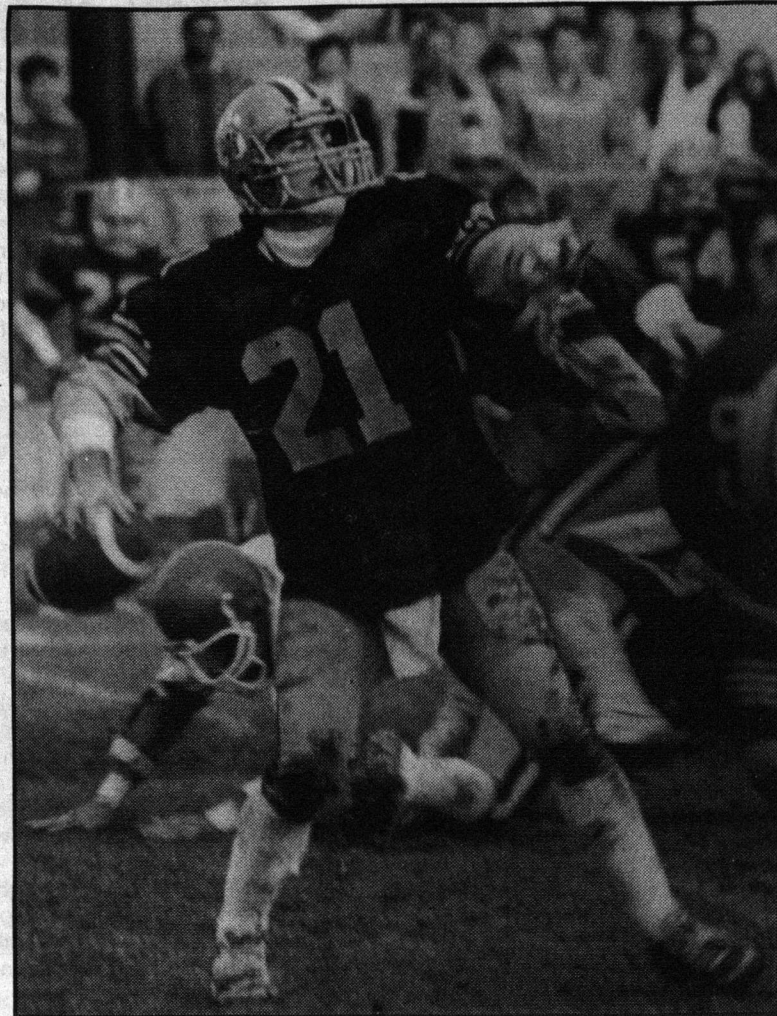
Alberta did not play any exhibition games this year and this lack of experience definitely showed on the scoreboard.

"We really needed this exhibition game," said Bears' Defensive Coordinator and Linebacker Coach Dan Syrotuik. "Too bad this exhibition game has to count in the standings."

"It (lack of experience) probably caused two illegal procedures and probably resulted in us not scoring points," said Donlevy.

Despite the lopsided score, Donlevy was not that upset with his team's performance. "The errors we made are correctable," he said. "I'm not unhappy. I saw a lot of positive things out there tonight."

Alberta's home opener is this Saturday at Varsity Stadium at 1 p.m. Tickets are \$2.00 for students, \$4.00 for adults.



Q.B. Mark Denesiuk spent most of the night on the run vs. UBC. (file photo)

T-Birds add injuries to Alberta's insult

by Dean Bennett

During last Saturday's game at UBC, team therapist Fraser Dods was on the field so often Bears Head Coach Jim Donlevy could have shuttled plays in with him.

When the dust had cleared seven Bears were nursing injuries, not counting those with bumps and bruises. Here's a rundown:

Dave Bolstad (Wide Receiver): Bolstad went down on the very first

play of the game. There was little contact on the play but he twisted his knee making a cut on the turf. He said the knee felt fine and an on-field examination by Dods revealed no significant sign of injury. Bolstad went back in and a few plays later his right knee collapsed. He will be out at least 3 weeks to a month but the injury looks more serious than that.

Dale Mounzer (Defensive End): Mounzer sprained his ankle on a play in the first half ("I was clipped," he said.) He tried to come back in the second half but could not. He is doubtful for next weekend's home opener against Saskatchewan.

Andrew Stephen (Offensive Guard): Stephen has a contusion on the quad muscles of his thigh

and has a mild groin strain on the same leg. It's not a major injury, so he should be ready for the next game.

Kevin Molcak (Quarterback): Molcak has recurrent inflammation in the joints of his ribs. This injury was aggravated when he was sacked against UBC. He should play next week.

Dan Aloisio (Nose Guard) and Tom Houg (Running Back): Both have first degree knee sprains. Both are probable next week.

Other injuries not UBC-related are:

Andy Schinke (Linebacker): Possible rotator cuff (shoulder) injury re-aggravated since training camp. Questionable for Saturday.

Jeff Funtasz (Running Back): Recovering from partial hamstring tear. Will play Saturday.

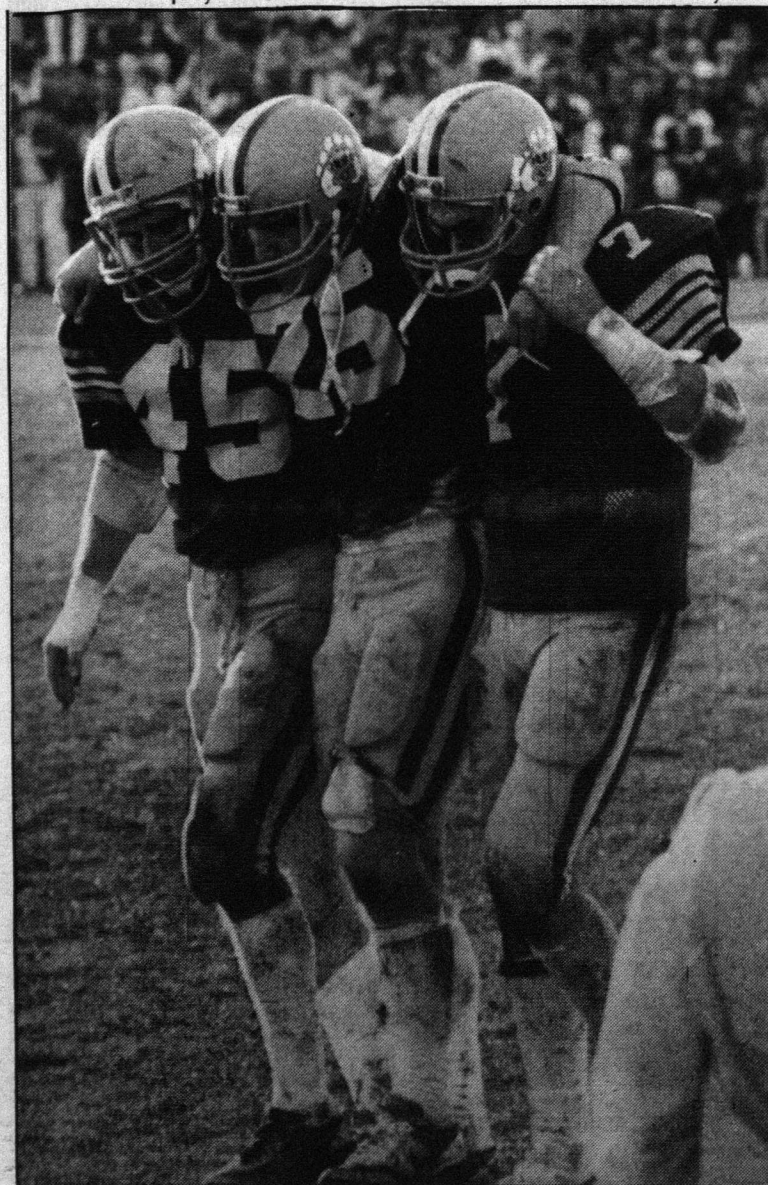


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Injuries were plentiful as several Bears went down. Jeff Funtasz, shown here, should play Saturday after sitting out the opener. (file photo)

YARDSTICKS		
	U of A	UBC
First downs	9	14
Yards rushing	96	139
Yards passing	56	107
Team Loses	23	0
Net Offense	129	246
Passes made/tried	10-22	9-24
Interceptions by	1	1
Fumbles/lost	1-1	1-1
Punts/avg.	13-42.5	13-39.5
Penalties yards	7-50	11-110

Net offense is yards rushing plus yards passing minus team losses such as quarterback sacks or broken plays.

INDIVIDUAL
Rushing: U of A — Houg 11-60, Brus 9-29; **UBC** — Pearce 7-37, Petros 11-35.
Receiving: U of A — Pierson 3-21, Houg 3-7, Kozakavich 2-13; **UBC** — Bellefontaine 3-28, Lorenz 2-42, Ros 2-31. **Passing: U of A** — Denesiuk 10-21 for 56 yards, Molcak 0-1 for 0 yards; **UBC** — Gagner 7-16 for 65 yards, Putoto 2-8 for 42 yards.

Inter-Media Flag Football

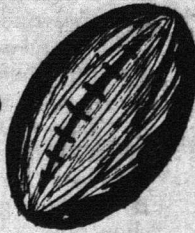
Who: Gateway versus CJSR
When: Sunday at 1:00 p.m.
Where: Lister Hall Field

All players meet in front of Charlie's in SUB at 12:45 p.m.

Reception to follow.

Prospective players must be staff members. See honorary captains Dean Bennett (Gateway) and Brent Kane (CJSR).

Tim "The Rifle" Enger, Gateway QB, will sign autographs for the kiddies from 12:30 to 1:00 p.m.



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