

Bears corral Mustangs

Football team Toronto bound

by Bob Kilgannon

Defence! That's what wins championships.

Sunday afternoon, the Golden Bears utilized a great defence to stop the Western Ontario Mustangs vaunted offense and running attack, allowing the Ontario champions only four points. The Bears meanwhile, did some scoring themselves enroute to a 14-4 victory in the Western Bowl. The win earns the Bears the right to play in the College Bowl on November 29 in Toronto.

The Bears limited Darwin Semotiuk's Mustangs to just 10 first downs and 241 yards of total offense. Greg Marshall, with an 8.3 yard rushing average during the season, was limited to just 84 yards on 18 carries, for a 4.6 yard average gain. Once the Bears stopped Marshall they effectively stopped the Mustang's offense.

Jim Donlevy's Bears stopped Western's running game largely due to inspired performances by the entire defensive line and the linebacking corps. Marshall and Western's other running backs, were continually stacked up for short gains by a swarming gang tackling defence.

Coach Donlevy said, "I've always believed that defence is the name of the game. As individuals we have kind of a no name defence but as a unit our defence is very good. They just play so well together."

On the other side of the ball, the Golden Bears racked up 349

yards of offense and 20 first downs. Alberta's points came on a nine yard pass to Mike Wolfram and a three yard run by fullback Rick Paulitsch. Frank Boehres converted one of the touchdowns and Rick Magee added the Bears other point on a wide field goal attempt.

The Bears offense made good use of the passing game. Quarterback Forrest Kennerd completed 18 of 31 passes for 241 yards. The Bears had exactly as many yards passing as Western had in total offense.

The pass receiving by the Bears was well spread out. Sean Kehoe led the way with five catches while Peter Eshenko and Mike Wolfram each had four catches. Dave Brown caught three passes and Gord Reinich chipped in with two to round out the Bears receivers.

But the real story of the game was the Golden Bears defence, especially the defensive line. Defensive line coach, Dan Syrotuik was pleased with the play of his players. He said, "That was probably their (the defensive line's) finest hour so far this year. Controlling the line that well against a team that runs like Western is quite an accomplishment."

Looking towards the College Bowl, coach Syrotuik had a catch-all phrase. "It's better to look where you're going than where you've been." The last part of that quote, I'm sure, refer to the Bears loss last year in the Atlantic Bowl.

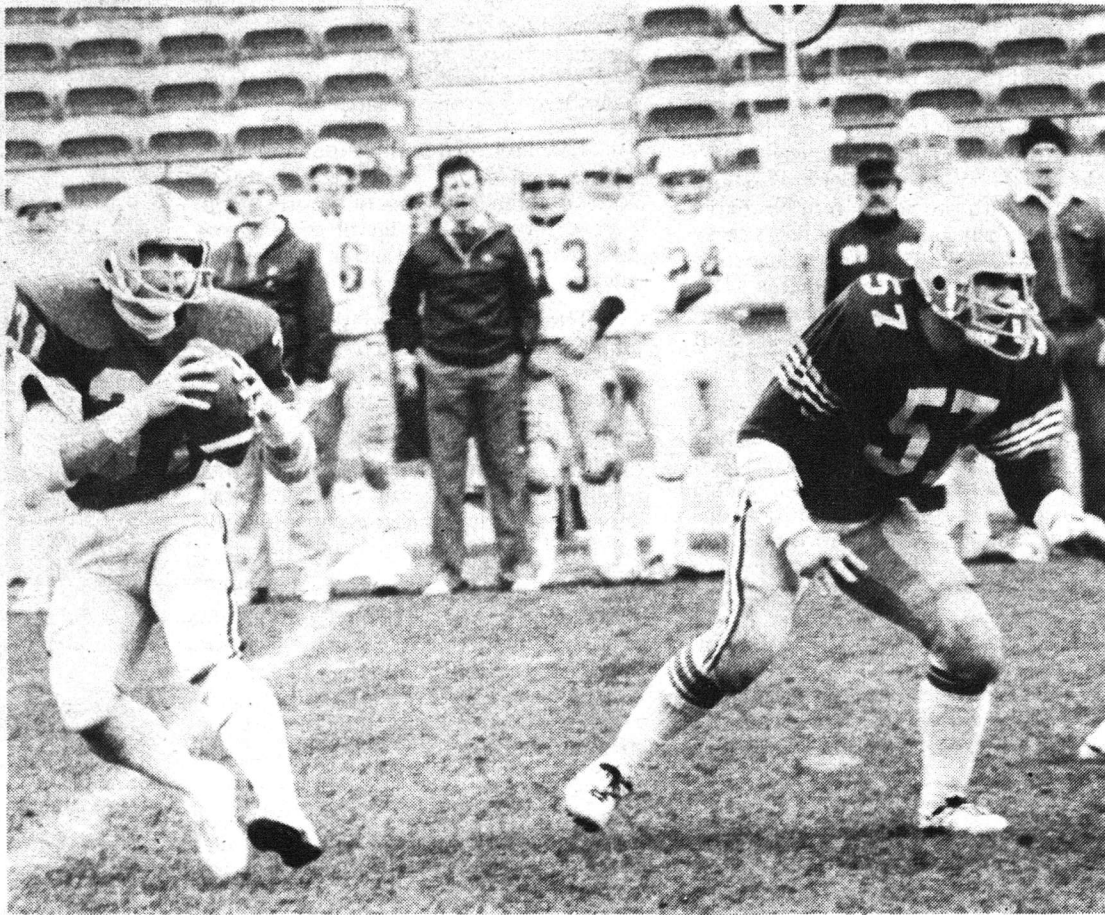


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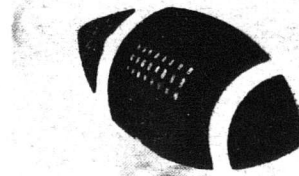
The Bears had a few tricks up their sleeves Sunday as running back Sean Kehoe turns quarterback and throws an option pass. November 29 they play in the CIAU championship against an opponent to be decided this weekend.

Defensive end Blake Dermott also felt coach Syrotuik played an important role in the Bears' victory. "It's that man (Syrotuik). That's why we played so well. Because he prepared us so well."

Like other players, Dermott was very excited about the victory and the prospect of playing in the 1980 College Bowl. Asked how it felt to beat Western the Bonnie Doon grad said, "I can't even describe it. This is the best thing that has ever happened to me." Offensive lineman, Rick Henschel, a fifth year Golden Bear, felt much the same way. "Pinch me," he said. "This must be a dream. It's been five long years. I've been working for this for five years. I just can't believe it."

So now it's on to the College Bowl for the Bears, for the first time since their 1972 victory. Their opponents will be either the Acadia Axemen or the Ottawa

Gee Gees. Those two teams play off next weekend in the Atlantic Bowl.



BEAR FACTS

Noseguard Rollie Miles and quarterback Forrest Kennerd, were named co-winners of the Dr. Maury Van Vliet Trophy as the

most valuable players of the game.

Rookie Stew McAndrews filled in admirably for the injured John Urschel at inside linebacker.

Defensive halfback Frank Salverda will begin practicing this week. He has been out with a dislocated shoulder since the Bears played in Saskatoon in early October.

The Golden Bears defensive backs didn't do too bad, either, as they picked off four passes. Glen Music had two interceptions and Stew McAndrews and Gord Syme each had one.

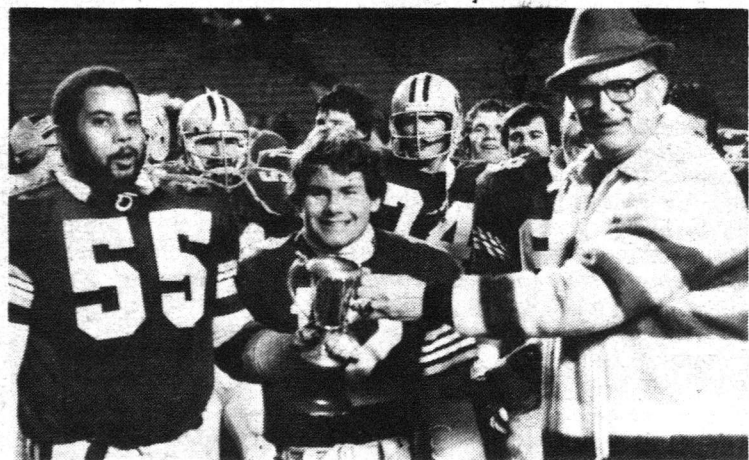


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Dr. Herb McLachlin, University of Alberta Dean of Physical Education, presents the Dr. Maury Van Vliet MVP trophy to co-winners Forrest Kennerd (center) and Rollie Miles after Bears victory in Western Bowl on Sunday.

Flip a coin for first

by Shaune Impy

Canada West hockey is proving to be as competitive as predicted. After two weekends of play, and four games each, all the teams have identical records of two wins and two losses.

In play on Friday and Saturday, the home teams both came out on top to avenge earlier defeats in the season openers.

The UBC Thunderbirds defeated the Golden Bears 6-2 and 3-1 in Vancouver while the Huskies beat Calgary twice in overtime by 4-3 scores in Saskatoon.

For the Bears it was the first time since late in the 1978-79 season that they've lost both ends of a weekend doubleheader.

The aggressive style of hockey played by the T'birds seemed to catch the Bears off guard in the first game. With eight of their players — including three rookie defencemen — visiting Thunderbird Winter

Sports Centre for the first time, they weren't used to the "anything goes" refereeing and reversal of form UBC undergoes when playing at home.

After a fast skating start by both teams the UBC forechecking began to show its effects and the Bears needed some good goaltending from rookie Terry Clark to keep the score at 1-0 for UBC at the end of the first period. The Bears got a break when one other UBC goal was disallowed because of an illegal stick.

Jim Lomas tied the score midway through the second period before Barry Zanier and Jim McLaughlin scored 62 seconds apart in the last five minutes to give the T'birds a 3-1 advantage.

The turning point of the game came early in the third session. All-Canadian Chris Helland had scored his fifth goal of the year, on the powerplay, just 29 seconds after play started to close the gap 3-2. That comeback

only lasted 22 seconds as McLaughlin deflected a point shot from Dina Sita past Clark to give UBC its two goal lead again. A pair of Robs, Trenaman and Jones, added to the total before the period was 11 minutes old to round out the scoring.

In the second contest UBC goaltending made the difference. T'bird coach, Bert Halliwell, made a change from the previous night and inserted Brent Stuart between the pipes in place of veteran Ron Paterson. It turned out to be a shrewd move as he stopped 30 Golden Bear drives to register the victory.

The only one to beat him was Ace Brimacombe. He slid in a rebound from the edge of the crease early in the second period to tie the score. McLaughlin had opened the scoring at 9:24 of the first period. His goal came on a rebound also after Bears' goalie Denis Potvin had robbed Frank Gorringer who was alone in front

of the net. A mental mistake by defenceman Curtis Jans, vacating his position to chase the puck in the corner, gave Gorringer his chance.

An individual effort by Ted Cotter provided the winning goal. Brimacombe missed a great scoring chance from 15 feet out and the rebound went directly to Cotter on left wing. He skated the length of the ice before blasting a 30 foot slapshot past Potvin on the glove side. That came at 7:08 of the second period.

From then on it was all goaltending. A marker at the final buzzer by Bill Holowaty into an empty Bears' net was academic.

Halliwell said the difference from the games played last weekend (when the Bears beat UBC twice) was the forechecking.

"We put a lot more pressure on their defence. I was disappointed in Edmonton. We'd be really pressing and then they would break out. It was just the opposite this weekend."

Bears' coach, Clare Drake, said the smaller rink and aggressive play of UBC gave his team some problems, particularly in the first game. "We were having some troubles out there. There were some dumb mistakes in our own end."

With the league so tight this year every game is like a playoff contest. As in any sport, the team that wins on the road will make the playoffs. Last year the Bears had the best road record in the league with ten wins and four losses.

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