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T'Birds end 10 year famine

by Darrell Semenuk

It took 10 long, and often agonizing years, but the UBC Thunderbirds under head coach Frank Smith finally upended the Golden Bears Saturday afternoon in UBC. The T'Birds were led by backup quarterback Greg Gardiner's two touchdown runs, to post their first win over the Bears, 20-13, in exactly a decade. The famine breaking victory spoiled Alberta's season opener, while the win pulled UBC's record to 1-1.

Before last year, winning was a taboo subject on the campus of UBC, for football anyway. There have only been a handful of winning seasons since 1945, and if anyone had suggested last year that UBC would end up with a 4-4 record, they would have been accused of heresy.

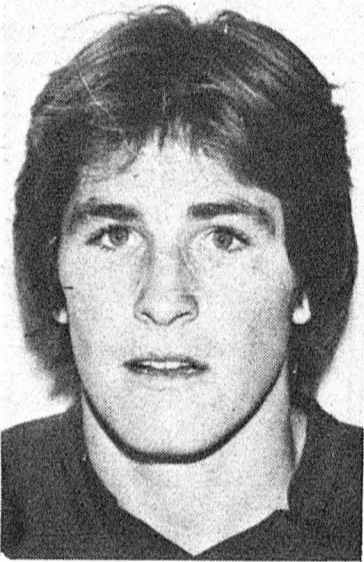
About the 10 year drought, head coach Smith offered the trivia without hesitation, as if the long time embarrassment had been gnawing at him and his staff for what seemed like an eternity.

"1966 was the last time we beat them. This is the first time they've lost here, smiled Smith after the game, which 1900 surprised fans took in at T'Bird stadium.

Unlike past years, the past record between the clubs was not used as a motivating factor for the players. "We decided not to go into that this year," explained Smith. "The kids find themselves in an unusual position this year because of their successful season last year. For the first time they've got pressure on themselves and we didn't want to add to that by bringing up the point of our past record against them."

The game was lost primarily by the Bears specialty teams. Bear rookie Marco Cyncar received a rough initiation to College football, he had one punt partially blocked and another blocked, which set UBC up for their first major score of the day, a 27 yard run by quarterback Gardiner. Pat Barry took over the punting duties in the second half.

Besides having a disastrous afternoon punting, Bear punt returners had a tough time pulling in Al Chorney's driving kicks



Brian Larsen

for UBC. More often than not Kerry O'Conner and Dalton Smarsh would let Chorney's punts drop in front of them, enabling the UBC downfield coverage to close in while they scrambled to pick up the rolling pigskin.

Bear head coach Jim Donlevy wasn't so sure that the game was lost on special teams, but rather by inexperience. "We had the first game jitters. We were nervous and we made mistakes." Bears had 10 rookies in their lineup, including 8 starters.

Donlevy explained the kicking problem as being a number of mistakes not just one continual breakdown. "There were three or four problems. It was a different thing each time. We were taking too long getting the ball away."

On the other hand, UBC coach Smith felt the kicking game was the determining factor in the outcome of the game. "U of A usually kills UBC in the kicking game. Today we killed them."

Bears opened the scoring on a 37 yard field goal by Joe Poplawski in the first quarter. Then, after Cyncar's punt was partially blocked, UBC took over at their

own 24. The T'Birds moved the ball down to the Alberta 13 before stalling and settling for a 19 yard field goal off the toe of Gary Metz. Golden Bears then recovered a fumble by fullback Gordon Penn at the UBC 11. After converting a third and one situation, the Bears had a first down on the UBC one. On the following play, fullback Dalton Smarsh had the ball punched loose and hurled right into the arms of a T'Bird defender at the goal line, snuffing out a certain Alberta touchdown.

After failing to move the offence, quarterback Don Smith was replaced by Greg Gardiner, who came in to repeat his two touchdown performance of a week earlier in Sask. Gardiner's first major came on a 27 yard scamper late in the first half. Smith explained the move as being one to show a new wrinkle to the Alberta defense. "We put Gardiner in to change the tempo."

Quarterback Brian Larsen's scrambling and passing marched the Bears downfield in the dying seconds, but had to settle for a 15 yard field goal with three seconds remaining.

Bears momentarily gained the lead on a 58 yard pass and run play between Larsen and Smarsh. Gardiner then efficiently moved the ball downfield for what proved to be the winning points, a one yard run by the QB that was set up by a pass interference call in the Alberta endzone.

UBC added a field goal midway through the final quarter to increase its lead to seven. Larsen attempted to engineer a last gasp effort, but that fell short when Poplawski pulled in a pass at the UBC 35 as time ran out on the Bears and their 10 year dominance of the T'Birds.

Bear Facts: Bears occupy last place along with Manitoba who are 0-2. Calgary Dinosaurs are attempting a repeat as league champs with a perfect mark of 2-0. They took a surprise 29-16 win over the Huskies from Sask. Friday night in Calgary. Sask and UBC both have 1-1 marks.

Sporting racism?

Just how deeply is the Canadian government and business community involved in South Africa, and does this connection extend to support of racist sport as well as of the racist South African regime?

This is a question which will be dealt with in a Students' Union Freshman Introduction Week forum to be held 8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 15 in Lecture Theatre 11 of the Tory Building. The speaker will be Dennis Brutus, President of the International SAN-ROC (South African Non-Racial Olympic Committee).

Brutus has led the crusade against international complicity in sporting events with the racist

South African regime, starting with the ostracism of that regime during the 1972 Munich Olympics.

It is particularly appropriate that Mr. Brutus visit Edmonton at this time, for the question of Africa's participation in the 1978 Commonwealth Games is quickly becoming a top issue of concern in Edmonton. The issue will also be discussed the following day Thursday, Sept. 16 at 7:30 p.m. in SUB Theatre when Dr. Maury van Vliet, President of the Edmonton Commonwealth Games Foundation, and others debate "Sport, Politics and the Nation State".

The yardsticks

	UBC	U of A	UBC	U of A
First Downs	17	15	Passes made-ried	13-21 13-20
Yards Rushing	173	172	Interceptions	0 0
Yards Passing	152	235	Punts-ave.	11-37.2 10-28
Net Offence	317	407	Fumbles-lost	2-1 3-2
			Penalties-yards	9-105 10-90

Individual Rushing: UBC - Wallace 14-65, Penn 11-44, Gardiner, 6-41. Alberta - Smarsh 17-72, O'Conner 7-29.

Individual Receiving: UBC - McGuinness 3-60, Reimer 3-37. Alberta Smarsh 4-93, Barry 3-71.

Sports Quiz

Starting today, a new addition to *The Gateway* Sports pages - THE SPORTS QUIZ. This regular feature begins with a special Olympic Quiz. Answers on Page 2.

1. How many Olympic Gold medals has Mark Spitz won? (3pts)
2. Which one of these athletes has won the most Gold medals (10) in Olympic competition? a) Ray Ewry b) Mark Spitz c) Jesse Owens d) Pavo Nurmi e) Emil Zatopek (5pts)
3. The women's pentathlon is composed of 5 events, the running events being the 100 metre hurdles, and the 200 metres. Name the other 3 events. (3pts)
4. The official standardized distance of the Marathon is exactly 26 miles, 385 yards. True or False. (1pt)
5. The first Modern Olympic Games were held in what city? (3 pts)
6. Since 1936 when Basketball became an Olympic event the US has captured the Gold medal at every Olympiad except Munich in 1972. Who upset them? (1pt)
7. In 1960 Muhammad Ali won a Gold medal at the Rome Olympics in boxing. In what weight class did he win? (3pts)
8. Which country won the Gold medal in soccer in 1972? a) E. Germany b) Netherlands c) W. Germany d) USSR e) Poland (3pts)
9. Canada was the only host nation since the Modern Olympic Games began in 1896 not to win at least one gold medal. True or False. (1pt)
10. Match the Olympic year at which these cities were hosts for the Games. (10pts)

a) Berlin	1956
b) Tokyo	1964
c) Antwerp	1920
d) Melbourne	1936
e) Los Angeles	1932

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