

# Season a success in spite of dead end

by Bob Kilgannon

It would have been nice. It would have been really nice to write about a Golden Bear victory. But it can't be done. The U of A Golden Bears closed out their season Sunday afternoon bowing out to the Acadia Axemen in Halifax by a 27-3 count. The Axemen will now go on to Toronto to face the Western Ontario Mustangs (who beat Queens 32-14 on Saturday in London) in the College Bowl next Saturday.

The score in the Bears-Axemen contest was not really indicative of the play. The first quarter was scoreless and Acadia had just 3 points until the 12:03

mark of the second quarter. Then the roof fell in. Acadia intercepted a Forrest Kennerd pass that was tipped at the line and returned it to the Alberta 21. The Axemen then pounded the ball along the ground, finishing off with a two-yard touchdown run by Hubert Walsh.

Only a minute and 28 seconds later Acadia scored again after linebacker Ron Martin picked off another pass. Acadia then scored on a 37-yard rompy slotback Jed Palmaci. That gave the Atlantic champs a 17-0 lead that proved to be insurmountable for the Bears. They came back at the end of the first half to collect their only points on a 23-yard field goal by

Trevor Kennerd.

The second half was a story of the Alberta defense stopping the Axemen, except for a late touchdown (on a 33-yard pass play), after the Bears turned over the ball on downs.

Meanwhile the offense was trying to figure out how to score against the Acadia defense that had sacked Alberta quarterbacks 10 times for 77 yards in the day. The offense moved the ball with moderate success between the 35 yard lines but they seemed to run into a brick wall when they neared the Acadia goal line.

The young Golden Bear squad, who have 24 rookies, played their hearts out against the more experienced Axemen,

who boast 24 players with College Bowl experience. It just didn't seem to be in the cards though. Almost all the breaks went to the Axemen and they took advantage of those breaks as well as playing excellent defense.

Acadia head coach John Huard felt that all the turnovers (eight by the Bears) helped his team, saying, "We knew they had a fine football team and we had to play without any errors. Alberta made some errors and we capitalized on them."

He also explained that the extra experience of the Axemen gave them an advantage. "Experience is a big factor in anything. The more experience you have the better."

Golden Bear head coach Jim Donlevy stated Acadia's fierce rush helped cause some of the Alberta turnovers. "They did a super job of putting a rush on us and that forced us to hurry a little bit. That contributed some to causing the turnovers."

Donlevy said he was pleased with the job the team did all year. "With the number of new kids on the team, we were very happy to be in the Atlantic Bowl. I thought our guys showed a lot of class and I think we had a very successful season."

Offensive line coach Jim Lazaruk said the offensive line didn't handle the Acadia rush as well as he expected they would. "That is a tribute to their athletes and it isn't derogatory to our players."

Maybe the best way to describe this season, the most

successful in seven years, is to quote some of the players.

Linebacker Jan Tollovsen: "I have no regrets. It's been a great year."

Defensive end Lawrence Nagy: "It's been a great season, this is a great team, and I've enjoyed every minute of it."

Linebacker Ron Frank: "We're western champions. We are proud of that and we're proud of each other."

Defensive back Frank Salverda: "This isn't a team — it's a family. We don't have the all-stars. We have a team."

Team captain Rick Henschel: "I would have traded all the all-stars we had last year for the team camaraderie and togetherness that we have."

## Bear facts

Safety Gord Syme had an interception in the first half. That kept his streak alive of having at least one interception in every game he has played in.

Corner Pat Toth had the Bear's other interception on the last play of the game.

Every player on this year's football team is eligible to play again next year.

Three out of the four interceptions thrown by Forrest Kennerd were tipped at the line of scrimmage.

Backup quarterback Jamie Crawford played the last half of the fourth quarter and did a pretty good job.

Noseguard John Stevens of the Axemen won the Don Loney trophy as the game's outstanding player.

# Huskies new tricks

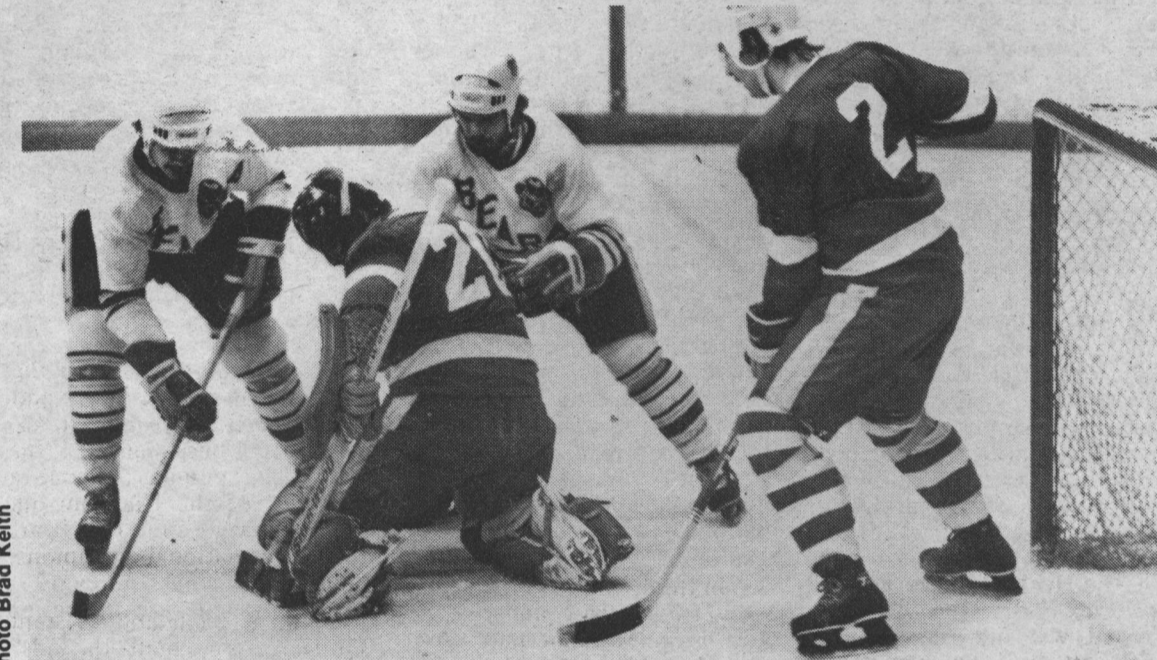


Photo Brad Keith

The Huskies won't be eating scraps this year because they have an improved team.

by Shaune Impey

Who were those strangers in Varsity Rink this weekend? Although they wore green and white uniforms, they couldn't be the Saskatchewan Huskies...or could they? The same Huskies who used to be the closest thing to a win by default. No. The Saskatchewan team this year knows how to play hockey. They proved that as they forced the defending national champion University of Alberta Golden Bears into a pair of overtime games in their weekend series with the Green and Gold. Unfortunately for the visitors, they came out on the short end of the score both times.

The sudden turn-around in

the Husky team can be explained in two words - Dave King. In a long overdue move, the University of Saskatchewan hired a legitimate coach for their hockey team.

King's predecessor, Dave Smith, never came close to producing a winning team and tried to rely on goon style hockey to win games. King, formerly of the Billings Bighorns in the Western Hockey League, on the other hand, employs a skating and checking game similar to that of the Bears.

According to King, "My biggest concern this year is to improve our record (6-18 last year) and make our program more attractive."

If the Huskies (and the Bears) continue to play their exciting brand of hockey exhibited this weekend then the whole league should become more attractive for not only the players but for the fans as well.

For the Bears this year, overtime games are starting to become commonplace. Last year they were involved in only two

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extra time games while to date this year three of their four games against Canada West competition have needed overtime, to decide a victor. For coach Bill Moore's Alberta squad, the overtime games have been a blessing. His team is 3-0 in games involving Canada West teams and 4-0 overall. Saskatchewan, however, may be

starting to hate overtime contests; they have lost all four of the games they have been involved in.

Friday night, the Bears were 4-3 victors, with Greg Skoreyko scoring the winner at 3:09 of the first extra period. The teams were tied 1-1 after twenty

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