Gateway Sports

Ron Ternoway ...from my square corner

tension is gone for Golden Bear were ahead. rookie head coach Jim Donlevy.

His Golden Bears won their first Western Canada game started at 2:00. Intercollegiate Football league encounter against the lowly UBC Thunderbirds Saturday, and Donlevy, along with most of the Golden Bears, is breathing a lot

The Thunderbirds were an unknown quantity, and Donlevy was very cautious and quite nervous before the game, his first as head coach. Previously he was assistant coach for seven seasons.

But the Bears were an unknown quantity, too. On paper they had great depth and balance, but except for an intersquad game, were untested.

Things didn't start too well, as Bear quarterback Don Tallas fumbled on his 20 yard line. UBC mounted their only drive of the Holden.

to be an insurmountable 3-0 lead two big guns of the last couple of them, but there was no way the defence.

Bears finally got untracked and Joe Petrone's toe gave the visitors a 6-3 halftime lead.

UBC had a total offence of 38 yards at the half, a fact even more astounding when you find that at the end of the game, they had a grand total of 33 yards. Maybe



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VANCOUVER--A lot of the they should have quit while they

Which would have been about 1:45 Pacific Daylight Time. The

So the Thunderbirds shouldn't scare anyone this year. Loyal fans at UBC will cheer loudly when the T'Birds score a touchdown, which should be about the middle of November. As one noted drunk remarked, "The last time UBC won a game in Thunderbird Stadium was when the girls field hockey team defeated Calgary in

And the Bears should have an easy time of it disposing of the hapless T'Birds Saturday.

It's interesting to note that Calgary "upset" the defending College Bowl champion Manitoba Bisons in Calgary Saturday. The addition of quarterback Larry Tibble, late of the Edmonton Huskies, and fullback Jim Dallin. game, a 12 yard ramble around a former Golden Bear have the right end by fullback Jim strengthened the Dinnies, but it's still early in the season and hard Then the Bear defence held to say if the game was really an and UBC went into what appeared upset. The Bisons don't have their as the Bruins fumbled twice more seasons, quarterback Bob Kraemer inside their own 45 before the and halfback Dennis Hrycaiko. quarter was over. They lost both and that could relegate them to the position of an also-ran. On the UBC offence was going to do other hand, as I said, it's early in anything against the Alberta the season, and a lot of things can

> Watch for a regular new feature in Gateway sports Thursday. Each Thursday the Gateway will feature offensive and defensive player of the week as chosen by the Golden Bear football squad. The players selected will be chosen by the team after viewing game films, and who but the players knows best who did a good job?

No thunder in these Birds

VANCOUVER--The game that almost wasn't.

Or, the Ballad of the Bitter Bussie.

When Jim Donlevy's football Golden Bears arrived here, they promptly piled on a chartered bus to take them to the hotel. On the way, as all athletic squads are wont to do, the team fell into the habit of referring to the pilot of the conveyance as "bussie."

The noble steerer took offence to the reference, and neglected to tell anyone that the Bears would need the bus again the next day for delivery to Thunderbird Stadium to do battle against the UBC football crew. Only some last minute phone calls procured the necessary bus.

But less than ten hours later, the Bears were back on the bus, and wended their way to the airport amid strains of "God Save the Queen", "Me and Bobby McGee" and other arias with their first two points of the Western Canada Intercollegiate Football League season tucked safely away.

Earlier that afternoon the Bruin defence had held the T'Birds to -15 yards rushing and a total offence of 33 yards to lead the Alberta crew to a convincing 27-3 drubbing of the hapless UBC squad in the season opener for both squads.

The offence started shakily in the first half, but recovered in the second to score more than enough points for the win.

Things started rather badly for

from 44 yards out and the Bears led 6-3 at the half.

second half as Bob Clarke picked up a UBC fumble on the T'Bird 25-yard line on the first play from scrimmage. Two plays later it was Tallas to Vance Curtis for the touchdown as Curtis, who was called up from the junior Bears only Thursday to replace injured John McManus, got in behind Doug YOung and just ran under Tallas' perfect strike. Petrone's convert was good and it was 13-3

Later in the third stanza. with Tallas again at the helm, Bears marched 63 yards in five converted, and it was 20-3.

the Green and Gold, asquarterback Don Tallas, who alternated series all afternoon with Joe Petrone in the Toronto Argonaut tradition, fumbled the snap from centre on his own 20-yard line. T'Birds recovered and marched to the eight, from where Jim Hill's field goal was

good to give the Bruins a 3-0 lead midway through the first quarter. Bears didn't get onto the scoreboard untill 11:12 of the second quarter as Joe Petrone hit on a 17 yard field goal. Three minutes later he repeated the feat

Alberta struck early in the

Bears at 1:44 of the third quarter.

plays for another major, as halfback John Skinner gathered in an 18-yard toss from Tallas for the touchdown. Again Petrone

Alberta's final points came late in the final quarter as defensive back Al MCLean stepped in front of a pass from UBC quarterback Gord Diewart at the UBC five and

walked in for the score.

Skinner was the workhorse for the Alberta offence, picking up 90 yards on the ground and four passes for 40 yards. Tallas looked especially sharp, hitting on seven of ten passes for two touchdowns. He also had two touchdown bombs, a 59-yarder to Gary Weisbrot and a 53-yard strike to Mel Smith, called back because of penalties.

Coach Donlevey, visibly much more relaxed after the game, was pleased with the win. "It was a good win, but we'll have to work on cutting down our mistakes. There's no way we could have gotten away with as many mistakes against Manitoba or Calgary," he said.

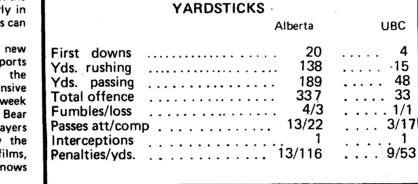


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