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The Doctor is now in

Danny Schnick

Don Cherry once made the remark that Randy Gregg should quit hockey and stick to being a doctor. Judging from how much the Edmonton Oilers have missed Gregg this season, Cherry put his foot in his mouth. Again.

Gregg's play over the last few seasons has shown that Cherry should quit color commentating and stick to his night job: discussing hockey with his dog Blue on his talk-show *The Grapevine*. The homely mutt is the only one that can stand him.

Glen Sather's quiet but persistent attempts to re-sign Gregg have dispelled any doubts about his value to the Oilers.



With the absence of Gregg and his traded cohort Don Jackson, Edmonton's defensive corps has been suffering. You don't immediately fill the gap left by two large veteran defensemen. Craig Muni and Steve Smith are playing well but may lack experience. Jeff Beukeboom is young and needs to work on his skating, and was sent to Halifax for that purpose.

Compounding this problem is the inconsistent play of some of the remaining defense. Sather publicly blasted Paul Coffey for his slow start and benched veteran Charlie Huddy for one game because of his play. Coffey has since come around but Huddy is still not up to par.

Even the Oiler's alleged turnaround in defensive play hasn't covered the fact that they need help on defense. The change has been awkward and has worked with varying degrees of success this year.

If you'll excuse the pun, the shot in the arm the Oilers need right now is Randy Gregg.

Reijo Ruotsalainen will definitely help come spring, but Edmonton will profit from the consistent Gregg immediately.

I'll admit I was one of those who on occasion cursed Gregg for having "cement hands" or "club feet" but the truth is he is quite capable in his own end of the ice.

Under the tutorship of Clare Drake, one of the best coaches in the country, Dr. Gregg learned how to play sound defensive hockey. A skill that nowadays seems to be under-rated.

Gregg isn't expected to make dazzling Paul Coffey rushes or brilliant Kevin Lowe stick-checks. He's expected to do mundane things like following a check, clearing a man from in front of the net, helping a forward to the boards or blocking a shot.

Things that win Stanley Cups.

EmBearassment

Bears end ugly season in cellar

U of M Bisons 32 at Bears 9

by Dean Bennett

It's over.

Finally.

The 1986 version of the Alberta Golden Bears unfortunately showed what they were all about last Saturday. They closed out their brutal 1-7 campaign by being thrashed 32-9 by an almost equally brutal Manitoba Bisons squad before two hundred or so freezing onlookers at Varsity Stadium.

Every problem the Bears have had this year manifested itself in the finale. The offense simply could not move the football to save its life; the quarterbacking was inconsistent (and that's being complimentary); they were plagued by the quick (and almost always costly) turnover; the defense forgot the basics of defensive football (ie. how to tackle somebody), and after being on the field for most of the

YARDSTICKS	U of M	U of A
First downs	12	12
Yards rushing	146	62
Yards passing	137	188
Team losses	9	48
Net offense	274	202
Passes made/tried	8/12	12/27
Interceptions by	3	2
Fumbles/lost	6/3	3/3
Punts/avg.	10/40.1	13/35.2
Penalties/yds.	10/72	7/78

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

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Rushing: U of M - Urbanovich 24-67, Gregory 10-57, Pura 7-30; U of A - Villelard 4-24, Forrest 6-21, Molcak 2-13, Houg 5-8.

Receiving: U of M - Ricker 4-67, Galante 2-55, Urbanovich 1-10; U of A - Houg 5-89, Pierson 2-64, Schweitzer 2-22, Donald 10-12.

Passing: U of M - Lynch 6 for 8 for 129 yards and 2 ints., Eikerman 2-4 for 8 yards and 0 ints.; U of A - Villelard 9 for 21 for 151 yards and 2 ints., Molcak 1 for 3 for 12 yards and 0 ints., Beaton 2 for 3 for 25 yards and 1 int.

ballgame they just got worn out.

But what is really disappointing about this loss was the Bears seemed to be on an upswing coming into it.

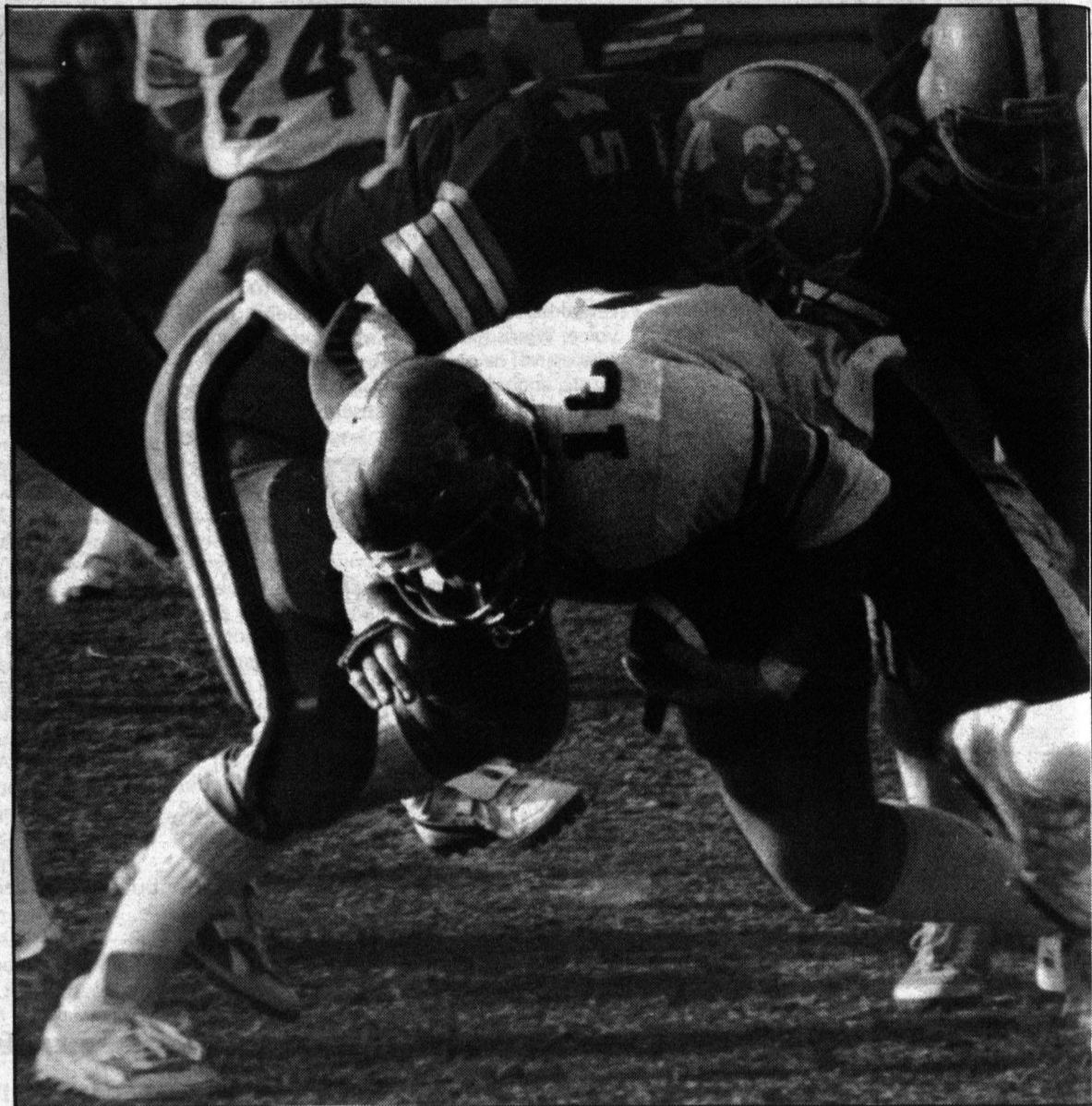
Although they had lost 31-25 to the Calgary Dinosaurs the previous weekend, the team had played well, and the locker room talk during the week had been one of optimism and of ending the season on a positive note. All those hopes seemed to collapse in the first nine minutes of Saturday's game.

With the game only two minutes old, Alberta quarterback Brant Villelard threw an interception to Bison linebacker John Milani. Three minutes later Manitoba running back Gerry Urbanovich trundled in from the Bears 13 for the major score.

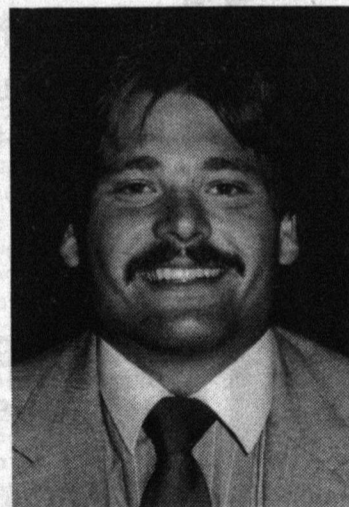
Following a Bear punt, Bison QB Doug Lynch hooked up with tight end Arliss Ricker for a 40-yard pass and run play for another TD. A successful 2 point conversion attempt made it 15-0. The Bears were in a hole they could never extricate themselves from.

In the second quarter George McFall booted a 38 yard field goal and Joe Galante caught a 32 yard TD pass to give Manitoba a 25-1 halftime lead.

In the second half both teams just played out the string. Alberta's lone major came at 12:13 of the fourth quarter. Running back Brian Forrest ran around the left end untouched for the 18 yard score.



Grant Clearwater handled Manitoba fullback Gerry Urbanovich on this play, but the Bisons handled the Golden Bears to the tune of 32-9 on Saturday. The loss drops Alberta's record to 1-7, their worst finish since 1981. The vets below will retire



Blair Wood

Galante caught another Lynch TD pass (this one from 20 yards out) to round out the Bisons scoring.

The mood in the Alberta dressing room following the game was one of shock. How they could come out so flat appeared to mystify even them.

"It seemed like every time we went for a play they stunted into it or we didn't run it right," said wide receiver Tony Pierson.

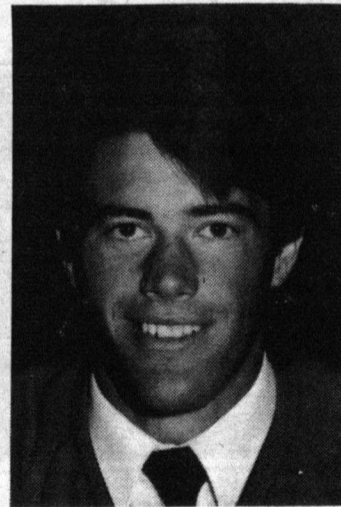
Kicker Steve Kasowski felt the early lead contributed a lot to the final outcome. "Those first two TD's really drove the nail in (to the coffin)," he said.

"It went the way I was afraid it would," added head coach Jim Donlevy. "Once they (Manitoba) get momentum they play like rolling dervish banshees."

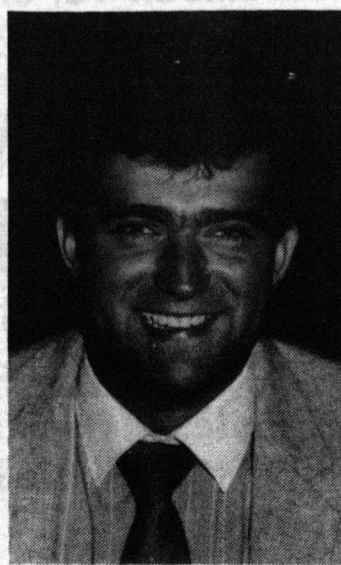
When asked to explain what went wrong this day Donlevy was at a loss to answer. "If you figure it out, please let me know," he said.

And so it ends.

Bear Facts: Donlevy said safety

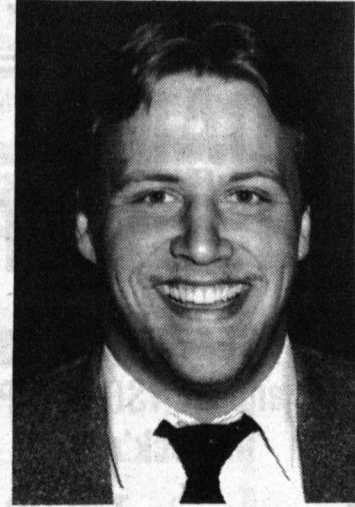


Darwin Schweitzer

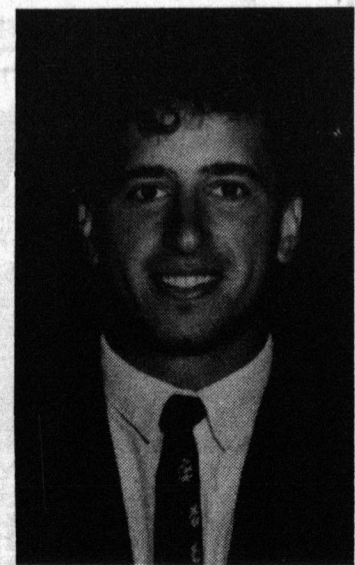


Andy Schinke

Sheldon Weinkauff will be the team's nominee for the **Hec Crighton Trophy** (Outstanding University Football Player in Canada) and the **Presidents' Trophy** (Outstanding Defensive Player in the



Dan Aloisio



Sheldon Weinkauff

(CIAU) . . . Saturday marked the final game for Bear veterans **Andy Schinke, Weinkauff, Dan Aloisio, Blair Wood, and Darwin Schweitzer.**