

Bruins lose first to Dinnies

by Walter Neilson

Bears 19, Calgary 23

CALGARY-The University of Alberta Golden Bears dropped a 23-19 decision to the hometown Dinosaurs here Saturday, but they still have one consolation.

They still know how to play good football.

At half time of the contest it looked as though the Bears had completely forgotten the style of play that had led them to four straight victories and first place in the Western Canada Intercollegiate Football League. Their offence was virtually at a standstill, and the defence was making sloppy tackles and allowing Calgary to move the ball consistently. The result: Calgary 16 Bears 0 at the half.

But something must have happened at halftime to jolt the Bears out of their lethargic state. They began to play as a poised, confident unit again, and by the end of the third quarter had narrowed the gap to 16-5.

Early in the fourth quarter the Dinnies intercepted a Don Tallas pass and went in to score, making it 23-5, and it looked like the Bears were ready to fold once again.

They came on stronger than ever, however, taking the kickoff and moving downfield for a touchdown in six plays.

Two minutes later the Bears used their Tallas-to-Petrone-to-Tallas-to-Curtis razzle-dazzle play, known as the cherry-picker, to narrow the margin to 23-19. Both touchdowns came on third down situations.

The Bruins almost won the game in the last minute when a 67 yard pass and run play from Tallas to Roy Beechy gave the Bears a first down on the Calgary 18. Three straight passes went incomplete, however, and the game was over.

Bear coach Jim Donlevy, while disappointed with the loss, was pleased with the way the team bounced back after that disastrous first half. When asked what he said to the team in the dressing-room at halftime, he said, "Nothing. They just decided they wanted to play football, that's all."

Jim Dallin did most of the scoring damage for Calgary, running for two touchdowns in the first half. Les Horvath, who looked very impressive at quarterback, scored the other Calgary major. The rest of the Calgary points came on two converts by Brian Cote, and a single and two point conversion by Don Moulton.

For the Bears Joe Petrone provided all the scoring in the third quarter with a 31-yard field goal and two singles. Mel Smith and Vance Curtis scored fourth quarter touchdowns, with Petrone converting both.

The Bears could have scored more points than they did in the third quarter, as they had three drives stall inside the Calgary 25. They scored only four points as Petrone missed two of three fieldgoal attempts, one of them going for a single.

The Bear loss tightens the race for the WCIFL title considerably, with Alberta, Manitoba and Calgary all still in the running.

Bears are now 4-1, while Manitoba is 3-1 and Calgary is 2-2. Bears travel to Saskatoon Saturday to play the Huskies and then close the season with a home-and-home series with the Bisons from Manitoba. Donlevy's crew is faced with the prospect of winning all three games to top the league.

But as Donlevy puts it, "When we decide we want to play football, we're a pretty powerful team."

Next time maybe they won't wait until half time to prove it.

YARDSTICKS

	ALBERTA	CAL
First downs	19	12
Yds. rushing	171	111
Yds. passing	263	179
Net yardage	409	290
Passes/comp.	13/33	10/21
Punts/avg.	9/44	8/44
Penalties/yds.	6/40	6/50
Interceptions	1	1

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Be it known that, contrary to the appearance of today's Sports pages, football is not the only sport in the world. It only looks like the only port in the world because no one will bring the poor, overworked, understaffed Sports editor any information on the so-called "minor sports" on campus.

Were the cross-country people crossing country, was the soccer team soccering, were the field

hockey enthusiasts fielding, were the rugby team rugbying, was the basketball team doing anything?

Maybe they know, but I don't. Whenever the space arises, Gateway Sports is more than happy to accomodate anyone with campus sports story.

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