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Bill Kankewitt ... on football

Dallas Cowboys of the National Football League are pulling out all the stops in beating the weeds for talent.

In this regard, last week's mail brought a very interesting letter from Gil Brandt, Director of Player Personnel for the Cowboys.

In an overly courteous, personalized, but obviously form letter Brandt is inquiring into "future pro talent" now playing on the Bears and other WCIAA teams.

He requests, "Kindly list in order of ability, regardless of year in school, players who you feel have future pro potential on your squad." Brandt adds, "... also list players who you have played against who you feel have future pro potential."

While the odds are against the Cowboys finding any players here, the letter is extremely significant in several respects.

First it illustrates the high regard that pro teams have for Canadian college football.

Secondly it means that Canadian Football League teams are going to have to reassess their treatment of Canadian college players. No longer can they be the demanding, monopolizing entities treating the Canadian football players as a second class citizen.

The question now arises, is there anyone we can recommend to the Cowboys?

There are a number of outstanding pro prospects on the present Golden Bear team. Larry Bird, Bruce Gainer, Ron Finch and Bill Jenner are just a few.

Due to the high calibre and greater size of NFL players it is difficult to recommend any of the Bears for that league. True, they should have no problem adjusting to the CFL but the transition to the American league would be just too great.

Schneider to go to Dallas?

However, there is one very interesting NFL prospect on the Bears.

Ironically enough, corner-linebacker and punter Val Schneider is the player I recommended to Brandt.

Schneider has consistently shown he has the ability to kick a football over 45 yards.

In the highly specialized American game they carry a large number of players on the roster leaving room for a player who does nothing but punt.

Although they don't punt as frequently in the American game the kicker still serves a useful purpose.

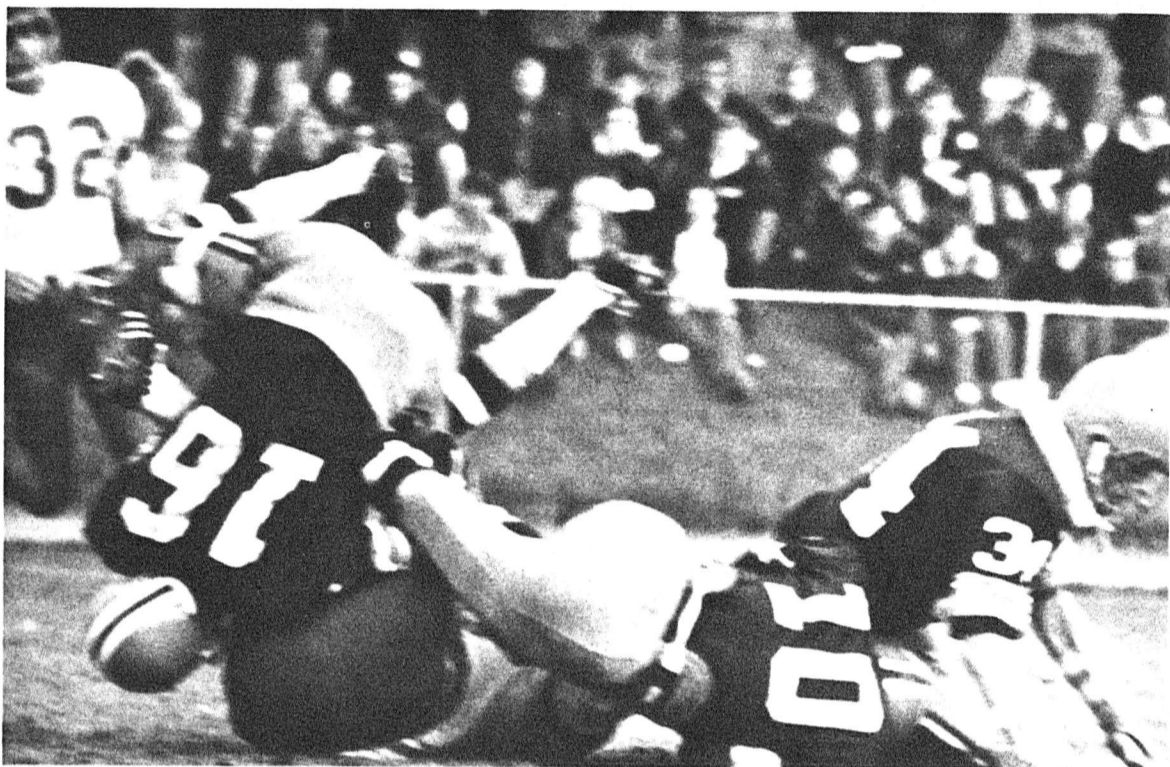
Remember Bobby Walden who couldn't cut it with the Eskimos several years back as a halfback. After he was cut he went to the Minnesota Vikings where he does nothing but punt the ball three or four times a game.

Schneider's kicking average hasn't been that great in the past few years as he has had less time to work on this aspect of the game. Three years ago, when he had plenty of practice time, he booted for a 48-yard average.

Even if he didn't go stateside, Schneider could make valuable use of a Dallas offer as a bargaining point when dealing with CFL teams.

There is a good chance that Brandt will be in Edmonton to scout the Western College Bowl on Nov. 17.

It will be interesting to see what his observations are and what comes from them.



BLANKET PASS COVERAGE BY BEARS

... would Coach Drake approve?

Sled-doggies for the birds

Bear footballers bomb Huskies

By RICH VIVONE
Gateway Editor
Bears 37, Huskies 12

The Golden Bears mistreated the Saskatchewan Huskies 37-13 Saturday but the score was a poor measure of the victory. It could have been a total disgrace for the Huskies.

Trailing 29-0 at the half, the Huskies rallied for a late touchdown and saved some measure of fact. They have lost four games and are out of the picture.

The Bears passed for 195 yards and ran for another 221 in winning their fourth consecutive league game. They are in first place, two points ahead of the Manitoba Bisons.

Like the sadists they sometimes are, the Bears picked on one Husky defender and worked him to death—very successfully.

Their man was linebacker Joe Vander Velden.

THROW A LOT

"We intended to throw a lot in this game," said Bear quarterback Terry Lampert in a remarkably quiet dressing room following the game. "We figured number 33 (their man) was weak".

And Lampert hit people like Ron Finch, John MacManus, Hart Cantelon and Ludwig Daubner for sizeable gains. MacManus alone caught five passes for 85 yards.

But Vander Velden was only part of the Huskies numerous failures. Striving to establish a passing game, the Bears worked hard at

other parts of the defence. Coach Jim Donlevy, a hard core wall kicker when plays fail, continually yelled from his perch in the sky to "get that passing game working".

"Work that guy, work that guy," he repeatedly told the quarterbacks, "you're making him look like a hero out there".

The Bears did establish the passing game. Lampert explained it this way. "We had to set up a first down passing right away." They did.

"Then, when this is going well, we start to hit longer" he said. They did.

And they scotched, scorched, scorched the Huskies.

BEAR GAMBLERS

It wasn't always good, however. The Bears gambled three times on third down and short yardage situations. They lost twice and one of them was a short lunge by Daubner inside the Huskie 10.

When the air attack bogged down, Cantelon, Daubner and Bill Jenner legged it out. Cantelon, who is built like a juke box, carried nine times for 132 yards.

Cantelon, in his second full season with the Bears, was generous with praise for his blocking.

"Finch, Justic (Vic) and Meek (Ross) opened the holes," he said. "And the whole line was just great." This was the reason the sweeps for so successful for the little guy.

But poor Vander Velden. Daubner scored the first touchdown at 1:14 of the second quarter and he went around right end—where VV plays. At 7:00, Cantelon ran 40 yards around left end for another score and the Bears led 14-0.

Daubner picked his favorite right side and scored on a 32-yard romp. Dan McCaffery ran a two-point conversion—around right end.

Then McCaffery, substituting for starter Lampert, scored again at 14 minutes of the second quarter and there was nothing left in doubt. Except a linebacker's vulnerability.

Dale Shulha returned a fumble 84 yards for a fourth score. The score was 35-0 now and the Huskies, playing against a number of second stringers, began to move. Barry Radcliffe scored at 7 minutes of the third quarter and Neil Garvie got another late in the fourth quarter. Garvie was the best Husky in the game and ran for 100 yards on 10 carries.

A safety touch, good for two points, and executed by Bob Schmidt added the finishing touches.

The Bears meet Calgary Dinosaurs Saturday and Manitoba the following Saturday. This could be the big one. If both teams win their next games, Bears will be two points ahead of the Bisons and the show-down in Winnipeg will decide the western championship.

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