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Bears 1985 football team

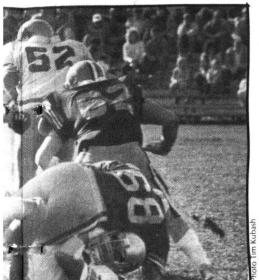
year as a Golden Bear. Weaknesses — There are none. If injuries should occur, wingback

Tom Richards is an adequate replacement as well as Houg. Outlook — This is the best area of the team. Two grade A backs will lead the offense as long as the passing game is semi-respectable. Important note: Fillice must run the ball often and efficiently enough so that teams cannot key on Funtasz. Fans will see the running game established at the outset of every ballgame then air attack will begin to keep defenses honest.

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Linebackers

Key Losses - Bears MVP of last year, Roman Lohin, has retired in favor of a position with Shell Oil. WIFL all-star Garret Doll has graduated (if you can call it that) to the ranks of the Calgary Stampeders and is a very promising young Canadian 'backer. Doug Campbell was moved on to the D-line in camp this year and promptly wrecked his knee. He is out for the year. New Additions - Randy Shantz

comes fresh from four years of experience with the Edmonton Huskies and will backup at both outside line backer positions. Strengths - Right inside 'backer

Mike McLean is in his fifth year with the Bears and his experience will be a plus in backing up that rookie D-line. Gerald Telidetzki will

om Demeo — lots to learn but at 300 lbs he'll get the time

replace Doll at one of the inside spots, mainly because he is pretty guick. Andy Shinke was last year's Most Dedicated Golden Bear so he is a hard worker. Basically, all Bear linebackers are good athletes and should be able to hold their own. Weaknesses — Like the rest of this 47 man squad, the main weakness is depth. Two of four 'backers spots are played by second year men and after that it is rookies.

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Outlook — A pretty good set of line backers. So far this year they have not impressed though. All the potential is there for a solid line backing corps but if they do not start to get a little meaner and a little better, there will be lots of points on the other side of the scoreboard.

Defensive Line

Key Losses — Where do you start? This line has been decimated by injury, graduation, and failure to make the university grade. First and foremost, WIFL all-star defensive end Ron Lammers does not return due to having played out his fifth year of eligibility. Bruce Edwards, who played two seasons back for the Bears, was to have started on the line for them this year. He comes up with a high blood pressure condition and is questionable. Then Karston Kelm is preparing for the season and snaps his wrist pumping iron just before camp opens. Then Bruce Simpson, whom McAndrews calls his quickest lineman, comes up academically ineligible for university. Ditto for Herman Reehr, while Perry Pawliuk has retired.

Leo Cuzic also runs out of eligibility, and boom. . . the Bears are forced into a situation where they were ninty per cent rookies on the D-line. So let's have a look at them. New Additions - The brightest spot on the defensive line this season is young Jim Clelland out of Ross Sheppard High. He's got good size, he's very coachable, and he loves to practice. What more can you ask of a kid? He is not afraid to knock heads with the big bovs either. Clelland will spend the year attempting the impossible: to fill the all-star shoes of departed defensive end Ron Lammers. Tom Demeo came over this season from the basketball team where he was a center. The biggest thing the Demeo brings over with him is himself. His 6'5", 300 lbs frame makes him the largest man on the football team. But size is not near as important as experience, and Demeo had

never played organized football before this year. He was given the starting noseguard position too quickly last week and it showed. So Bears' coaches have converted second year man Dan Aloisio from offensive tackle to the noseguard in the 30 defense. More inexperience. Rookie Peter Onofreychuk backs up at all three D-line positions. he will no doubt see more playing time than he expected.

Strengths - From the standpoint of the rest of the league . . . none. Internally however, there are a couple bright spots. If Edwards can play he should prove to be effective. But if the others do not improve enough to be a factor, teams will simply double-team Edwards. Third year vet Bob Allen has never started but is definitely hungry. He will play the opposite end to Clelland. If Demeo learns his position adequately this year, his size is a definite strength.

Weaknesses - Inexperience. An offensive line that Calgary head coach Peter Connelan was not too sure of easily handled this unit last Friday.

Outlook — This line has to work extra hard to be successful this season. And since the Bears best offensive weapon is halfback Jeff Funtasz, they must give him room to run. It will be up to Stew McAndrews to coach these greenhorns into playing shape; if he can make a respectable D-line up out of what he has here you may see him coaching in the CFL next year. Most importantly however, the players themselves had better learn how to profit from their mistakes. There will be many of them.





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