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Mark Spector

## How about Golden Beers?

It's mid-October. This must be hockey season. The stands are empty. This must be Varsity Arena.

Another hockey season is upon us, albeit most people don't care. The national champion University of Alberta Golden Bears begin the defense of their crown this Friday night against UBC and if there is more than 400 friends and family of players and coaches in the arena, 1 for one will be surprised.

"Hey, it's a Friday night. I don't want to sit around some cold hockey arena drinking coffee and eating popcorn," is what the average, younger-than-24 student says. "I want to go out and have a few drinks."

Or more than a few, judging by the business done in such places as RATT and Our Place.

Let's face it. The college crowd likes to drink.

When's the last time that you were at a successful party that didn't serve alcohol? Junior High?

So if the Athletics Department wants to solve this problem of on-campus apathy once and for all, why don't they simply serve beer at Varsity Arena?

It's simple math. Get together with Molsons Breweries and set up a couple of beer stands at the rink. Charge a low \$1.75 a beer and still make a healthy profit. And watch the stands fill.

I guarantee that by Christmas they'd be averaging 800 to 1000 spectators at every game.

At two bucks a head for students. Not so simple, you say. How is Athletics going to push through something like this, what with all the red tape at the administrative level at the U of A?

Well, they can push through pre-game beer gardens at football games.

They can push through free tuition weekends, such as this weekend where they will give away the equivalent of one year's tuition.

They have held Cheer For Beer for years now, giving away suds, or the cash equivalent, to the rowdiest group of fans.

They can sell beer. It just depends on how badly they want to.

# T-Birds feast on turnovers

UBC 35 at BEARS 7  
by Dean Bennett

At last Saturday's football game they had a free turkey giveaway. But the giveaways certainly weren't limited to the fans. UBC's all-Canadian cornerback Mark Norman intercepted three Kevin Molcak passes and ran two of them back for touchdowns as the Thunderbirds defeated Alberta 35-7 before a sparse Thanksgiving weekend crowd of about 200 people at Varsity Stadium.

"I think we just made Norman all-Canadian again," sighed dismayed Alberta Head Coach Jim Donlevy. "You give up the inter's in this league and you'll lose."

The loss drops the Bears to 1-4, leaving them tied with the Saskatchewan Huskies (1-4) for fourth spot, two points behind Manitoba Bisons (2-4), six points behind second place Calgary, and 10 behind undefeated UBC. Manitoba beat the Dinos 22-18 in the other WIFL game played this weekend.

To the Bears credit the score was not really indicative of how they played. They came out fired up and statistically outplayed the T-Birds in the first half. Their offense ran up 160 yards and nine first downs compared to UBC's 112 yards and four firsts.

One reason for the green and gold's inspired play was the return to lineup of running back Jeff Funtasz. Funtasz, who missed the first four games of 1986 with a torn hamstring, rushed for 91 yards on 19 carries, catching a pass for 17 yards—pretty good considering the last time the Bears played UBC they accumulated only 96 yards total rushing. Funtasz' strength enabled him to bounce off would-be tacklers and make the few extra yards on running plays—something noticeably lacking in the 23-5 season opening loss on the coast.

"Jeff reads the blocks so well he makes our job so much easier," said centre Blair Wood.

The Bears led in every halftime stat except one—interceptions. And, oh, how those inter's can hurt.

Norman's two TD's came off short Bear passes in the first quarter. The first was a quick out to wide receiver Tony Pierson that Norman returned 86 yards for the major. The second was an outlet pass to halfback Tom Houg that seemed to hang in the air forever before Norman picked it off at the shoe tops and ran 65 yards for the score.

"I let them (the passes) get away," said Molcak. "I left them in the air too long."

"It was a bad read by the quarterback," said Donlevy. "But I think he has to throw a few of those (intercepts for TD's) before he realizes it (the sideline pass) has to be in-the-hands-or-in-the-stands."

The Bears only major of the game came in the first quarter when Funtasz dived over from the one to cap an impressive eight-



Bears defensive back Quinn Weninger attempts to bring down T-Bird running back Terry Cochrane. All-Canadian cornerback Mark Norman (inset) had three interceptions and two TD's on the day.

Rob Ros in the third quarter and backup QB Eric Putoto connected on a 37 yard pass with split end Tom Munro with a minute to play in the game.

"I don't think the score was indicative of the play," said defensive end Dale Mounzer. "But BC executes so well and they know what it takes to win."

"You can't spot BC 14 points and expect to do well," added Wood.

**Bear Facts:** The Bears now go on the road for the next two weeks. Next weekend they're in Saskatoon to take on the Huskies . . . the Huskies are the only team the Bears have beaten this year . . . on October 25 the Bears will be in Calgary for the second half of the North/South Shrine Bowl . . . rookie Brant Villetard took over from Kevin Molcak late in the third

quarter against UBC and didn't look too bad; he was 2 for 6 in passing but he demonstrated a strong arm and a willingness to run for that extra tough yard . . . safety Sheldon Weinkauf and cornerback Trent Brown are tied for the team lead in interceptions with three apiece . . . defensive end Rick Medcke leads the team with two sacks . . . considering there had been a week's worth of rain Varsity Field didn't look too bad on Saturday; "It was like mud grass," said Funtasz . . . UBC plays at Calgary next Saturday. The last time they met, the T-Birds won 18-3 but things should be different with the Dinos at home. It could be the game of the year as Calgary has the league's best offense and UBC has the best defense.

What really did the Bears in, though, was a UBC touchdown off a 35 yard fake field goal with only 35 seconds in the half. T-Bird quarterback Jordan Gagner took the snap and threw to Terry Ainge who was standing alone at the Bears one yard line.

"We even told our group when they huddled up (before the field goal attempt) to watch for the junk," said Donlevy. "Somebody dozed off. But you've got to give credit to Frank (UBC Head Coach Smith). It was a great play."

"That TD really helped," said Norman. "It's tough to pick yourself up after something like that."

UBC scored one touchdown in each of the remaining two quarters to round out the scoring. Gagner threw an 18 yard strike to tight end

## Stormin' Norman pours on Bears

by Dean Bennett

After Saturday's performance at Varsity Field, Mark Norman seems to have earned himself another all-Canadian selection.

The fourth year UBC cornerback picked off three Kevin Molcak passes, two in the first quarter for touchdowns, to bring his 1986 league leading total to ten. In 1985 Norman made 6 interceptions for 106 yards and 1 touchdown. After six games this year—his ten interceptions have gone for 399 yards and an incredible five touchdowns.

Looking at the interceptions against the Bears, Norman felt it was more timely intuition than just being in the right place at the right time.

"It was a calculated risk," he said. The Bears were driving (before the first intercept) and we had to do something. When the receiver stood up (coming out of the backfield) I knew it (was going to be a

quick out pass.)"

Norman, though, credits the T-Bird defensive line for his performance.

"Our defensive line got good pressure on Molcak and when the quarterback is scrambling that's good for us (the defensive backs)."

It is in fact a veteran UBC defense (10 starters returned from 1985) that has catapulted the team to their 6-0 record and a No. 1 ranking in the nation. Over their six games UBC has allowed only 46 points for a miserly average of 7.7 per game. Their closest defensive rival, Calgary, has allowed 106 points, in six games for a 17.6 average. Norman, however, doesn't see a big difference between this year's squad and last year's.

"We're the same team but we got some breaks this year. Also, the extra year of experience helps."

In Mark Norman's case, it apparently has helped a lot.

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	T-Birds	Bears
First Downs	10	13
Net Rushing	123	151
Net Passing	156	80
Team Losses	0	23
Net Offense	279	208
Passes/Comp.	12/21	7/19
Punts/Avg.	9/33	9/41
Fumbles/Lost	0/0	0/0
Interceptions by	4	2
Penalties/Yds.	9/55	8/90

Scoring	T-Birds	Bears
T-Birds	14	7
Bears	6	1

**Individual:**  
**Rushing Alta.:** Funtasz 19/91; Houg 7/24; Villetard 4/17; Molcak 2/13; Obodzinski 2/8; UBC Petros 17/86; Cochrane 4/14; Geremia 4/8; Vlasic 1/7; Putoto 1/4; Gagner 2/4.  
**Receiving:** Alta. Forrest 3/28; Funtasz 1/27; Pierson 1/22; Houg 2/5. UBC Vlasic 4/41; Bellefontaine 2/17; Munro 1/36; Ainge 1/29; Bellefontaine 2/17.  
**Passing:** Alta. Molcak 5/13 for 72 yards and 4 int.; Villetard 2 for 6 for 8 yards and 0 int.; UBC Gagner 10 for 18 for 110 yards and 2 int.; Gagner 2 for 3 for 46 yards and 0 int.

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