



# SPORTS



## Bears College Bowl bound



photo Bill Ingle

Western tacklers got a grab on Troy Ciochetti (71) this time. But he got loose twice more for two key touchdowns.

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 "We won." That was placekicker Reg Gilmour's reaction as he watched his 32 yard field goal sail, through the uprights with 11 seconds left to defeat the University of Western Ontario Mustangs 32-31 in the Western Bowl. The wild and woolly victory earned the Alberta Golden Bears their second consecutive trip to the College Bowl, a game they won last year.  
 "I just knew that I had to put one in there," said Gilmour, a 23 year old rookie with Alberta.

Gilmour's field goal capped a last minute comeback by the defending College Bowl champions. Alberta took over the ball on their own 28 yard line with 54 seconds left and moved all the way to the Western 25 in six plays. Five of those plays were passes — four complete by quarterback Jaimie Crawford who ran for the last eight yards himself.  
 Gilmour, though, was an unlikely hero this day. Greg Marshall, Western's All-Canadian fullback and last years Hec Creighton trophy winner, ran for a Western Bowl record 206 yards

on 32 carries to earn the M.L. Van Vliet trophy as the game's MVP. Marshall and the rest of the Mustang attack also racked up 454 yards of offense on the day, 406 of them along the ground.  
 Alberta also had a fine day offensively in what was billed to be a defensive struggle. Crawford was 21 of 40 passing for the Golden Bears for 326 yards. Seven different players were on the receiving end of Crawford passes but Troy Ciochetti was the explosive weapon. The Edmonton native caught just two passes but

both were for touchdowns, one 53 yards and one 55 yards.  
 The game began slowly with the only scoring in the first quarter a Gilmour single on a wide field goal attempt. Western First Greg Marshall scored on a 14 yard run on the quarter's first play put it in gear in the second quarter. Then the Mustangs turned a Chris Markus interception into a touchdown - a 4 yard run by Mike Kirkley at 3:43 of the quarter.  
 Not to be outdone, the Bears came back. Less than a minute later Ciochetti scored the first of his two touchdowns on a 53 yard pass and run play. Three minutes later at 7:43 Ciochetti hauled in another touchdown toss, this one covering 55 yards. Gilmour added another single 5 minutes later but again Western started to move.  
 With time running out in the half the Mustangs marched 75 yards in 10 plays, passing only two times. The second pass provided

the OUA A champs with their only aerial touchdown, an eight yard strike from Andy Rossitt to Craig Broad.  
 Western seemed to take control early in the third quarter when Ryan Patter rambled 25 yards for the major score at 3:44. Again the lead was cut down by Alberta. Less than two minutes later on a 23 yard touchdown pass to Peter Eshenko. The teams each added a field goal and Gilmour kicked his second of the game at 1:29 of the fourth quarter to set up the final dramatic minutes.

Western head coach Darwin Semotiuk was somewhat philosophical after the game. "I thought it was a highly entertaining game," he commented. "You have to give credit to the Alberta offensive performance today. They came through when they (Alberta) needed it."

Those associated with Alberta seemed a lot more excited about the game, as you would expect them to be. Ciochetti just kept asking the same question - "Was that a game and a half or wasn't it?" he repeated over and over. Alberta coach Jim Donlevy perhaps described those last furious minutes the best for those not on the field. "I was praying a lot," he said. "The big fellow up there has more to do than look after a football game but that (praying) is all I had to resort to."

### Bear Facts

After quaffing a few Canadian toasts their Western Bowl win the Bears will prepare for Acadia Axemen in the College Bowl. The Axemen advanced by defeating Queen's 40-14 in the Atlantic Bowl. The only time Acadia and the Bears met before was in the 1979 Atlantic Bowl. Acadia won that contest 27-3 on their way to winning the College Bowl.



photo Martin Beales

The Bears, two time Western Bowl champs now go after their second straight College Bowl.

### Yardsticks

Home		Visitors
20	1. First Downs	26
8	— By Rushing	23
11	— By Passing	3
1	— By Other	0
425	2. Total Offence	454
99	— Net Rushing	406
326	— Net Passing	48
40	3. Passes Attempted	15
21	4. Passes Completed	4
8	5. Times Punted	11
434	6. Punt Average	40.3
4	7. Times Penalized	12
45	8. Yards Penalized	67
2	9. Fumbles	3
2	10. Fumbles Lost	2
2	11. Interceptions By	2