

Bears hang on to victory



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Some things change, some don't.

I came here this fall thinking, I wonder if the football team can go .500 this year. After seeing them last year, I thought it was prudent not to get my hopes up.

Looking at the schedule, I figured, Calgary and Manitoba on the road, UBC and the Huskies at home, if they're as good as they think they are, they will be 2-2, tops.

Now they are three and one. What? Am I in the right university? They beat Calgary in Cowtown? This isn't April Fools' Day you know?

They have become the premier rushing team in the WIFL, if not the CIAU. The young defense is quite solid as they only have given up 68 points in 4 games, about 17 a game.

I thought the playoffs would be one or two years away for this club. Halfway through the season, one can quite easily see that they could end up with a 5-3 season, or maybe 6-2. That could mean a trip to the WIFL playoffs. I think that if someone said the head coach Jim Donlevy that his team would have a pretty good shot at the playoffs, he would take it. I even think he would take a 3-1 season after the half-way point.

It certainly makes the job of covering the Bears that more interesting. I think the last Gateway reporter who covered the Bears can tell you that it is a lot more difficult to cover a losing team, let alone a team that had as many problems as the Bears had last season.

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Unfortunately, that is only one thing that changed over the summer. One thing that didn't is the way the CIAU picks its top ten teams. They still have a heavy Eastern bias.

Both UBC and Alberta won their games this weekend. They both went down two places. Sure, they weren't the greatest wins but they're two points no matter what you call them. Western smoked Toronto 75-3 so they go up to number one. Notice on your atlas that Toronto is the most populous city in Canada. Probably most of the votes come from there.

Windsor, in another population center, wiped York (another university near Toronto) off the map and thus, go to number five from absolutely nowhere.

The more things change, the more things stay the same.

by Alan Small

The Alberta Golden Bears football squad play every game as if it was World War I. They pound out every yard they make on the ground, and they pass very little. They play attrition football.

The game against Saskatchewan on Saturday was no exception. They pounded out 249 yards against Saskatchewan and edged the Huskies 14-10.

The Bears dominated early in the game but got little to show for it. Mark Singer intercepted a Greg Galan pass on the Huskie 33. The Bears couldn't move the ball and then Steve Kasowski booted a 42-yard field goal to put the Bears on the scoreboard.

On their next play from scrimmage, the Huskies' Terry Eisler fumbled and Darryl Grass recovered on the Huskie 42. Darren Brezden then threw a fourteen yarder to John Lamb. The drive ended up stalling on the Huskie 16 when Kasowski attempted a 23-yarder. A bad snap to holder Gary Kozakovich caused the play to go awry and Kozakovich ended up throwing an incompleteness to snuff out the scoring opportunity. Kasowski missed a 52 yard field goal which made the score 4-0 at the end of the first quarter.

On the first play of the second quarter, though, Saskatchewan kicker Phil Guebert's 47-yard field goal went wide for a single to make the score 4-1. The offences of both teams stalled throughout second quarter and that's the way the score went into halftime.

The Bears first drive of the second half showed the potential of the running game. The Bears ran six consecutive rushing plays which put them on the Saskatchewan 28. They then changed the pace when Brezden hit receiver Steve Camp for the touchdown. Kasowski hit the convert to give the Bears a ten-point lead.

Starting the fourth quarter, the Huskies made a comeback. Tom Houg fumbled on the first play of the quarter which the Huskies Greg Mamer recovered on the Bear 35. Galan then threw a 35 yard touchdown pass to slotback Dan Farthing. Guebert hit the convert to make the score 11-8. On the ensuing kickoff, Byron McCorkell boomed an 80-yarder through the end zone to shorten the Bear lead to only two points.

With Brant Villetard at quarterback, the Bears ground attack got into gear as fullback Mark Brus started to drag the Bears down the field. They got it down to the Huskie 29, when Kasowski kicked a 36-yard field goal to give the Bears a 5 point cushion.

Guebert then missed a 43-yard field goal which made the score 14-10.

The Bears tried to kill the clock as much as they could as Brus, Houg and Jeff Funtasz kept carrying the ball. With 57 seconds left in the game, Kasowski pinned the Huskies on their own five and the game seemed to be in hand.

"As a coach, you can't ask for more," head coach Jim Donlevy said.

But the Huskies still had some life in them. Galan threw a forty-yarder to Farthing. Galan 23-yards to Paul Rogal. Galan 13-yards to Lorne Keen. Galan to Keen and out of

Bears 14

Huskies 10



1st Quarter:

1. Alta., Kasowski 42 yd. field goal 2:08.

2. Alta., Kasowski 52 yd. single 10:53.

2nd Quarter:

3. Sask., Guebert 47 yd. single :23.

3rd Quarter:

4. Alta., Camp 28 yd. pass from Brezden, (Kasowski convert) 3:24.

4th Quarter:

5. Sask., Farthing 35 yd. pass from Galan (Guebert convert) :43.

6. Sask., McCorkell 80 yd. single :43.

7. Alta., Kasowski 36 yd. field goal 4:41.

8. Sask., Guebert 43 yd. single 10:01.

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Alta. 4 0 7 3 — 14.

	Sask	Alta
First downs	19	17
Rushing yds.	84	249
Passing yds.	278	96
Net Offence	362	345
Passing complete	17/32	5/15
Punts/avg.	11/37.7	10/39.2
Penalties/yds.	7/51	8/85
Fumbles/lost	2/1	5/2
Interceptions	0	2

Individual:

Rushing: Sask., Eisler 10-40, Symchyck 2-20, Farthing 4-12, Yansie 2-5, Lyon 2-7, Galan 1-1, Norsten 1-1. **Alta.** Funtasz 19-118, Brus 17-91, Houg 5-20, Villetard 2-19.

Receiving: Sask., Rogal 5-90, Farthing 4-82, Beitel 3-30, Keen 2-46, Eisler 2-28, Norsten 1-11. **Alta.** Lamb 3-67, Camp 1-28, Funtasz 1-1

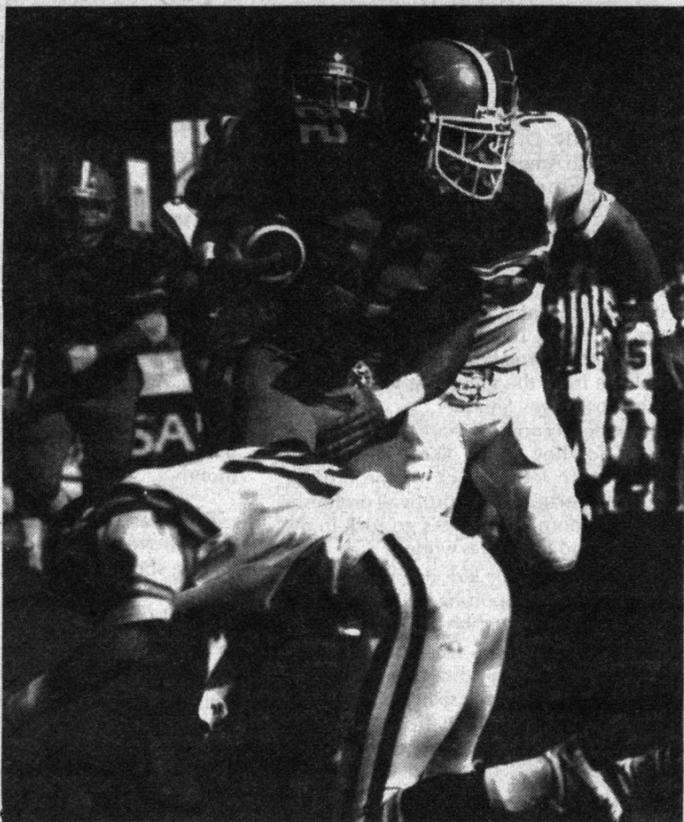


Photo Garry Makar

The Bears Tom Houg(22) gets tackled by the Husky defense.

bounds on the Bear twelve yard line.

But with five seconds to go, Galan's pass was just past the outstretched fingers of tight end Paul Beitel.

The Bears sighed in relief as the gun sounded.



You couldn't tell that the Bears won though as the dressing room sounded as lively as a funeral chapel when everyone found out that running back Funtasz had torn up his right knee and was gone for the season. Ironically, it was Funtasz's best game of the season, as he carried the ball 19 times for 118 yards. It was looking to be his best game since he injured his other knee last season.

The special teams made up for their poor effort against Calgary last

week by only allowing 40 yards on 8 punt returns.

"We had a lot of freshmen out there today," Donlevy said, "The special teams put them in the hole all game."

Bear Facts: CIAU's leading rusher **Mark Brus** didn't have a shabby day either as he ran for 91 yards on the day... The Bears passing attack was almost non-existent as only five completions were made, three of them to **John Lamb**... Defensive halfback **Neil Ferguson** came up with his second big play in as many games. His interception snuffed out a dangerous opportunity early in the fourth quarter.

FOOTBALL - M

1. Western Ontario (3)
2. Bishop's (2)
3. U.B.C. (1)
4. Saint Mary's (6)
5. Windsor (NR)
6. Acadia (9)
7. **Alberta** (5)
8. Guelph (NR)
9. Queen's (NR)
10. McGill (NR)

Funtasz injured

by Alan Small

It was a sad post-script to an otherwise successful day for the Golden Bears.

They had lost Jeff Funtasz for the season.

The most ironic part about it was that Funtasz was having one of his best games as a Golden Bear.

It's been a tough year for Funtasz. After coming back from a knee injury last year, he found out that the Bear backfield had so much talent that the amount of playing time he would get would be diminished.

Head Coach Jim Donlevy said that Funtasz did not let that problem affect him. Funtasz ended up running for 118 yards, his best output for the season.

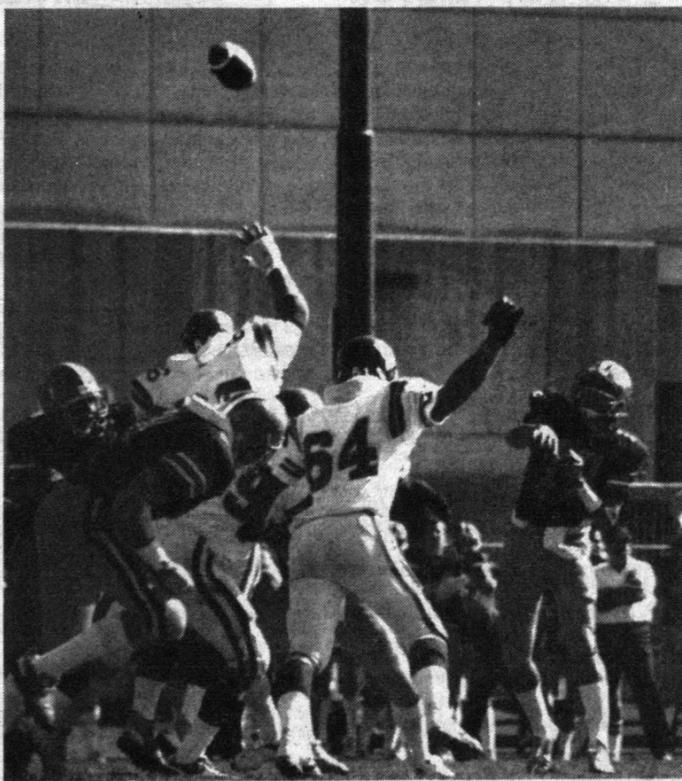
It will be interesting how the Bear offense will perform without him. Last year, the Bear offense depended on him heavily, and when he went down with ham-

ring and knee injuries, his services were sorely missed. Now, rushers like Mark Brus, who leads the CIAU in rushing, fullback Tom Houg, and freshman Allan Bleiken, who has been hampered with injuries this year will have to take up the slack. They may also have to put more emphasis on the passing game, which has been sorely lacking this year.



"We just don't have the faith in the passing game as yet," said Brus, "Thank God we have the bye this week."

The Bears next game is at home against the University of Manitoba Bisons, Saturday, October 3, at 1:00 in Varsity Stadium.



Darren Brezden(17) throws an infrequent pass.

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