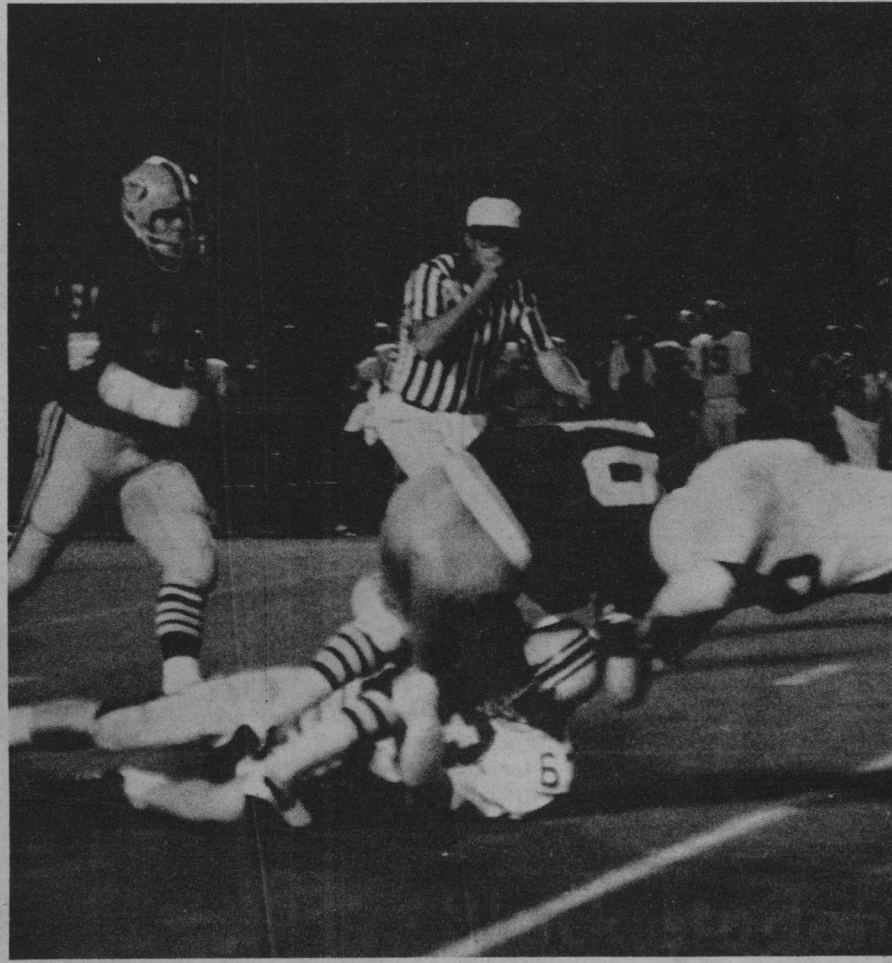
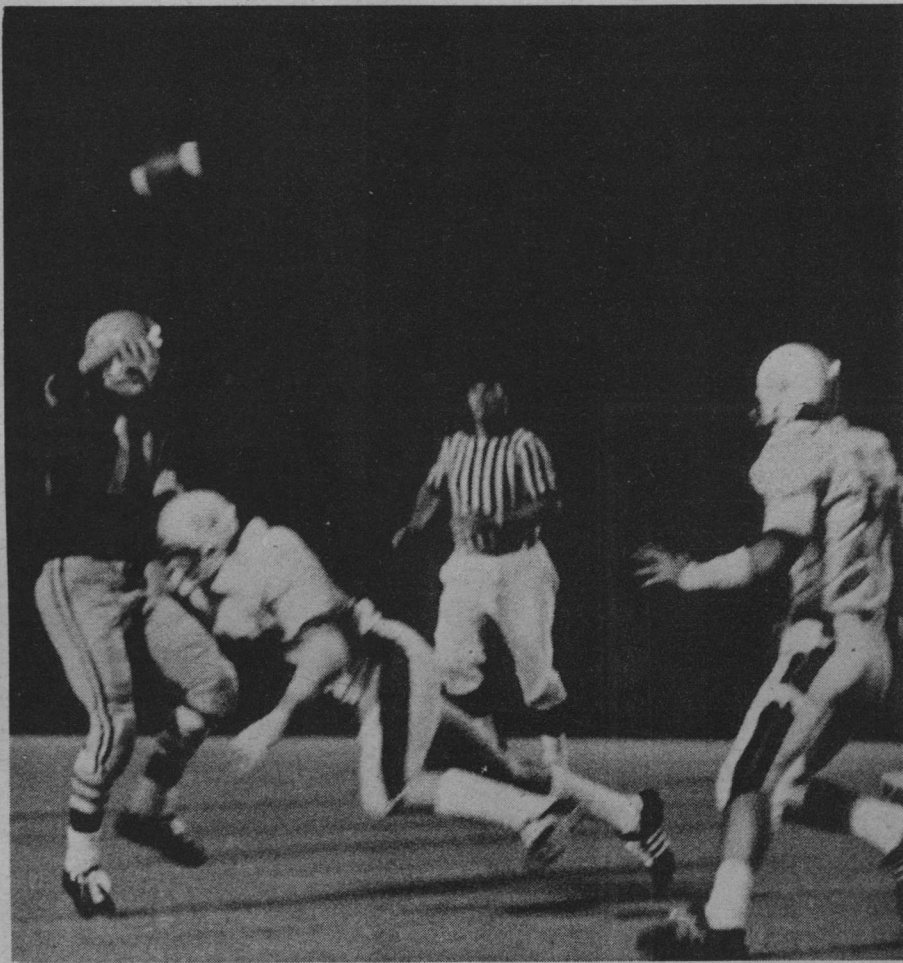


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*"The best laid plans o' mice an' men
Gang aft aglae."*

Robert Burns



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SFU 33 Bears 11

by Peter Best

Last Saturday in Vancouver the football Golden Bears must have felt much like the wee beastie in Burns' poem which has its whole world turned upside down by a stranger.

The Bears lost 33-11 in an exhibition game against the highlands Clansmen from Simon Fraser University. For a team that had won its first four games by an average of 43 points it was a sobering change.

The game started well for Alberta. The first time Simon Fraser got the ball they fumbled. Bears' Gary Wilson recovered on the Clansmen 31-yard line. When

SFU's defense held, U of A's Don Kates kicked a field goal for a 3-0 lead.

Two plays later Lui Passaglia, the Clansmen's quarterback, tried his first pass and Tom Towns intercepted for Alberta. But again the offense couldn't move and Kates tried another field goal. This one was wide and went for a single.

After an exchange of punts Passaglia tried his second pass and was again intercepted. Doug Senuik made the play for the Bears and returned the ball to SFU's 39-yard line. Gerald Kunyk used a play-action pass to get Brian Fryer open deep and

three him a pass that went for a touchdown. Kates' convert made it 11-0 with 11:42 gone in the game.

But that was the last time Alberta scored.

Even though the Clansmen fumbled the kickoff return and Wilson made his second recovery for the Bears they could not move against SFU's defense.

The game evened out into a defensive battle which U of A was winning until midway through the second quarter. Simon Fraser didn't get a first down 'til there was 8:12 left in the first half.

But finally the Clansmen offense began to work. They drove 71 yards in 11 plays for a touchdown with Passaglia passing five yards to Eddie King for the score. Passaglia converted and minutes later added a 27-yard field goal to make the score 11-10 for U of A.

In the second half Simon Fraser came out and put the game away. They established a powerful running game with Passaglia going wide, Sean Sullivan making consistent gains on pitch-outs, and Barry Houlihan running both inside and outside.

As SFU kept grinding out yards Alberta's defense began to tire and at the 7:15 in the third quarter the Clansmen took the lead on a 10-yard pass from Passaglia to Sullivan. Then

increased their lead to 19-10 moments later when Kunyk had to concede a safety touch.

In the fourth quarter SFU's attack scored two more touchdowns after drives of 83 and 79 yards. Houlihan ran one in from the one-yard line, and Sullivan did the same to end the drives. Passaglia's converts finished the scoring.

When the game ended the Clansmen had made 26 first downs and gained 462 yards compared to Alberta's eight first downs and 234 yards in total gains.

In a post-game interview SUF coach Bob de Julius said he

was proud of the way his team had come back so well after making so many mistakes early in the game and falling behind. It was obvious that the Clansmen wanted the game very badly. They had been waiting since last fall when the Bears beat then 30-18 and their revenge on Saturday was sweet.

As for the Bears, they will have to forget SFU and concentrate on the rest of their Western Intercollegiate Football League schedule. Forgetting the Clansmen will probably take a while though, because they left the Bears physically battered and with several players hurt.

The most serious injury was to defensive tackle Mike Ewachniuk who may have torn ligaments in his left knee.

While the Bears were playing the Clansmen Saturday the University of Calgary Dinosaurs won their third straight game, 16-10 over the University of Saskatchewan. And in Winnipeg the Manitoba Bisons beat the University of British Columbia 41-15. The weekend's games left Alberta in first place in the WIFL with eight points, followed by Calgary with six, Manitoba with four, Saskatchewan with two and UBC with zero.

Soccer Bears not aggressive

On Sunday afternoon, the local senior champions, Victoria Canadians, extended their unbeaten run by beating the Bear soccer team 1-0. So end the Bears hopes of an unbeaten season and a complete shut-out.

There can be no excuses, but here's one anyway: because of his injured knee, John Devlin didn't play, which meant that Matteo Piscopo was pulled back into midfield. Piscopo played another strong game, but his absence from the forward line reduced that department's effectiveness around goal, especially as the game wore on, to virtually nil. Craig, Hrsak, Leaute, and Lovell will have to play more aggressively and

directly if they're going to make any impression on opposing defences; they all seemed strangely reluctant to get stuck in this game. They've got the skill and the strength, now they just have to convince themselves that they can do it.

In midfield, Geoff Bird, who's nursing injured legs, wasn't as direct as he should be, delaying his passes to the forwards for vital seconds. Once or twice in the first half the Bears moved the ball around really sweetly and there's no reason why they shouldn't be able to do this more consistently. The defence too, at times, displayed a lack of aggressiveness in the tackle,

although good performances came from Dave Clayton in his new role of sweeper, Rick Korol at centre-half, and Glenn Murphy at right back. Goalie John Baretta was Bears' best player, with two excellent saves from Heine Kufeld, and an impressive display overall. He had no chance with Rick Haxbe's goal, shortly after half time.

On the Victoria team, Provincial Midget all-star John Josza gave Terry Whitney a hard time, and Phil Craig didn't have too happy an afternoon against Josza's team-mate, Wally Neuman. Minor soccer players are making a bigger and bigger impression on the seniors, witness the fact that the three most consistent players in the Bears, Baretta, Piscopo, and Frank Tassone, are all products of local minor soccer.

Bears must find some aggressiveness and directness, (not violence and chippiness) before the Western championships. They're still to slow in moving the ball around. Coach Gerry Redmond is confident that all shall be well for Vancouver. As they say where I come from, "Gerra grip, lads!"

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