

Galan run sinks 0-6 Golden Bears

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SASKATOON - The Huskies goal this weekend was to score a rushing touchdown. Before Sunday's game against the U of A, they had scored all of their 16 TD's through the air. All three touchdowns they scored were on the ground, and two of them were by QB Greg Galan.

The second Galan touchdown came on a 38 yard quarterback plunge, which stunned the Bear defence. Scored late in the fourth quarter, the seven points were the winning ones in a contest the Bears almost weren't in.

"I'm over a guard and Jim's (DL Jim Clelland) over a guard," said Bear defensive end Rick Medcke. "Jim crashed down into

inside kick was juggled but eventually recovered by the Huskies and that kept them ahead to stay.

Bear head coach Jim Donlevy denied that the Bears lost the momentum after Galan's touchdown.

"We went back and scored a touchdown," said Donlevy. "We were a hair away from making that short kick."

The Bears were saved late in the first half by a blocked punt by Todd Matheson, which the cornerback recovered in the end zone. That made the score 20-9 at halftime.

The first half was a disaster for the Bear offence. They only had two first downs to the Huskies 16; the Huskies completed 11 passes to the Bears two. The Huskies scored two touchdowns: Galan scored on a QB draw from the Bear five yard line and runningback Terry Eisler plunged in from the two. Huskie kicker Mike Lazecki added a field goal and three singles.

The Bear offence rallied around Smith, who replaced starter Jeff Steinberg late in the second quarter. Smith, with the help of Houg, was able to move the ball well against the tough Huskie defence. Houg ran for only 29 yards in the first half, yet he ended up with no less than 170 yards on the day. The Bears most effective play of the second half was the left side sweep, which the Huskies seemed powerless against.

Besides Houg's nine-yarder in the fourth quarter, Houg scored on a two yard romp in the third to get the Bears within four points.

Another bright spot for the Bears was the defensive line, which had Galan running for his life many times in the game. Brent

Korte had two sacks, and Mike Buhler had one on the day, and they were in Galan's face all afternoon.

What hurt the Bears again was turnovers. The Bears fumbled the ball over three times, including one by Aaron Smith that led to the winning touchdown.

"They're (U of S) getting lucky bounces," said Donlevy, "but you've got to be good to be lucky." The Bears had a little luck Sunday, as Mark Singer and Quinn Weninger intercepted Galan deep in Bear territory.

IN THE PITS: Lazecki and

Kasowski had a kicking war in the second half as Kasowski kicked a 51 yard field goal in the third quarter. Not to be outdone, Lazecki kicked one from 52 yards. Both were kicked with a strong north-to-south wind... Both Lazecki and Kasowski had CFL tryouts this spring, as Lazecki tried out for Ottawa and Kasowski attended the Eskimo training camp. The Bears got over 225 yards in the second half, and ended up with 296 yards of net offence, 208 of it on the ground... The game was played before 1500 fans, Saskatchewan's smallest crowd of the season.

Cheatin' is as commonplace in sports as it is in country and western songs, and as accepted.

Jay Howell of the Dodgers is only the most recent player to get caught and punished, but his "crime" was almost ignored. His light suspension was oddly appropriate for a few reasons.

First is the prevalence of cheating in professional sport, especially baseball. Pitchers regularly scuff, polish, and grease the ball, and hitters regularly stand out of the batter's box and shave, cork, and tar their bats to try and counter the pitcher's "edge".

Second, the ball game was being played in conditions which would have stopped a regular-season game: Howell's pine tar was a reasonable reaction to pitching in the rain.

Third, Howell did not contest his three-day suspension, something he is allowed to do by the major league player contract. Such an appeal would have circumvented his punishment — being prevented from playing in the playoffs — and changed it into a much-less critical regular season ban.

That attitude is what the New Jersey Devils showed by going to the courts to argue a league matter in last year's playoffs. That kind of move is going beyond the accepted bounds of cheating, because it circumvents the rulebook via the casebook.

A. Bartlett Giamatti, National League president, admitted as much in an interview when he reduced Howell's sentence to two days from three. As long as you are willing to take your lumps if caught, nobody objects strenuously to a little cheatin' here and there.

There are limits to how much cheating is allowed, of course: Ben Johnson being a recent example.

Also, although I've been picking on baseball, such misdemeanours as Howell's take place in every sport: witness goalies piling up snow in their creases in hockey, or moving early on soccer penalty kicks.

What is the line between cheating and doing something wrong? There is a penalty in hockey called the game misconduct, defined as "making or attempting to make a travesty of the game."

A little scuff here or pine tar there isn't trying to make a travesty of the game, and for this two playoff games (Jay Howell) or ten regular season games (Kevin Gross and Joe Niekro) is about right.

Going to court to change a ruling, or taking dangerous drugs to improve your performance both make a travesty of sports, and cannot be condoned, but a little Cheatin'? I can't wait to see Howell pitch relief tonight.

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the guard-center gap and I'm going into the guard-tackle gap. In between, is the guard-center gap on the other side. It's a little bit of a weak area. He (Galan) just called the right play. If he goes to the other side Jim would have had him."

The Bear offence came back gamely however. Tom Houg ran nine yards for a touchdown to cap off a quick drive. Aaron Smith's pass on the two-point convert went incomplete. On the ensuing kickoff, Steve Kasowski's

Lineman Korte dogs Huskie quarterback

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SASKATOON - When Huskie quarterback Greg Galan wasn't running for touchdowns, he was running for his life. Most of that was due to the intense pressure that was put on him by the Bear defensive line, led by second team All-Canadian Brent Korte.

"We put more pressure on them than anybody," said Bear head coach Jim Donlevy. "Our whole defensive line played a great ball game."

Bear nose tackle Jim Clelland said the reason for all of the pressure was the style of Saskatchewan's play.

"Saskatchewan's known for throwing the ball a lot," Clelland said. "To win this game we had to shut down their passing."

Although the whole line played well, Clelland commended defensive end Brent Korte, who had two sacks in the game.

"I don't think there's a doubt in

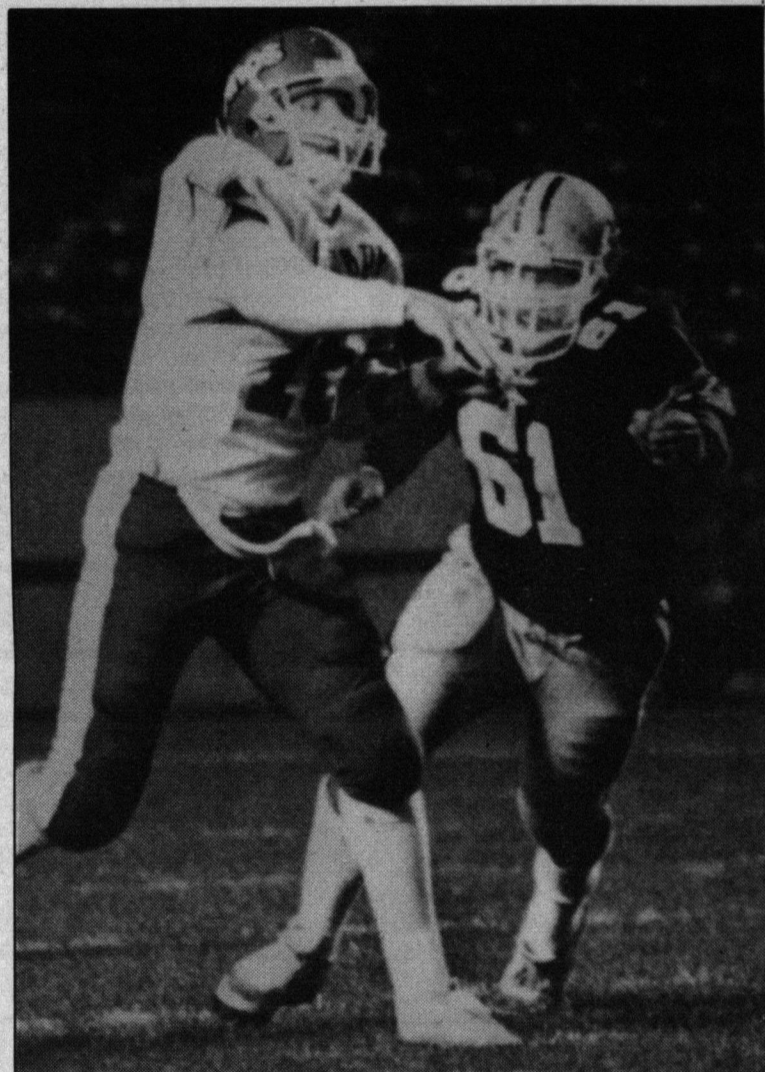
anyone's mind that he's an All-Canadian," said Clelland. "He's playing outstanding football. He's unstoppable."

The Huskies obviously had trouble blocking Korte. At his rush end position, the offensive line can't send a tackle after him.

"They'd bring a runningback out every time," said Korte. "They have good blocking backs, but since I've played inside against bigger guys, it's easier to get rid of a runningback."

The only reason Korte only had two sacks on the day is due to the guts and athletic ability of Galan. Galan would scramble for an extra second or he would wait until the last possible moment to unload the ball, before taking a shot from the Bear defensive line. Galan was picking himself up or getting picked up on nearly every series.

"It's sort of frustrating," said Korte, "but it makes him hurry,



Bear defensive end Brent Korte (61) sacked Huskie Greg Galan twice and made him hurry his throws many times.

so he can't throw the ball when he wants to."

Medcke doesn't feel the frustration of not getting the sack.

"Usually our linebackers and DB's are getting some really good

sticks in on the guy catching the ball," defensive end Medcke said, "so you feel okay anyways. The only time you get disappointed is when they make a long play and they score."

Small Notes

The Panda field hockey team finished third in their conference schedule opener with a win, and a tie, and two losses in Calgary this weekend.

They beat Manitoba 3 - 0 and forced Calgary to a scoreless tie. However, they lost 4 - 0 to UVic and 2 - 0 to UBC, the two powers of the Canada West conference.

The U of A will host the second Canada West tournament this weekend at the Butterdome.

The Panda volleyball team finished third at the Regina Invitational tournament this weekend.

Finishing with a 3 - 2 record,

the Pandas defeated the Manitoba provincial team and McMaster 2 - 1, lost to the University of Regina 2 - 0, and the Canadian national team 3 - 0, before defeating Regina in the bronze medal match 3 - 2.

The Pandas compete at a tournament in Red Deer this weekend before hosting the Panda Classic Invitational, from October 21 - 23.

Former U of A basketball assistant coach Steve Roth is the new head coach of the University of Saskatchewan Huskies basketball club. Roth takes over for Guy Vetrie, who has gone to Victoria to be an assistant with the Vikings.