

SPORTS

Funtasz ruffles UBC feathers

Bears run over T-Birds

Golden Bears 28 - T-Birds 9

Matching all expectations for their final road trip of the regular season the Bears mauled UBC at T-Bird Stadium Friday night for a 28-9 win.

The T-Birds were no match for the Bears in what was a one sided football game as the Bears rolled up 546 yards total offense, compared to a paltry 191 yards for UBC.

The big story of the night was rookie running back Jeff 'The Franchise' Funtasz. He demolished UBC's defense, carrying the ball 31 times for 254 yards and two touchdowns. One TD was on a colossal 83 yard run, the longest run by a Bear since Sean Kehoe (now a running back for the Winnipeg Blue Bombers). At the half, Funtasz had darted for 112 yards on 17 carries and one touchdown.

Funtasz again displayed his unique combination of size, speed and agility, breaking tackles with wild abandon. He never quit. How does he do it?

"I think they (opposing defenses) are never going to stop me," said Funtasz.

It is only after a hard fight from Funtasz that they were able to stop him; he struggled for every inch he

could get.

It was the Bears all the way. Taking over the punting and kicking duties from an inconsistent Steve Kasowski, Rick Magee opened the scoring with a 45 yard single early in the first quarter. The T-Birds evened the score with a missed 48-yard field goal by Tom Dixon.

In the second quarter, the Bears' offensive attack threatened as their leader and quarterback Mark Denesiuk, moved Alberta deep into T-Bird territory. Beating tough UBC defensive coverage, inside receiver Brad Clark caught an eight yard pass for the Bears' first touchdown.

Later that quarter, the Bears capitalized again as the T-Birds fumbled the ball on a punt return. Bear's Daryl Rube recovered the ball, setting up a three-yard touchdown dash by Funtasz.

Magee was good on both converts and booted a 19-yard field goal, to put the Bears up 18-1 at the half.

Three minutes into the third quarter, Magee added to his point total with a 30-yard field goal.

Then the T-Birds had their first and only successful offensive drive which was capped off by a two-yard touchdown run by Glenn Steele.

Eva on the road



Dixon was good on the convert and later added another single.

The Bears' defense played exceptionally well, coming up with the big play when called upon. Nowhere was this more evident than late in the fourth quarter. The T-Birds, after recovering a Funtasz fumble, had the ball first down on the Bears' 19 yard line. The Bears' stymied them on three straight plays and the T-Birds came away empty again.

Two plays later, Funtasz finished the scoring with 2:46 left in the game.

Spinning away from tacklers, he torpedoed 83 yards down the field for a spectacular touchdown. A Magee convert sealed a 28-9 Bears' victory.

The Bears' defensive team played

like a pack of hungry wolves, holding UBC's total offense to 191 yards. They stalled the T-Birds' offensive drives; there was constant blitzing, sacking, intercepting with ferocious tackling and hitting.

UBC's starting quarterback, Jordan Gagner, was replaced by rookie quarterback Frank Cusati in the second half; neither of them managed to generate much offence though. Between the two, they came up with only one TD. The Bear defensive linemen could see the fear in the eyes of the T-Bird quarterbacks.

Even third year all-star running back Glenn Steele's ground game was held to 54 yards.

Cornerback Jerry Nash and linebacker Mike McLean were each credited with interceptions. Bears sacked the T-Bird quarterbacks four times. Halfback Gio Chisotti led the way with two, while McLean and linebacker Garret Doll each had one apiece.

The offensive line was a superb supporting cast as they offered consistent protection for the quarterbacks and created good holes on running plays.

With this victory over UBC, all the Bears have to do now is defeat the Saskatchewan Huskies this Saturday

at Varsity Stadium. If successful, they will have home field advantage in the WIFL championship game.

Sidelines: As a reward for a job well done, Jim 'Daddy' Donlevy handed out lollipops to the team...This was the Bears first win at T-Bird Stadium since the WIFL championship game in 1981...Credit to U of A fans; all 40 of them who came down to see their beloved Golden Bears...Back-up quarterback Darren Brezden saw action in the third quarter and part of the fourth...More Notable Bear performances: Runningback Tom Richards ran for an impressive 91 yards on eight carries...Inside receiver Scott Smith caught four passes for 76 yards...Bears offensive breakdown, 182 yards passing and a whopping 364 yards rushing.

— Coach Clarence Kachman is a fan of sushi - he enjoys cold fish.

— Jeff Funtasz hides out in strange places when he wants to unwind.

— For a change, it was Coach Jim Donlevy that nearly missed the bus to the airport.

— Coach Syrotiuk may have a new career as a fashion consultant for a local swim wear franchise.

— Look for the new book - Why I Want to play Quarterback!



Tom Richards outran T-Bird defenders. He ran for 91 yards in the game Friday night and was the second leading rusher in the Bears' win against UBC T-Birds.



'The Franchise' bolted for 254 yards against the T-Birds during Friday's game.

Ode to Bears

Twas the week before playoffs and all through the den,

The creatures were stirring - were they Bruins or men?

The lines were assembled and huddled with care.

In the hopes that Donny Bear soon would be there.

The reporters were hiding near the lockers below,

Praying for interviews, Knowles notes, more skin and less snow.

And then from the field, there rose such a score;

Go Lammers, Go Reimer, Chisotti and Der,

On Rousseau, on Weinkauf, and then with a Roehr young Nash

trapped a pass (he's a rambler, for sure).

Old Belmont looked south, past a Forrest less trees,

As the score was run up - convert by Magee.

The defense came on, all Doll-faced and neat,

Salveda fell down, Rube was just beat.

Pawlick hit 'em Lohin, McLean hit 'em high,

For those Huskies and Dinos the crowd gave a sigh.

Sir Tuk was ecstatic, old Kachman was cold.

This fable's a vision, The Bears' will not fold.

So until that chill day when the champions are new,

Here's a Cuciz, a Kiss and Filice (tations) to you.

Defending Canada West Champions Golden Bear Hockey

vs.

U of Calgary Dinosarus

Friday, November 2 • 7:30 pm

Saturday, November 3 • 4:00 pm

Varsity Arena

All U of A students admitted free with valid ID card.



Golden Bear Football

vs.

U of Saskatchewan Huskies

Saturday, November 3

1:00 pm • Varsity Stadium

All U of A students admitted free with valid ID card.



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