

Look out Toronto, here we come!

Bears overwhelm Gaiters to capture Western Bowl

by Walter Neilson
Bishop's 2, Bears 53

Sunday was a day of surprises at Clarke Stadium as the University of Alberta Golden Bears overwhelmed the Bishop's University Gaiters 53-2 to

capture the Western College Bowl, and the right to play for the Canadian College Cup in Toronto next Saturday.

It was no secret that Bishop's might not be quite as good as their number one national ranking. But nobody knew they were *that* bad.

A more disappointing aspect of the game was the small crowd of less than 6500 fans. Apparently the cost of tickets and swill was just too much of a burden for the poor college kids.

And another thing. Who told Joe Petrone he could pass?

Petrone turned in his finest game of the season as he booted three field goals and six converts, and completed five of six passes for two touchdowns to Mel Smith and Percy Kosak to lead the Bear onslaught.

But it was a day to throw accolades in all directions. John Skinner, the Bears' pint-sized halfback, scored a touchdown on a brilliant 86 yard run, and ended the day with 171 yards in ten carries. Don Tallas, the Bears' starting quarterback, whose block sprung Skinner loose in his long run, scored two touchdowns himself and engineered a drive for a fourth with Bob McGregor scoring.

And the Bears' defense, led by veterans Dave Kates and Bob Clarke, forced the Gaiters into six turnovers on four fumbles and two interceptions and completely shut out what was supposed to be the most powerful offense in Canada. A

safety conceded by Kosak just before halftime was all that kept Bishop's from total humiliation.

To be fair to the eastern club, it must be noted that at times they appeared to be a competent football team, and Larry Smith, their fine running back, proved he could be a star in any league in Canada.

But it was painfully obvious that the Gaiters were used to playing against greatly inferior opposition. They could generate only a few good plays before running out of steam and being forced to give up the football. They had neither the conditioning nor the depth of personnel to stay with the tougher, more experienced Alberta crew.

The outcome was decided in the first five minutes of the game when the Bears converted a fumble recovery by Brent MacClean and an interception by Dave Kates into a touchdown and a field goal for a quick 10-0 lead. By halftime the Bears had increased the margin to 23 to 2 and the only remaining question was how many points they would score.

John Taylor nailed the

Bishop's quarterback, Bill MacDonald, for a safety touch near the end of the third quarter, and Tallas' second touchdown on the last play gave the Bears a 32-2 lead going into the final 15 minutes. The Bears scored three more majors to put the icing on the cake.

Coach Donlevy's crew now must prepare for the biggest game of the season in Toronto on Saturday when they meet Frank Consentino's Mustangs from the University of Western Ontario. Saturday Western crushed St. Mary's, the Atlantic conference winner, 44-13 to advance to the cup final. Western is a strong, tough football club, and will provide the Bears with what may be their stiffest competition this season.

So let's go, Bears. It's time to put away the Gaiter-aide and put on the spurs and bring us home our first national championship in four years.

	Alberta	Bishops
First downs	26	14
Yards rushing	307	144
Yards passing	215	70
Passes completed/tried	11/22	9/19
Interceptions by	2	1
Fumbles/lost	2/0	4/4
Penalties/yards	11/74	10/78



Ron Ternoway

from my square

corner

Bishop's had a football team,
They called themselves the Gaiters.
But little did the poor boys know
The Bears were Gaiter-haters.

The Gaiters were the top-ranked team
By experts in the East.
The Bears, ranked lowly number three
Were ready for a feast.

For Sunday was the Western Bowl
T'was Bishop's 'gainst the Bears.
And Bishop's came, so unaware
That soon they would get theirs.

The Gaiters were to catch the kick,
Their hearts were filled with glee.
But two plays later, t'was Bear first down
On Bishop's thirty-three.

The Green and Gold rolled on and on,
They scored again and again.
And just to keep track of the score
Was quite a mental strain.

But what of the vaunted Gaiters?
Well, they weren't up to much.
All they had were two small points,
One measly safety touch.

And when the game was over,
The Gaiters were black and blue.
They looked up at the score and cringed,
It was 53-2.

So now the Bears are Trawna bound,
Where Western Mustangs roam.
They're off to tame those wild nags
And bring the trophy home.



OFFENCE

JOHN SKINNER-5'6", 165 lbs. Age 24. This marks big number three, the third time John has been selected by his teammates as the outstanding offensive player of the game. A good halfback with excellent speed, Skinner picked up over 170 yards in ten carries against the Gaiters, including an exhilarating 86 yard romp for a touchdown in the second quarter. John came to Alberta last year after three seasons at Waterloo Lutheran.

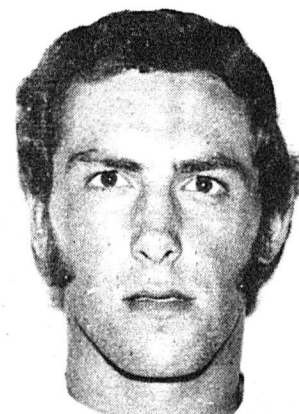
Give it to those Mustangs, John!



Player of the week

...as chosen by

the
Golden Bears



DEFENCE

DAVE KATES-6', 180 lbs. Age 22. Safety Dave Kates, playing in his final year as a Golden Bear, came up with a stellar performance against the Bishop's Gaiters in Sunday's Western Bowl. He picked off an errant Bill MacDonald pass to set up a Bear score, and played his rover position very well. Defensive coordinator Garry Smith is very high on him. Dave is one of the four Bears remaining from the 1967 national championship team, and would probably like to make it two this year. He was "illegally" drafted by the Eskimos last year, but a recent CFL ruling makes him theirs.