

# Huskies flatten flat Bears

Saskatchewan 31 Alberta 15  
by Randal Smathers

"Grunt, grunt, and punt."

That's the way football coach Jim Donlevy assessed his team's offence in their home opener August 27.

The game started well for the home team, before a decent crowd of 811, on a beautiful summer Saturday. Bear Trent Brown returned a punt 52 yards for a touchdown on the fourth play of the game.

After that, however, the Bears were shut out until the fourth quarter. They even failed to convert the major, as the Huskies broke through and allowed Phil Guebert to block the convert. "That was an omen," said Donlevy later, rolling his eyes for emphasis, "of things to come."

At 9:25 of the first, Saskatchewan scored on a 71 yard pass and run play from Greg Galan to running back Terry Eisler. Galan avoided a Bears blitz long enough to dump a pass to Eisler, who was waiting in the right flat. Eisler got to the outside with some blocking

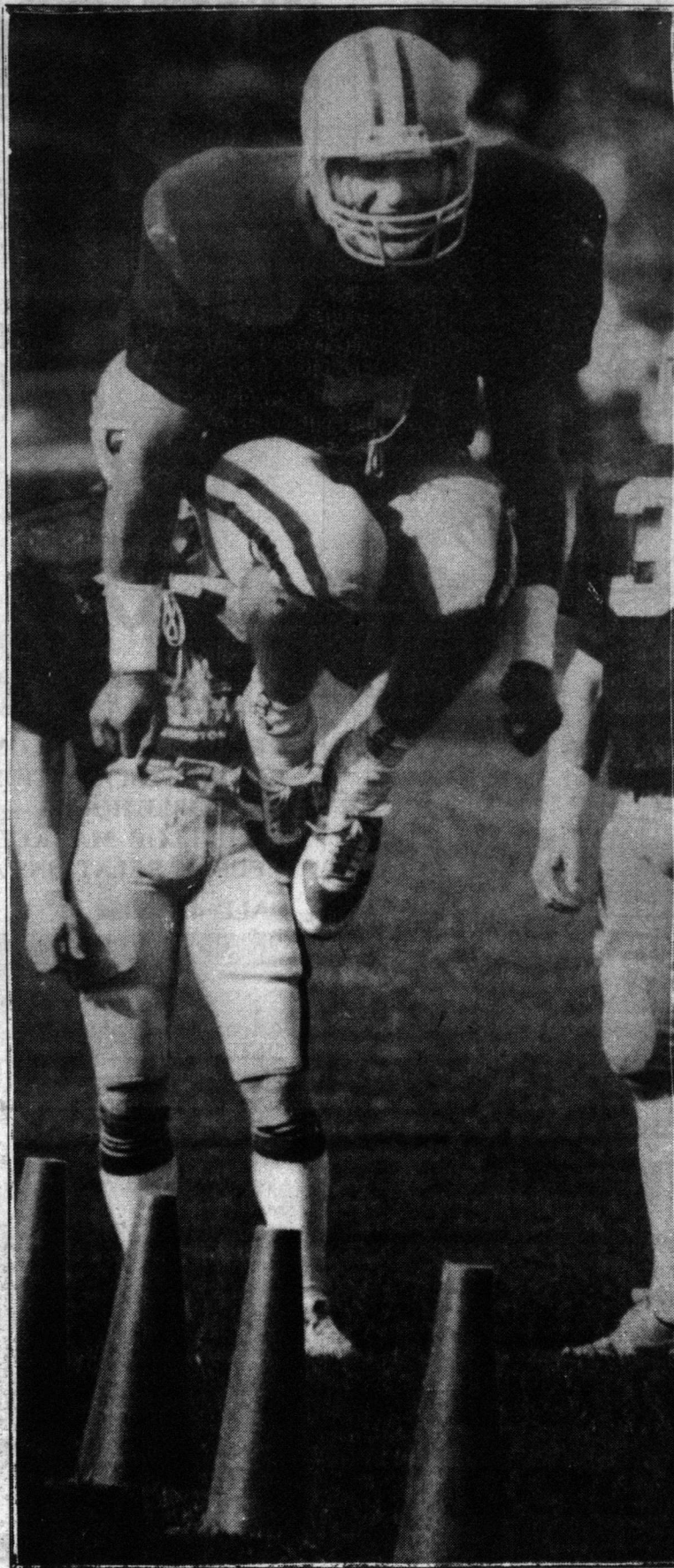
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and beat a desperation tackle at the eight yard line for the score. The Huskies kicker, Mike Lazecki, hit the convert, and the visitors were ahead to stay.

Galan threw touchdown passes to tight end Kelvin Sander of 25 and seven yards, and Lazecki kicked three converts, two field goals, and two singles to complete the scoring for the Huskies.

"Whatever we did, I thought we did it well. They didn't really stop anything except our running game. I don't think they had as many players playing as we did."

Donlevy's assessment was much the same. "There are a lot of inexperienced players out there, and they're all excited, and they haven't developed a game day



The Bears weren't hopping against the Huskies.

preparation routine, and so we were a little flat," he said.

"We didn't have a lot of intensity as a team, I don't know why. I really don't know what the answer is. I guess I can take a chicken and chop its head off and smash it around the dressing room and get them fired up. It's never been my style, doing those kinds

of things."

The lack of intensity and the surplus of nerves showed as the Bears took numerous procedure penalties and dropped more than a few balls. The play that told the whole story was when punter Kasowski had to give up a safety after a snap flew far over his head.



Birds 17  
Bears 3



Dogs 31  
Bears 15

**1st Quarter**  
ALTA Single, Kasowski 47 5:55

**2nd Quarter**  
UBC FG, Bellefontaine 18 :44  
ALTA Single, Kasowski 47 5:52  
ALTA Single, Kasowski 41 12:08

**3rd Quarter**  
UBC TD, Walley 12 yd pass from Gagner (Bellefontaine convert) 11:21

**4th Quarter**  
UBC TD, Walley 20 yd pass from Gagner (Bellefontaine convert) 11:16

ALTA 1 2 0 0 - 3  
UBC 0 3 7 7 - 17

**YARDSTICKS**

	ALTA	UBC
First Downs	8	20
Rushing	91	146
Net Offence	150	399
Passing	72	253
Passing C-A	6-19	20-31
Punts/Avg.	13-42.5	8-35.1
Pen. No.-Yds	9-80	8-60
Fumbles-lost	1-1	2-1
Interceptions	4	0

	W	L	F	A	P
Saskatchewan	2	0	60	18	4
Calgary	1	0	33	24	2
B.C.	1	1	41	36	2
Manitoba	0	1	3	29	0
Alberta	0	2	18	48	0

**1st Quarter**  
ALTA TD, T. Brown 52 yd punt return (convert failed) 1:25  
SASK TD, Eisler 71 yd pass from Galan (Lazecki convert) 9:25  
SASK Safety, Mamer tackled Kasowski in end zone 11:12

**2nd Quarter**  
SASK TD, Sander 25 yd pass from Galan (Lazecki convert) 0:25  
SASK FG, Lazecki 38 2:41  
SASK FG, Lazecki 41 7:57

**3rd Quarter**  
SASK Single, Lazecki 18 4:31  
SASK Single, Lazecki 50 6:31  
SASK TD, Sander 7 yd pass Galan (Lazecki convert) 11:52

**4th Quarter**  
ALTA Single, Kasowski 43 0:21  
ALTA TD, Forrest 35 yd pass from Smith (Kasowski convert) 7:01  
ALTA Single, Kasowski 21 10:39

SASK 9 13 9 0 - 31  
ALTA 6 0 0 9 - 15

**YARDSTICKS**

	Sask.	Alta.
First Downs	16	6
Rushing	57	87
Net Offence	352	148
Passing	304	79
Passing C-A	20-40	5-20
Punts/Avg.	11-37.9	14-37.1
Pen. No.-Yds	10-60	13-97
Fumbles-lost	5-2	8-3
Interceptions	1	1

The defence, although they gave up 31 points, had some good moments. They stopped the Huskies twice in one series from the three yard line in the first quarter and picked off a Galan throw before the half, but they had some problems.

"In a lot of cases it was poor tackling," said Donlevy. "You have a day of missed tackles and not getting off the ball, and it comes down to a lack of preparation, of intensity, and sometimes those things happen."

Donlevy denied that having three quarterbacks in camp caused any of the timing problems that plagued the afternoon.

"Mark Denesiuk was our number one man going into this game, and we made that decision relatively early. In fairness to Mark, he didn't have time to execute," said Donlevy.

The Bear backfield fumbled six times, losing three balls. Denesiuk had three fumbles, while Jeff Steinberg had two in as many series, and running back Ken Farrus had one. Farrus' fumble spoiled an otherwise fine debut as a U of A back. He led the Bears with 61 yards on the ground and 94 total yards.

Trent Brown, Brian Forrest, and Aaron Smith were other Bears who had good individual games.

Besides his return for the touchdown, Brown had the Bears' lone interception; Forrest scored the other major on a nice run after a catch, and Smith moved the offence a little from QB. He threw Forrest's touchdown, and moved into position to go to Vancouver on the first weekend in September with his showing.

The other quarterback, Steinberg, went 0-for-2.

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