

Ron Ternoway ...from my square corner

The Edmonton Eskimos have an "EE" decal on their helmets.

Sometime during their current dismal season, a fan decided that it meant: "excuses, excuses."

In that case, the Golden Bears should switch their present Golden Bear decal for one emblazoned with a big black and blue "II".

For "Injuries, Injuries."

The Bruin sick call continued to mount Saturday as starters Don Tallas and Doug Louch joined no less than five other first-stringers on the sidelines. Safety Dale Schulah popped the cartilage in his jaw, or something, and saw only limited action.

Head coach Jim Donlevy declined to elaborate on the extent of Tallas' injuries. "There's a couple of guys on the Calgary team that would love to know just where to aim," he said. Bears travel to Calgary in search of win number five Saturday, and it's not known yet if Tallas will make the trip.

Louch, who mangled a shoulder while making a tackle, definitely will not be on the bus south this weekend.

Neither will end John McManus and linebacker Dave Wray, out since the beginning of the season, or defensive back Morrie Smith, who fractured a leg against the Dinnies two weeks ago. It's also uncertain whether halfback John Skinner and slot-back Percy Kosak will be mended.

In spite of all this, Golden Bears are currently one of only two undefeated teams in the country. The other is the Ottawa GeeGees, who blasted Toronto 21-0 last weekend. They will likely maintain their number one rating (as selected by the Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic Union and therefore a meaningless one). Bears, ranked number two last week, will probably stay there. Manitoba should move up with their 33-2 shelling of the Dinosaurs in a mud bowl in Winnipeg.

The ratings, as I said before, are really meaningless, as no one in Canada has seen all the college teams play, least of all whoever in the CIAU that makes the choices. Contrast this to the set-up in the U.S. where there are thirty or forty press types at most college games, and ratings take on a real significance. Here in Canada ratings are based mostly on final scores and nothing else. Kind of a tenuous way of doing things.

Speaking of doing things, it's about time Golden Bear fans did a few things.

Things like cheering and screaming and generally letting the opposing team know that they're not playing at home or not even on neutral ground.

Fans have only one more chance to redeem themselves this year, as the football Bruins have only one scheduled home game left.

But what a game. Donlevy's crew will tackle the University of Manitoba Bisons in the contact that should decide the league championship here on Oct. 23.

So you've got three weeks to practice your yelling.

Talent 21, Desire 18



By Walter Neilson

U of S 18, Bears 21

Saturday was Homecoming day at the University of Alberta, and the stage was set at Varsity Stadium for a show that would delight any green and gold supporter.

There was a footrace, a powderpuff football game, and to top it off, a mismatch between the Golden Bears and the University of Saskatchewan Huskies. The 8,000-plus spectators joyously awaited the slaughter that would surely take place.

The only trouble was, somebody forgot to show the Huskies the script.

The Saskatoon squad played inspired football against the superior Alberta team, and nearly walked off with the victory until Mel Smith made a brilliant catch of a Joe Petrone pass in the Husky endzone. It came at 9:35 of the fourth quarter and gave the Bears a narrow 21-18 win.

Earlier the Bears had taken a 14-3 halftime lead and everything seemed to be going according to plan.

But on the first play from scrimmage in the second half, Bears' quarterback Don Tallas rolled out and was smothered by Husky defenders. When the pile untangled, Tallas was still not moving and had to be taken from the field on a stretcher.

The Bears sagged perceptibly from that point, and 17 minutes and 15 points later, they were looking at an 18-14 deficit. It looked like the Huskies were going to score the upset of the season until Smith's touchdown saved the game for the Bears.

Husky coach Al Leddinham was more than a little disappointed with the loss. "It would have been a great one for our boys to pick off", he said after the game. He felt that his pass defence let down a little and may have been the cause of the winning touchdown, as it came on a poorly thrown pass.

The Huskies opened the scoring at 9:14 of the first quarter on a 15 yard field goal by Barry Radcliffe. After a couple of punt exchanges, Tallas hit Vance Curtis with a 42 yard strike that gave the Bears a first down on the Husky one. On the next play, Petrone rolled out and ran for the touchdown. His conversion made the score seven to three at the end of the quarter. Early in the second quarter, Tallas hit Gary Weisbort with an eight yard pass for another six points. Petrone again converted, ending the first half scoring.

The Husky offence started to roll in the third quarter under quarterback Bill Preston. After Art Lord punted for a single, Preston engineered a 60 yard drive and scored himself on a one-yard run. The conversion and another single made the score 14-12 for the Bears at three quarter time. In the fourth

quarter, a fine punt return by Mike Harrington gave the Huskies the ball on the Bears 20. Three plays later, Radcliffe punched it over from two yards out, and the Huskies were ahead 18-14.

Up to that point, the Bears had done nothing in the second half, and the fans were beginning to wonder if they would ever come to life. They responded to the challenge, however, and in eight plays drove 57 yards for the major score. The defence then held tight and Bears had the win.

Despite the victory, the Bears did not play good football on Saturday. They obviously outclassed their opponents, yet had to come up with a touchdown late in the game to win. If the Huskies had as much talent as desire, the Bears would have been waiting until next year to record a victory on homecoming weekend.

In other league action on Saturday, the University of Manitoba Bisons smothered the University of Calgary Dinosaurs 33-2.

YARDSTICK

	Alberta	Sask.
First downs	18	10
Yds. rushing	149	121
Yds. passing	159	47
Total offence	308	186
Passes comp./att. 10/19	3/12	
Interceptions	0	2
Penalties/yds.	5/40	5/55
Punts/avg.	10/33.5	12/38.3

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