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Defense leads Bears past halting Huskies



Glen Music was one of five Bears to grab errant Huskie aerials

photo by Vic Marchiel

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The very tiny eruption of protest encouraged by my comments in this space regarding the names of sporting teams at the U of A has made a couple of things apparent to me.

The first, embarrassingly enough, is a sin of omission. Regardless of my opinion (and my opinion hasn't changed, I should add), I should have talked to the members of the womens' teams. After all, they're the ones who will be identified by whatever name *The Gateway* goes with. My apologies to these people, then, along with an invitation to drop into the office for a chat. I'm the pudgy one in the fedora.

The second thing that occurred to me is that I took the damned thing too seriously. This is the most disturbing aspect, because it points to something that may be a touch uncomfortable. There's something a bit frightening in the importance we place in sports, particularly on the professional level (the high-profile university sports — football and mens' hockey — have to be considered at least semi-professional, acting as they do as a final preparation for the professional leagues).

An example: a man I know bears a ritual hatred for the University of Texas because its football team was once coached by Darrell Royal. What does this have to do with anything? Well, this man is a died-in-the-wool Calgary Stampeders fan — and for one miserable year, in the 1950s, Darrell Royal coached the Edmonton Eskimos. How's that for logic?

This isn't an isolated occurrence, either. Last year, in a joke issue, *The Gateway* ran a put-on ad which suggested (rather crudely, I'll admit) that Wayne Gretzky was a practicing heterosexual. The response was amusingly strident (and thanx for the P-R, Dick Chubby!) — but perplexing. Had the subject of the ad been Cec Purves, nobody would have noticed. Had it been Pierre Trudeau, odds are we'd have been accused of being too lenient.

Some people have to take athletics seriously, of course: the athletes. I've always thought that fun should be taken very seriously, if such a paradox is possible. And there's no doubt that athletics can be a lot of fun. Certain psycho-sociologists to the contrary, even competition can be fun, for its own sake.

The question that has to be asked, though, is this: Are we doing anybody any favours by building sports up to the nature of a state religion? Does it help athletes to make of them living, breathing examples of moveable ikonography? It certainly manages to distract a lot of our attention from matters of somewhat greater importance. For *panem et circenses*, just add free donuts to Eskimos home games.

I am realistic enough to know that one editorial rave isn't going to lead to the denizens of this campus immediately putting sports into their proper perspective. While I'm editor here, though (ie. as long as my stomach holds out), you'll all forgive me if I occasionally forget to treat the various departments of athletics with the seriousness they feel they deserve.

(Note to Willard Mulberry (sic?): I am not, as you suggested in your letter, a bleeding heart liberal. I am, rather, a crypto-centrist laissez-faire-neo-dadaist with Jeffersonian leanings. Liberalism as a concept has been outdated since the First World War, and those who continue to use the term obviously don't understand its meaning. I suggest that in the future you stick to insulting terms you understand — 'shithead', for instance, I could accept. As for my name, most sentient beings would have realized that, as an editor, my monicker automatically appears in the staff box just below the editorial in each issue. Ta-taa!)

by Bob Kilgannon

How do you spell success? The U of A Golden Bears spell it D-E-F-E-N-C-E after last Saturday.

The defense led the way, giving the offense excellent field position, causing nine Saskatchewan turnovers, and even scoring a touchdown themselves as the Bears wiped out Val Schneider's U of S Huskies by a score of 33-8.

Gord Syme, Glen Music, Gio Chisotti, Ron Lammers, and Mike McLean had interceptions for the Bears.

Syme, McLean, Dave Brown and Nereo Bolyon recovered four of the seven Saskatchewan fumbles. (Bolyon's recovery was actually off a punt blocked by Perry Pawliuk and accounted for the Bear's defensive touchdown)

Alberta's three offensive touchdowns all came from Randy Stollery on passes twice to Peter Eshenko and once to Dave Brown.

Placekicker Reg Gilmour rounded out the Bear's scoring with four converts, a field goal and two singles.

The game was really decided in the first half as the Bears went to the dressing room up by a 32-0 count.

The wind at Clarke Stadium was about 40km per hour on Saturday and the Huskies elected to have the wind at their backs in the first quarter. Their inability to score with such an advantage proved to be the Huskies undoing.

The Bears kept the Huskies hemmed in their own end, and near the end of the quarter, Bolyon scored when he recovered the blocked punt in Saskatchewan's end zone.

In the second quarter, when the Bears got the wind at their backs, they proceeded to score 24 unanswered points to effectively put the game out of the Huskies reach.

Two of the three second quarter touchdowns were set up by turnovers from the defense.

The Huskies got their only touchdown in the third quarter, but it was scored by their defense rather than the offense. Murray Sadownick scored the touchdown after recovering an attempted pitch by Stollery that went over running back Martin Pardell's head. Paul Stickie added the other Saskatchewan point on a missed field goal.

Head Coach Jim Donlevy of the Bears, was happy that his club won the game but still feels that the club needs more work, especially offensively.

"We scored, but we weren't consistent", he said.

Some of the statistics seem to bear out Donlevy's statement.

Alberta managed 15 first downs but only four of those came in the second half. They had 357 yards of total offense but only 97 of those yards came in the second half.

The defending College Bowl champs did win though...and they won handily. Now they're back in the thick of the race in the WFL.

The UBC Thunderbirds lead the pack with a two and one record, while the Bears, Manitoba and Calgary are all even at a win and a loss.

Saskatchewan also has a win but they have two losses to go along with it.

The Bears play in Manitoba next week as they try to break out of the logjam that's at the standings in the WFL.

BEAR FACTS

Gord Syme's interception in the first quarter tied him for the all-time lead for career interceptions as a Golden Bear.

Offensive guard Ben Der suffered a shoulder injury and was operated on Saturday night. He will likely be lost to the club for the season.

In other league action, the UBC Thunderbirds defeated the Manitoba Bisons 27-1 in Vancouver on Friday night.

Statistics

RUSHING

	Bears
Paulitsch	10/52
Pardell	5/34
Benjamin	6/8
Fellice	4/10
Eshenko	1/1
Crawford	1/0

RECEIVING

	Bears
Eshenko	4/71
	2 TD
Brown	2/16
	1 TD
Ciochetti	1/23
Wolfram	4/78
Paulitsch	3/43
Pardell	2/16

PASSING

	Bears
Crawford	23/7
	119 yds. 0 int. 0 TD
Stollery	10/7
	84 yds. 1 int. 3 TD
Brown	1/1
	53 yds. 0 int. 0 TD
Casson	3/1
	1 yd. 1 int. 0 TD

	Bears	Huskies
1st downs - R	5	6
P	10	6
Other	0	2
	15	14

Rushing	103	88
Passing	254	163
	357	251

Pass Att/Com.	37/16	36/12
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Punts Total/Av.	13/38	14/34.3
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Pen. Total/Yds.	11/56	2/0
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Fumbles/Lost	2/2	7/4
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Interceptions/yds	5/	2/
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Randy Stollery came in for starter Jamie Crawford and threw three touchdown passes.

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