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"We got our butts kicked..." — Donlevy

Dinos 46 at Bears 7
by Dean Bennett

What could be worse for Bears' Head Coach Jim Donlevy than to have his team humiliated 46-7 by the University of Calgary Dinosaurs?

How about if it occurs before the largest home crowd of the season? How about if it occurs on national TV?

How about both?

Unfortunately, it is both. Alberta kicked off the first half of the inaugural North/South Shrine Bowl by being pummeled by their southern rivals before 6,648 fans and a battery of The Sports Network (TSN) cameras last Saturday at Commonwealth Stadium.

The game was dominated by Dinos halfback Elio Geremia. He ran for 235 yards on 32 carries, setting a Dinos' single game regular season rushing record. The Dinos offense on the whole put on an impressive display, amassing 367 yards on the ground and 211 through the air for five touchdowns and three field goals.

The Calgary offense, though, must share the limelight with their defense. The defense held the Bears to 205 yards total offense. Alberta made it past centre field only four times all game, and only once in the second half. Of the Bears' fifteen offensive drives, 12 ended in Steve Kasowski punts, two were halted by interceptions and one was a Mark Brus touchdown run of 65 yards.

The Dinos took control of the game early, scoring points on their first three possessions of the ball game. At 10:31 of the first quarter Dinos quarterback Robbie McNab, facing a second and nine on the Bears 24, rolled out and fired a completion to an open slotback Tim Karbonik who then eluded Bears safety Darryl Grass to scamper the final ten yards for the major. Calgary kicker Brent Matich, who had earlier booted a 33 yard field goal, added a safety four seconds into the second quarter when Bears' punt returner Trent Brown ran a 51 yard punt out of, and then back into, Alberta's end zone.

The Bears' only points came on the Brus run early in the second. Brus ran a picture perfect trap play straight up the middle, broke two tackles and then raced virtually

untouched the rest of the way.

The Dinos, however, immediately came back with an impressive 94 yard 13 play drive, capped by McNab diving in from the Bears one for the touchdown. Match later booted a 28 yard field goal to put Calgary up 22-7 at the half.

After a scoreless third quarter the roof fell in on Alberta.

Match kicked another 28 yard field goal to start the fourth. On the first play of the Bear's ensuing drive quarterback Mark Denesiuk, with the Dino defensive front line in his face (not an uncommon occurrence this day) threw an interception to linebacker Dean Lang. Calgary took over on the Bears 22 and six plays later, from the Bears 2, McNab threw a quick slant to fullback Tony Spoletini for the TD.

Calgary then kicked off and Andrzej Obodzinski fumbled the return. Dino Greg Farney recovered. Two plays later McNab again hooked up with Karbonik to make the score Calgary 39 Alberta 7. The fourth quarter was not five minutes old yet.

Calgary later added one more touchdown — a five yard run by fullback Steve Pozzi. Match converted all five Dino majors.

A post game review by both head coaches indicated experience and execution were keys to the game and that Alberta was found wanting in both departments.

"Their (Calgary's) offensive line is probably the best in the nation. We got our butts kicked in terms of their defensive line. We just couldn't handle them," said Donlevy. "They didn't do anything different than what we expected. They just executed superbly. They execute to perfection."

Calgary head coach Pete Connellan concurred: "It was a case of our experience on offence against their inexperience on defense.

Crowd survey finds few students

by Alan Small

The 46-7 win by the University of Calgary Dinosaurs may have put a damper on the U of A fans at the first leg of the North-South Shrine Bowl, but the 6,648 fans in attendance were enthusiastic and appreciative of the effort being put out by both teams.

Some fans in the crowd said that maybe it is games like this that might increase interest in the Golden Bears.

"This game gives good exposure for the players, Canadian college football and for the Shriners," said Wally Dowhaniuk, potentate of the Al-Azhar Shrine temple in Calgary.

"You have to remember that the East-West Shrine Bowl in Palo Alto, California had the same problem of fan support when it first started. Now, it is one of the biggest bowl games in the States," Dowhaniuk said.

"Edmonton does not have the tradition of supporting college teams that Calgary has, I guess," Dowhaniuk added. Dowhaniuk also said that the North-South Shrine Bowl would be an annual series of games.

The Dino fans were there in full



Dino running back Steve Pozzi sprints around the left side. Calgary did a lot of sprinting on this day. photo Alex Miller

Experience is a key thing. We have a little more than Alberta right now," he said.

As a result, the Dinos now move to 3-1 and the Bears drop to 1-2. This loss could prove a costly one for the green and gold. Only the top two teams in the five team WIFL make the playoffs and the Bears are now four points behind both UBC and Calgary with five games left in their regular season.

Although Alberta has a game in hand over Calgary, three of the Dinos four remaining games are at home. UBC has five games left and both these include two against the 1-2 Saskatchewan Huskies and a home game against the 0-3 Manitoba Bisons.

Bear Facts: Elio Geremia was named

offensive player of the game... Bear safety Sheldon Weinkauf captured the defensive honors... the Dinos have not lost to Alberta since October 12, 1984... the Bears next game is on the road against the Manitoba Bisons next Saturday... their next home game is against UBC on October 11.



**Bears 7
Dinos 46**

Yardsticks

	Bears	Dinos
First Downs	7	29
Net Rushing	135	367
Net Passing	68	211
Team Losses	33	10
Net Offense	170	568
Passes/Comp	4/18	15/22
Punts/Avg.	12/41	6/40
Fumbles/Lost	1/1	2/1
Interceptions by	0	2
Penalties/Yds	9/100	8/80

Scoring

Bears	0	7	0	0	7
Dinos	10	12	0	24	46

Individual:

Rushing: Alta. Brus 9/109; Houg 7/9; Cal. Geremia 32/235; Spoletini 10/63; Pozzi 7/36.
Receiving: Alta. Pierson 3/49; Brus 1/19; Cal. Karbonik 5/77; Dunkle 3/40; Brown 2/25.
Passing: Alta. Denesiuk 4/16 for 68; Molcak 0/2 for 0; Cal. McNab 14/21 for 172; Van der Brugh 1/1 for 39.

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