

Gateway Sports



Bob Anderson ... one man's opinion

SASKATOON—The most important football game of the year comes up next week for the Golden Bears.

But the strange thing about this game is that the Bears will have absolutely no say in the final result.

Kind of an odd situation you say? Not at all, really.

It works this way.

Manitoba's Bisons lead the Western Canada Intercollegiate Football League with a perfect 4-0 won-lost record. One more win and Henry Janzen's crew will wrap up first spot, an all important accomplishment, there being no playoffs.

The Bisons tangle with the Huskies in Saskatoon next Saturday and the Saskatchewanites must come up with a victory if the Bears are to retain their slim chances of finishing first.

However, the possibility of the Huskies beating the Bisons is virtually non-existent as the Herd whitewashed them 26-0 two weeks ago in Winnipeg.

Even the Bears themselves can't see the Sled-dogs coming up big with a clutch performance. As one player put it, "the Huskies have had the bird; they played their best football three weeks ago when they beat Calgary 31-8."

The Huskies have personnel problems too with at least three starters out for the year with injuries. Even as things stand now, there are a number of players going both ways in Al Ledingham's outfit.

But they'll be out there trying 110 per cent just like they were Saturday against the Bears. As Husky assistant coach Bob Laycoe said, "we don't want to beat the Bisons for the Bears, we want to beat them for ourselves. We have to salvage something out of the season."

Speaking of Saturday's game, the Bears came up with another inconsistent performance before 2,000 Saskatchewan supporters. The offence got the club off to a good start and a nine point lead, but the defensive platoon got a little careless and allowed the Huskies to come right back.

Unlike in the Calgary game two weeks ago the Bears were able to come back themselves and managed to settle down in the second half and hold the Huskies at bay.

Terry Lampert was extremely effective as the Bear quarterback, with his beautiful faking keeping the Husky defenders guessing all afternoon.

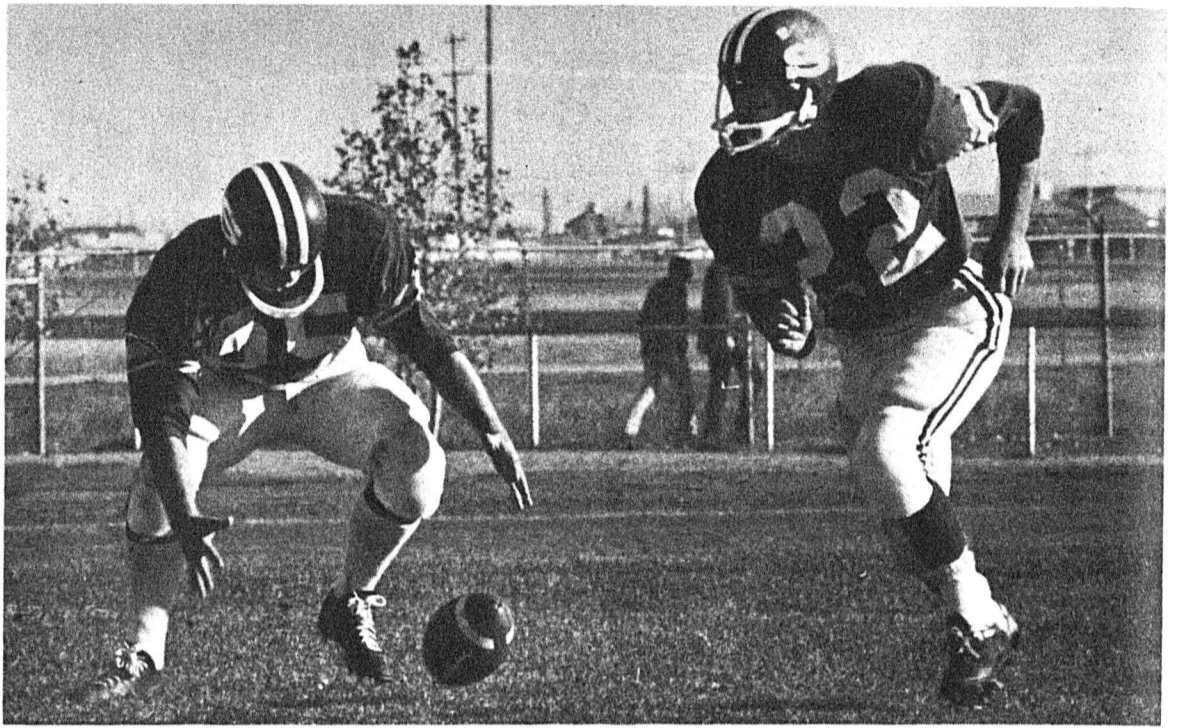
Lampert's play action passes gave him just that extra time needed to spot an open receiver and get the ball to him.

Ludwig Daubner, with 105 yards rushing, was also a Bear offensive star. Much of Daubner's yardage was picked up in second and long yardage situations when the Bruins needed a first down.

So now the Bears just have to sit back and play the waiting game. In a league where one loss means trouble and two losses spell disaster, the Golden Ones are clinging to a mighty thin rope.

And they'll know before they take the field next Sunday in Calgary against the Dinosaurs whether the last two games mean anything or not. The Bisons and Huskies tangle Saturday in Saskatoon. If the Huskies should pull off the miracle of the century, and the Bears manage to scare up a victory over Calgary, then the Bisons would have to lose to the Bears on November 1 in Edmonton by more than ten points, in order for the Albertans to finish first.

Sure, it's a longshot gamble. But then look at the amazing Mets!



HUSKY BOB STRUDWICK (25) SCOOPS UP BEAR KICKOFF

... as Neil Garvie (22) gets set to block

—Chuck Lyall photo

Bears scrape by tough Huskies

Elimination looms as Bisons bomb Dinosaurs

BEARS 24, SASKATCHEWAN 15

SASKATOON — One of these days, the Golden Bear football club is going to come up with a solid performance.

One of these days both the offence and the defence are going to catch fire and the club will really start to fly.

But that day hasn't come yet and there are only two more games left for it to happen.

The Bruins came up with another inconsistent performance at Griffiths Stadium here Saturday afternoon and just managed to

down a gritty band of Saskatchewan Huskies 24-15. This was the same Husky squad that was whopped 52-7 by the Bears last weekend in Edmonton.

The Albertans have yet to come up with a game in which both offensive and defensive sides star. When one is cold, it seems the other is hot.

Such was the case again during Saturday's game. Terry Lampert and his offensive mates gave the club a 9-0 bulge in the first quarter only to see it disappear when the defence was guilty of some sloppy tackling.

That first Bear touchdown was scored by halfback Ludwig Daubner when the Bears marched 70 yards in six plays from the opening kickoff. The league's leading scorer, who rushed for a total of 105 yards, also added the convert and the Bears were out in front 7-0.

A conceded safety touch by Saskatchewan punter Gerry Harris made it 9-0 at the 14-32 of the first quarter and it appeared that another rout might ensue.

But the Bear defence decided to take a holiday and before they returned the Huskies had rung up 12 points of their own.

Neil Garvie, playing with a damaged shoulder, swept left for 11 yards and the major score at 10:51 of the second stanza, with brother Gord adding the single point.

The hosts tied the score at 9-9 when Alberta punter Dave Kates was forced to give up two points following a bad snap in the end zone. And 47 seconds later, on the last play of the first half, Gord Garvie kicked a 40 yard field goal to give the Huskies a 12-9 lead.

Other than in the opening series of plays, the Bears were just unable to get anything going offensively in the first half. The Husky defence, playing an inspired brand

of football, sealed the Bears off at every turn.

But things began to look up for the Golden Ones early in the third period. Following a bad Saskatchewan quick kick which travelled only 12 yards, the Bears found themselves on the Husky 34. Five plays later, rookie fullback Jim Dallin plunged over from the one, and the Bears went ahead to stay.

Defensive adjustments made by the Bruins in the second half contained the Saskatchewan offensive attack and limited the Huskies to only three points, those coming on Garvie's second field goal of the afternoon early in the final quarter.

The only serious Husky threat was snuffed out on the Bear 36 when Pete Smith picked off a Larry Haylor aerial.

The final Alberta points came at 8:16 of the fourth quarter with end Bill Manchuk snaring a 13 yard pass from Lampert for the touchdown. Daubner added his third convert of the afternoon, and his 42nd point of the season. Three minutes later, Dave Kates hoofed a 34 yard single.

BEAR FACTS

Attendance was about 2,000 in near perfect weather . . . Elsewhere in the WCIFL, Manitoba thrashed Calgary 41-14 to run their record to 4-0. Bears' record is 2-2. Bears meet Calgary at Calgary's McMahon Stadium next Sunday . . . Huskies had a total offence of 101 yards, while Bears ran up 292, including 164 rushing.

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Golf and Archery

Men's intramural archery and golf were both completed at the end of last month. Dentistry copped the team title in archery while Medicine took the golf honors.

The top four archers in the field of 180 participants were Barry Sadler (MBA), Ian Moss (LDS), Dale O'Brien (Dent), and Jim Van Iberstine (Eng).

Sadler and Moss were the individual co-champions, each scoring 194 of a possible 216. O'Brien was good for 168 while Van Iberstine totalled 150.

Despite miserable weather Jim Metcalfe of Medicine shot a two-under 70—the best score in the 18 hole golf tournament. Another Med student, F. Sutton came in second at 73.

Tony Pasternak's 73 for Engineering and Randy Chapman's 74 for the Fiji fraternity were third and fourth respectively.

When all scores of the 173 golfers were tallied, Medicine emerged as team champions, Engineering was second, while Dentistry and Dutch club tied for third. The Law faculty ended up fifth.

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