

Bears Claim Golden Bowl

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The University of Alberta Golden Bears are the best college team in Canada. How do we know? The Golden Bowl tells us so.

On Saturday, Nov. 16, the Golden Bears, ranked sixth among college teams in Canada, defeated the first ranked Queen's University Golden Gaels by a whopping 25-7 score. The win enabled Bears to add the Lieutenant Governor of Alberta Trophy to their collection which already includes the Hardy Cup.

Bears took a 7-0 lead in the first quarter and never looked back. In the second frame they stretched the lead to 9-0, when Gael quarterback Cal Conner was dragged down in his own end zone. In the second half Gaels shortened the gap to 9-7 on a sparkling play by Conner, but they then buckled under the power of the Bears who added another 16 points in the final 15 minutes.

"Boys Give 100 Per Cent"

Friday night at the Golden Bowl Bounce when Coach Gino Fracas introduced his ball players, he was constantly referring to their abilities in this way: "This boy gives 100 per cent when he's out on the field, we're really pleased with his play and he has a lot of ability." At the time it seemed strange that he should refer to all the boys in the same terms, but on Saturday afternoon they all justified his words. The result was a superb team effort that netted them the victory.

In the first quarter it only took Bears two sequences of plays to score their major. Starting from their own 50 yard line, quarterback Garry Smith alternated passes with ground rushes to lead the team to the end zone in four plays. Bert Carron started the sequence and carried for five then a screen pass to Ken Nielsen, who rambled for 29 yards.

On the next play, Smith rifled a pass to Clarence Kachman who lateraled to Nielsen and the big guy went in for the major. Ron Marteniuk made the convert good and at 8:01 the score was 7-0 in favor of Bears. Gaels never got out of their own end in this quarter and their farthest advance was to their own 41 yard line.

Defense Rewarded For Efforts

In the second quarter the defensive unit was rewarded for their efforts throughout the game. At 12:07, Bears defensive line led by Maynard Vollan broke in and dragged down Cal Conner five yards deep in his own end zone. This isn't a bad feat for a defence that was supposed to be the only thing holding back the Bears.

Somebody forgot to tell those boys they were supposed to be a weak defensive unit. Consequently boys like Gary Naylor, Willie Algajer, Paul Brady and Maynard Vollan broke up some of the Gaels' best plays and kept the Queen's squad to a total of ten first downs. Gaels' offence improved in this quarter and moved their point of deepest penetration to their own 42 yard line.

With the opening of the second half Gaels threatened to obliterate the Bear's lead. It took the eastern club only two plays to move from their own 17 into the Bears' end zone. After an unsuccessful line plunge, quarterback Conner bootlegged the ball in the opposite direction as the rest of his club. He saw a hole in the Bear defence, tucked the ball under his arm, and ran 91 yards for the major score, eluding four different Bears who had a shot at him. The convert was good and the score at 3:43 read: Bears 9, Gaels 7.

Bears Satisfy Appetite

The last quarter of the ball game was all Bears'. In the last minutes of the third quarter, Bears had moved the ball from the Queen's 45 down to the 14. After a couple of line plunges that yielded very little yardage and an incomplete pass to Nielsen, coach Fracas sent in Ron Marteniuk to kick a field goal.

Twice before, Marteniuk had been foiled on field goal attempts, but this time he was not to be denied. At 1:20 Martiniuk split the uprights and changed the score to 12-7 in favor of Bears. With this lead in their grasp, the Bearsmen got hungry and wanted a bigger lead.

Bears started on their own 46 and moved down the field to the Gaels 11. Smith then completed a pass to end Ron Finch on the one and on the next play Irwin Strifler charged in for the TD. Ron Marteniuk converted at 7:57 and the score was now 19-7.

Five plays later Bert Carron went over from the one yard line and boosted the score to 25-7. Martiniuk's convert attempt at 11:03 was blocked and the scoring was all over.

Gaels tried once more to score, but on the last play of the game Conner was stopped on the Alberta one after he had brought his team from their own 16 in the deepest Gael penetration in the game except for the 91 yard TD.

"Best Fans Coaches, Team"

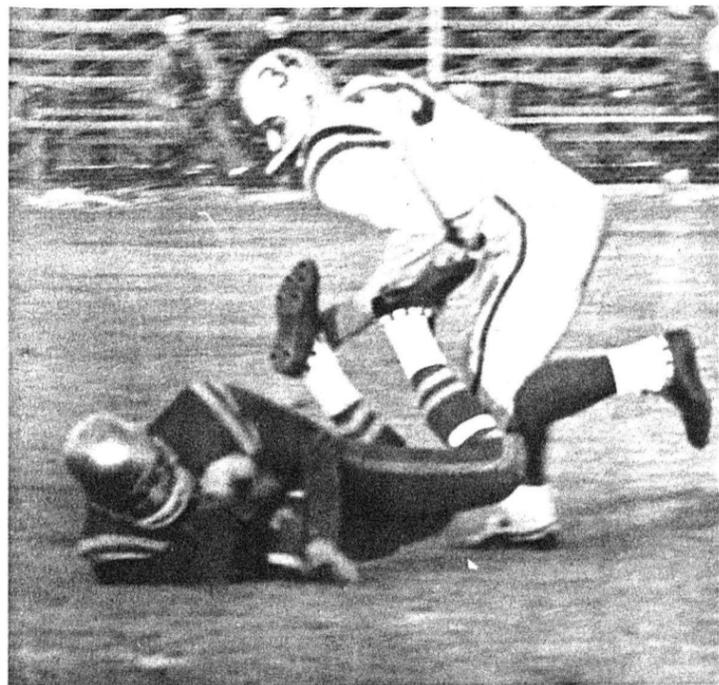
The final gun sounded, players threw their arms around each other and slapped each other on the back, fans mobbed onto the field and swarmed around the players and coaches. Everyone was so excited, that they forgot about the trophy which the Honorable J. Percy Page was waiting to present. When the Bears finally reached the time keeper's box where the Hon. Mr. Page was waiting, they were congratulated for their victory and team captain Gary Naylor summed up the whole spirit of the team when he said: "We've got the best fans in the world, the best coaches in the world and the best team in the world." What else can be said?



NIELSEN GOES UP



COMES DOWN WITH BALL



ANOTHER FIRST DOWN!

Spirit Makers

The Team

- Willie Algajer
- Bob Bennett
- Larry Bird
- Rennie Bradley
- Paul Brady
- Bert Carron
- Jim Chartrand
- Vic Chmelyk
- Glen Claerhout
- Ian Douglas
- Ron Finch
- Jim Hale
- Clarence Kachman
- Ron Marteniuk
- John McInnes
- Cam McAlpine
- Vern McKay
- Vic Messier
- Gary Naylor
- Ken Nielsen
- Denny O'Donnell
- Robert Revak
- Metro Rosiewicz
- Val Schneider
- Darwin Semotiuk
- Al Shaw
- George Short
- Garry Smith
- Randy Spencer
- Bill Sowa
- Stanley Stinchcombe
- Mike Stanford
- Irwin Strifler
- Bruce Switzer
- Maury Van Vliet Jr.
- Maynard Vollan
- Jim Watson
- Don Whidden
- Gordon Willans
- John Wilson
- Dick Wintermute
- Willie Woloshyn
- Bill Woywitka

The Staff

- Gino Fracas
- Frank Morris
- Clare Drake
- Leigh McMillan
- Roy Filipek
- Chuch Moser
- Jock Faulds
- Tom Pon
- George Shaw

Goalposts Keep Crowd In Stitches

Pulling down goalposts at the end of championship football games may be fun . . . but it is also risky.

Ask Jim Hunter, comm 4. He was standing under just such a goalpost at just such a game, when it happened to suddenly descend. It was involved in a collision with his head. He suffered 37 stitches.

Two companions suffered a broken nose and bumped skull, respectively.