

SPORTS

Bears blow Dinosaurs away

Dino Busters

Golden Bears 31 - Dinosaurs 22

From putting the first points on the board to making the last big defensive play of the game, the Golden Bears proved they are winners.

Saturday at Varsity Stadium, the Bears grabbed sole possession of first place in the Western Intercollegiate Football League by handing Canada's No. 1 ranked Calgary Dinosaurs their first loss of the season. Playing before 2,138 shivering fans, the Bears overpowered the Dinosaurs 31-22, falling behind only once in the second quarter.

The electricity was in the air and the Bears were out to win. For the first time this season the Bears were really up and finally came together.

They played 60 minutes of exciting football. With rookie quarterback Mark Denesiuk at the helm the Bears compiled 449 yards total offense; 218 yards gained rushing and 231 yards gained passing. Rookie runningback Jeff Funtasz destroyed the Dinosaur defence, rushing for 146 yards on 28 carries and two majors.

Steve Kasowski opened the scoring on a 20 yard field goal and the Bears were on their way. Calgary had to settle for a single off a missed field goal by Brian Demug, and the score was 3-1 at the end of the first

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quarter.

At the start of the second quarter, Dinosaurs' Lew Lawrick hit wide receiver Jeff Pronk with a 36 yard pass for the first major of the game. Demug's convert was good and Calgary pulled ahead 8-3.

Within four minutes, Bears' linebacker Mike McLean intercepted a pass from Lawrick, and seven plays later Funtasz plunged over the Dinosaur's one yard line. Kasowski's convert was successful and the Bears took the lead 10-8.

Alberta's offensive attack continued. With great protection from the offensive line, Denesiuk passed to inside receiver Scott Smith for an 18 yard touchdown. The convert was good and the bears were up 17-8.

The Dinosaurs narrowed the margin with a five yard touchdown run by Lawrick and a one point convert

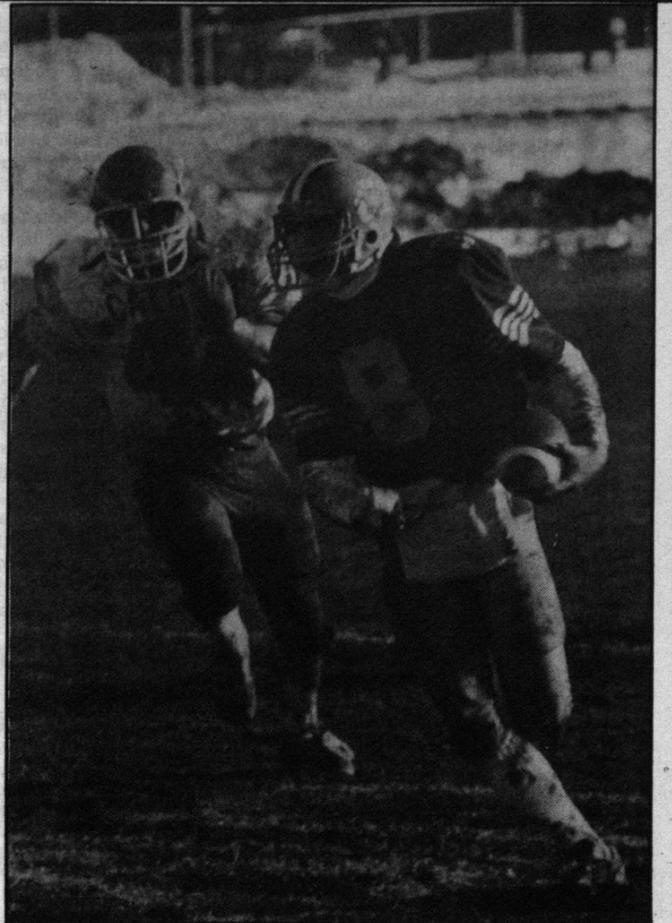
by Demug. At the half the score was 17-15.

An Alberta scoring drive early in the third quarter led to six more points for the Bears as Funtasz went over the one yard line for the second time. Keeping their offensive momentum going, veteran running back Corrado Filice ran four yards and scored the Bears fourth touchdown of the afternoon and his first in four years. Kasowski was good on both converts and the Bears had a comfortable 31-15 lead.

With 2:23 left to play the Dinosaurs were still fighting to win. A one yard touchdown run by Tony Spoletini, the point after by Demug, and the score was 31-22.

With seconds left, the Bears defense came up big with a simply outstanding effort that stopped the Dinosaurs short on third and goal thus eliminating any chance of victory and ensuring home field advantage in the Western final.

Alberta held Calgary's offense to 341 total yards, allowing only 93 yards on the ground. McLean, safeties Frank Salverda and Rick Magee were each credited with an interception, while halfback Gio Chisotti was given credit for a sack. Rookie linebacker Gerald Telidetzki, starting in place of Garret Doll, was a definite asset to the defense.



Golden Bears' quarterback Mark Denesiuk led the Bears' attack. Despite three sacks he had the protection when he needed it. The Bears racked up 449 yards total offense.

Bears Avenge

by Kevin Kaardal

Over the weekend the Golden Bears basketball team avenged last season's loss to their Alumni with an 83-73 win in their exhibition season opener.

The Bears' defense was the story in the first half. The hustle of players like Mike Kornak forced the Alumni to take bad shots and turn over the ball. Sporadic fast breaks, led by Kornak, and strong inside play by Mike Suderman, Gord Klootwyk, Dean Peters, and Mark Baker gave the Bears a 20-point lead at half-time.

Action in the second half was more ragged. The referees eased up on their calls and the play became rougher. This, when added to some major miscues by the Bears during their "slam" full court press, allowed the Alumni to pull within six points. Except for Kornak and the Alumni's Ernie Lotz the outside shooters from both teams were inconsistent.

In the end, though, it was the strong offensive rebounding of Peters coupled with some key baskets by Suderman that stifled the Alumni's comeback.

Top scores for the Bears included Kornack (16 points), Suderman (15 points), Chris Toutant (12 points), and Peters (11 points). Brent Patterson, Keith Smith, and Ken Hack played well for the Alumni.

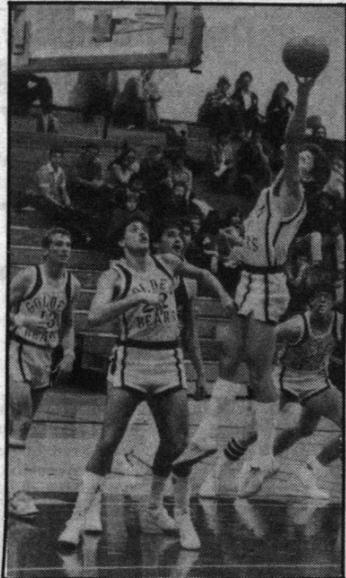


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