

Pennant-bound Dinos edge Bears

by Peter Best

The football Golden Bears saw their record drop below .500 again last weekend, losing 22-15 to the University of Calgary Dinosaurs at Varsity Stadium.

Bears (3 wins - 4 losses) are fourth in the Western Inter-collegiate Football League, while the Dinos (5-1) took an ever-stronger grip on first place.

But despite the difference in standings positions there wasn't much to choose between the two teams on Saturday. U of A gave Calgary a good scare, and, with a few breaks, could have been winners.

The game proved to be a struggle between Dinos' running attack and Bears' passing. Calgary picked up 282 yards of it 357 yard offensive total by running, while U of A gained 208 of its 354 yard total through the air.

The Dinos' running game was again led by halfback Dan Diduck, who carried 15 times for 103 yards. But some of the most damaging runs were turned in by Calgary's alternating quarterbacks, Greg Watson and Don Siler.

Watson started the scoring at 2:17 of the first quarter and was good for a 44-yard touchdown. Bears' safety Gary Widynowski explained after the game that the play was a result of Calgary's recognition of that particular defence's weakness rather than of any mistake by a Golden Bear.

After Lindsay Hay's convert gave Calgary a 7-0 lead, the teams struggled in the cold weather until U of A got a drive going late in the first quarter. Bears' quarterback, Brian Larsen, capped the 85-yard march with a one-yard touchdown run early in the second period, and Joe Poplawski converted to tie the score.

The Dinosaurs took advantage of a short punt into the wind by Bears' Brian Fryer to score their next touchdown. They moved 28 yards in five plays for the major, with Siler going untouched around left end for the score. Hay con-

verted and it was 14-7 for Calgary.

Moments later, Mitch Davies punted 71 yards for a single to give Dinos a 15-7 lead.

No further scoring damage was done in the half, but U of A's fullback Dalton Smarsh had his bell rung and left the game. Dave Jackson, a rookie from Lethbridge, replaced Smarsh and had a good day, gaining 63 yards on 13 carries.

Early in the third quarter Bears' offense began moving again. With the help of quick out passes to split end Poplawski and flanker Fryer, and Fryer's 13-yard run from punt formation, they drove 71 yards for a touchdown: Larsen hit Fryer on a 20-yard pass for the score, then threw to his flanker for the two point conversion to tie the score at 15.

Calgary went ahead for good at 13:58 of the third period when Siler stepped in from Bears' five-yard line and Hay kicked the extra point for a 22-15 lead. The play finished off a 59-yard drive.

Bears tried to come back in the fourth quarter, driving to the

Calgary eleven-yard line once and blocking a Dino field goal attempt, but they couldn't stick the ball in the endzone.

After the game Bears' head coach Jim Donlevy was appreciative of his team's strong effort. Many of the Bears' young players turned in fine games, particularly Larsen. He completed 14 of 31 passes and, but for some dropped passes due to cold hands, could have had an even better day.

Donlevy agreed that two breaks hurt the Bears. Early in the game Larsen threw a pass that deflected off a goalpost and was caught by Bears' Jan Klesko for an apparent touchdown. But the ball was ruled dead when it hit the upright. In another instance Poplawski had a touchdown reception called back on a holding penalty.

The Bears have a bye next weekend and then finish their schedule November 8 in Vancouver against the University of British Columbia. UBC gave warning that they'll be tough by smacking the Saskatchewan Huskies 43-20 last Saturday.

Hoopsters down oldsters

It was billed as an alumni game and that's what it was. The Bears had a little more trouble disposing of their opposition than the Pandas, but they faced a much stronger team.

Coach Mitchelson's Bears took a tough 75-63 victory over the Bear alumni before a Saturday night crowd of about 1100.

Bears led 35-26 at the half thanks mainly to their superior shooting. They held a 44% to 30% edge in field goal percentage. The Grads got their shooting together in the second half finishing with a respectable 40%, while the Bears continued their consistent ways ending up with a 46% average from the floor.

Bears out rebounded the Grads 42-26 with Doug Baker hauling down 8 and Colin

Fennel 5. Bears spread the scoring out evenly with Baker and Bain McMillan each finishing with 13 points, while Len Davidiuk followed closely behind with 12.

Steve Panteluk was the top Grad marksman with 14, while fellow alumni and Bear coach Wallace Tollestrup had 10.

Bears played an aggressive game throughout, particularly under the boards, and coach Mitchelson substituted freely and successfully. At one point midway through the second half, Randy Meyer came in and promptly threw in six points to increase Bears lead to 23. The Grads finished strongly scoring the last 10 points of the game to close the gap to 12, but it was too little too late. Bears go on to Lethbridge this weekend, the Grads probably to their favorite watering hole.

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Blues next on agenda

The Golden Bear hockey team is slowly but slowly zeroing in on an approximation of what they might expect in league play.

Their exhibition season opened against a Camrose team that wasn't particularly good at anything. From there they went on to two fairly devastating victories over U of Winnipeg, which was a good opportunity for the rookies on Bears' blueline to gain confidence against another University team, supposedly of the same level.

Last weekend, the Bears were shocked to find some weaknesses showing in areas which looked reasonably solid against teams like Camrose and Winnipeg, but which were vulnerable when tested by Denver, who swarm all over the ice, not paying much attention to position.

Bears found out that, against teams with better puck handlers and skaters, "powder puff" passes in their zone will get them in trouble. They found that they were moving the puck out of their own zone too slowly, and that their defencemen, with a couple of exceptions, still need a lot of work. They also found out that they miss the net a lot.

What they got in Denver was an initiation to a group of good skaters and great puck handlers who play the game in an un-Canadian style, and in an un-Canadian rink.

This weekend, they'll experience the real thing, in the appropriate dosage, when they take on the team they beat in the Canadian finals last year, the Toronto Blues.

The Blues, with Tom Watt at the helm, play here Thursday and Friday, then move on to Calgary against the Dinosaurs. Neither the Blues nor the Bears should have any problem getting 'up' for the contests, as their rivalry is both old and intense.

Like Bears' coach Abbott, Watt has lost at least a few key players from the club that took Alberta down to the wire in March, so the match-up should, as always, be a good one, though it will lack the keen friendship-rivalry angle that always characterized meetings between the teams when Clare Drake faced Tom Watt across the ice surface.

Game time Thursday and Friday evenings is 8:00 p.m. at Varsity Arena.

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