

# Sports

## Bears scarey on Friday the 13th

By Blaine Ostapovich

Friday the 13th proved to be a weird night for the University of Alberta football team as the Golden Bears lost the provincial bragging rights to the University of Calgary Dinosaurs by a score of 44-16.

5207 fans watched as the hometown Dinos feasted on seven Bear turnovers, scoring 33 of their 44 points on drives directly preceded by Alberta miscues.

So were the Bears really that bad?

Not really. Let's not forget that the Dinos are a team that went to the Vanier Cup last year and have lost very few of their key players from that club. The Bears are minus four WIFL all-stars from '84. However, there are no excuses for the lack of execution which plagued Alberta throughout the game. They stayed close for most of the contest but they never had to lead.

The first series of plays foreshadowed the rest of the match. After a decent return by the Bears Tom Richards on the opening kickoff, quarterback Darren Brezden was sacked by the Dinos Brent Bodtker. On the next play Brezden was intercepted by Darcy Kopp who returned the ball 17 yards to the Bears 22 yard line. Then runs of 15 and 7 yards by halfback Elio Geremia gave the Dinos their first TD less than two minutes into the game.

Geremia proved to be a nightmare for the Bears rookie defensive line. On the night the third year back would gain a total of 187 yards as well as legging out a 56 yard kick return just when it seemed like the Bears were getting back into it in the second quarter.

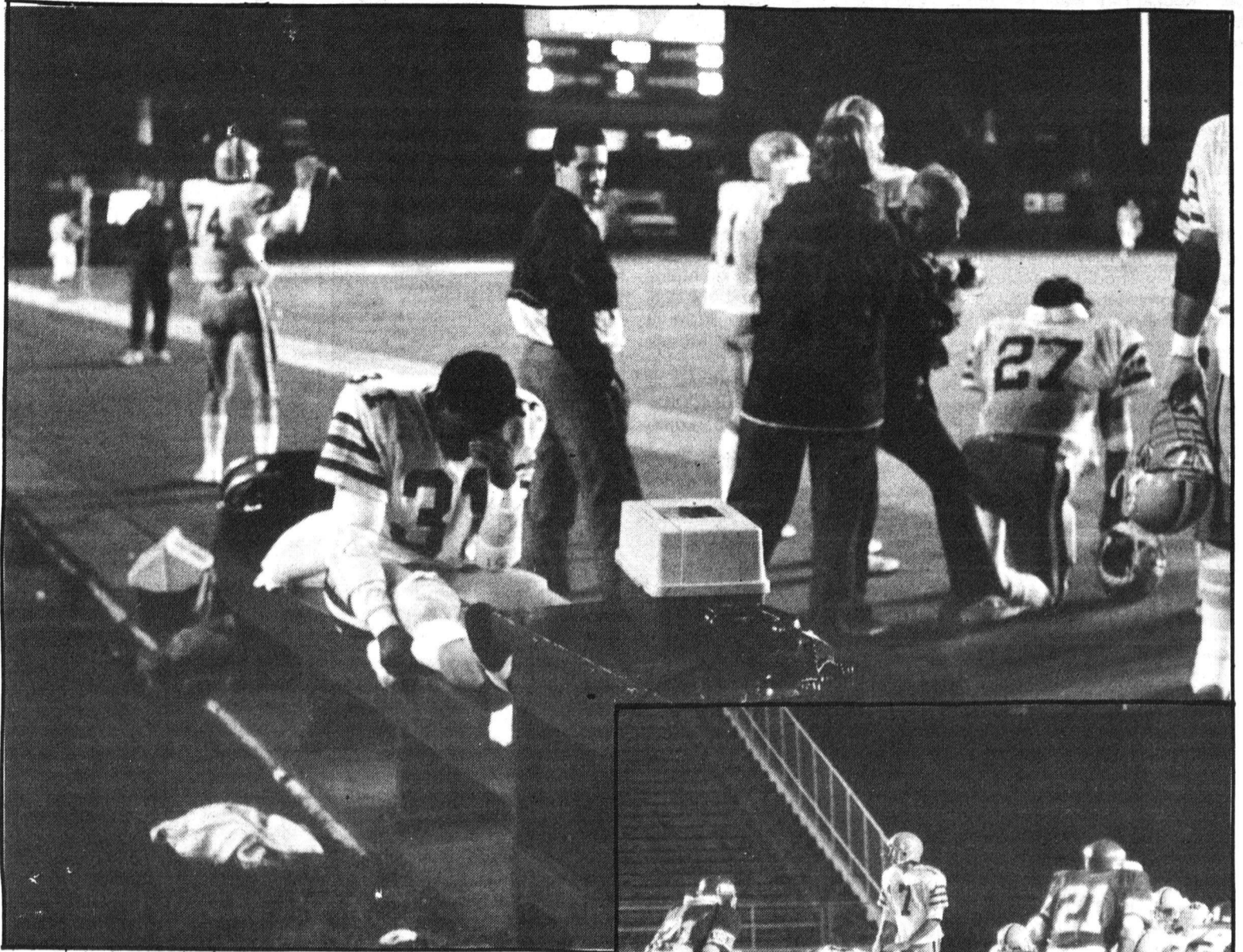
Following Geremia's TD run in the first session, Calgary kicker Brent Matich added a 27 yard field-goal and a 35 yard single to give the Dinos a 11-0 lead after fifteen minutes of play. Matich opened the second quarter with a 65 yard punt to make the score 12-0. Just two minutes later Matich missed on a 49 yard try to make it a bakers dozen at 13-0.

The Bears then seemed to awaken from the dead. Beginning from their own 41, Brezden completed a 37 yard pass to Richards to the Dinos 33. A holding penalty set Alberta back ten before Brezden hooked up with Jeff Funtasz on a 24 yard pass-and-run play. However, a couple of incompletions followed and the Bears first points were scored on a 26 yard Derek Waterman field goal.

The teams then traded possessions before Brezden moved Alberta 78 yards for their first major of the game. Corrado Fillice started the drive with a 27 yard run, then Brezden hit Tim Hamblin and Dave Bolstad for seven and nine yards respectively. Fillice and Funtasz then had five yard runs before Brezden lobbed a 15 yard touchdown pass to Hamblin. The catch was spectacular to say the least as Hamblin made a diving, spinning catch in the corner of the end zone. With the convert from Waterman the Bears were within three with just over three minutes to play in the half.

On the ensuing kickoff Geremia turned on the afterburners to move the Cowtowners to the Bears 42 yard line. Seven plays later quarterback Lew Lawrick ran three yards for the Dino's second TD. Neither team moved the ball after that and at the half it was Calgary 20, Alberta 10.

The second half began with



Roger Benjamin — out for the season

Photo Mark Spector

another Brezden interception. Eight plays later Matich hoofed a 17 yarder to regain their 13 point lead. Another turnover and another Calgary TD two minutes later. This time Lawrick found split-end Mike Siroishka on a seven yard pass. With the convert all of the sudden the Dino's lead was 30-10.

That was all for Brezden as he left the game with twelve completions on 25 pass attempts for 193 yards. He had one touchdown, but the damage was done on four interceptions.

However, Brezden's replacement Mark Denesiuk did not fare much better. On his first series of downs the first pass went incomplete and then the Dinos sacked him for a loss.

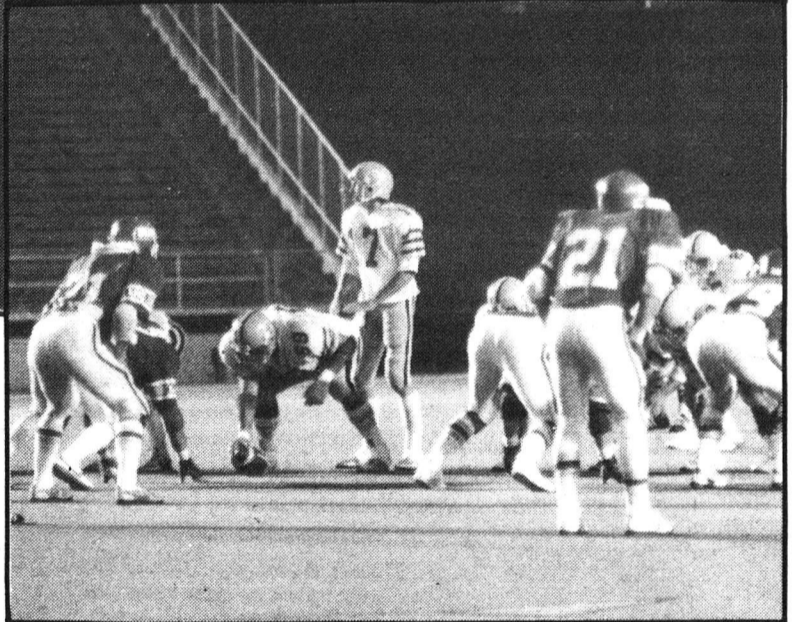
Late in the third quarter Denesiuk did move the Bears down to within striking range but a fake field goal attempt was stopped by Calgary. The direct snap went to Tom Richards but he was nailed at the two yard line by a suspecting Dino defence. The third quarter

score ended up 30-10 in favor of U of C.

2:32 into the fourth Alberta scored their second major capping a fifty yard drive. Funtasz did most of the running, including a 16 yarder for the score. Waterman was wide on the convert and it was 30-16.

Calgary then added insult to injury, adding two majors to close out the scoring. Running back Joe Stambene scored on a four yard scamper at 4:53, and on a one yard plunge at the 13:35 mark. Final scored: University of Calgary Dinosaurs 44, University of Alberta Golden Bears 16.

**Bear Facts:** Roger Benjamin, who had made the club as a defensive back, severely injured his knee and is gone for the year... Rookie QB Kevin Molcak finished the game for the Bears completing one of four passes... The Bears next game is at home versus the U of Saskatchewan Huskies (0-1) who had the bye this week. The other matchup has Calgary (2-0) hosting UBC (1-1).



A tough night for Darren Brezden

	YARDSTICKS		INDIVIDUAL
	U of A	Cal	
First downs	24	26	<b>Rushing: U of A</b> — Funtasz 17-121, Fillice 8-62, Richards 5-21; <b>Cal</b> — Geremia 22-187, Stambene 8-58, Spoletini 5-27. <b>Receiving: U of A</b> — Richards 6-119, Hamblin 4-35; <b>Cal</b> — Siroishka 3-33, Geremia 2-27. <b>Passing: U of A</b> — Brezden 12-25 for 193 yards, Denesiuk 3-11 for 35 yards, Molcak 1-4 for 5 yards; <b>Cal</b> — Lawrick 12-21 for 114 yards, McNab 2-3 for 36 yards.
Yards rushing	207	290	
Yards passing	233	150	
Team losses	23	5	
Net offence	417	435	
Passes made/tried	16-40	14-24	
Interceptions by	1	5	
Fumbles/lost	3-2	2-1	
Punts/avg.	6-41.2	8-46.5	
Penalties/yards	7-40	8-60	

**Net offence is yards rushing plus yards passing minus team losses such as quarterback sacks or broken plays.**

## Hockey Bears play Juniors

by Mark Spector

The hockey season is already underway, if you can believe it, and the Bears open up their pre-season schedule on Thursday night at 8:00 p.m.. Alberta is playing host to the fourth annual **Alberta Godlen Bear Invitational Hockey tournament**. This basically is an opportunity for coach **Clare Drake** to evaluate all of his rookies against tier two competition from around the **AJHL**.

Along with an Alberta freshman squad, fans will see the **Sherwood Park Crusaders**, **Hobemma Hawks**,

Drake sees this tournament as a good opportunity to check out some of his rookies in a game situation against someone besides themselves. As well, says Drake "if a player can't play here it's an ideal situation for him to play in the junior league."

"We have a much better relationship with the junior league nowadays," claims Drake. And it is true. A few years ago, coaches just tried to board as many good players as they could.

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## Correction

The Gateway sports department would like to issue a formal apology to Mr. Hong Park and the Edmonton Tae Kwon Do College.

In our September 12th issue we accredited the hosting of the Canadian Tae Kwon Do Team Trials last May to the U of A Tae Kwon Do club. That information was false.

It has come to our attention that it was Mr. Hong Park and his many volunteers from the Edmonton Tae Kwon Do College who had been the official hosts of the tournament. The U of A club did not serve as the organizers of these championships.

The Gateway apologizes for this incorrect information.