

# The Gateway calls 'em before we see them

## Peerless Prognostications

by John Algard

Last year, the **Golden Bears** football team conspired to defeat the University of Calgary Dinosaurs, and struggled to finish the season with a 1-7 record - a record unrivalled in the team's history. This year, the future is far brighter.

On offence, the Bears have both depth and experience. Darren Brezden, last year's Western Conference finalist for Rookie of the Year Honors, returns at quarterback. Outside receivers Gord Bolstad and Danny Rousseau have both the quickness and the physical ability to beat any defender in man on man coverage. On the offensive line, veteran guard Ben Der returns after two years of injury problems and joins Bob Binder, Terry Koch, Harry Reimer, and Murray McClean to give the team its first veteran line in several years. And to ensure that the linemen avoid their past errors, the Bears have hired former Golden Bears center, Gerry Inglis, as line coach.

On defence, the line has been rejuvenated with the conversion of Leo Cuciz from running back to defensive end and the addition of nose guards Bruce Edwards and Jay Woods. At linebacker, only Stewart McAndrews (now with another local Green and Gold team) is missing from last year's starters. This team has the experience and athletic ability to beat any team in the Western Canada Conference. All they have to do is regain the desire to win. The Golden Bears should finish with a record no worse than 5-3.

In **Saskatchewan**, head Coach Val Schneider has been rebuilding for at least three years. This should be his year to win the conference. Quarterback Doug Siemens and receiver Kevin Sawatsky, the West's best aerial attack squad return, along with aptly named Joe Mahnic at running back. Defensively, the Huskies have increased their depth along the line, and at the cornerback positions. Further information on the Huskies is currently unavailable, but I still

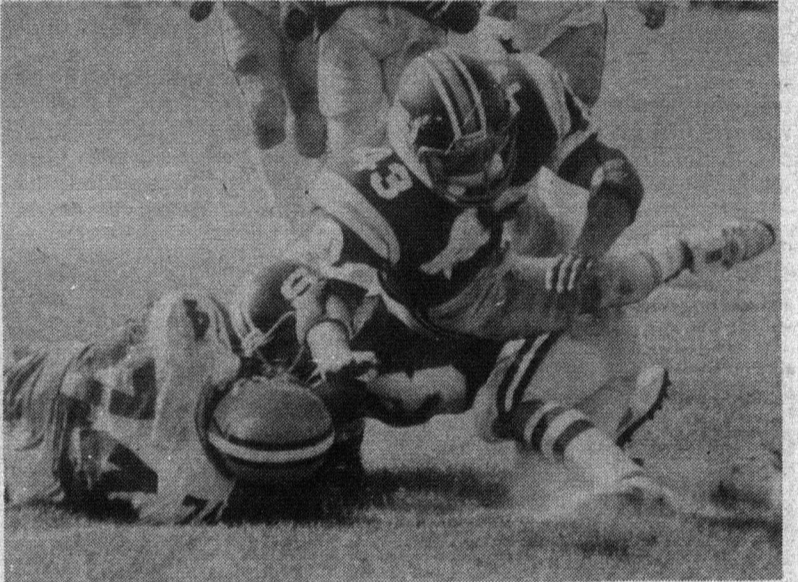
pick them to finish 6-2.

**Manitoba** head coach Dennis Hrycaiko returns with his starting lineup from 1982 intact. This team finished in second place last year with a 5-3 record but it will not do as well this time around. The offensive line is slow off the mark and the defensive line is suspect, particularly at the ends. Besides, the Bisons have shown a great propensity for beating themselves with penalties and turnovers. The Bisons are no better than 4-4.

In **Calgary**, there is little hope that last year's team, which barely held on to fourth place in the Western Conference, will do better than fifth this year. Even all-star quarterback Greg Vavra cannot help this team. The offensive line is more than suspect and the running backs lack both quickness and speed. Defensively, there are again problems along the line, and in the secondary, there is a lack of experience. Look for the Dinosaurs to finish 2-6.



The University of **British Columbia** Thunderbirds won it all last year and lost most of their key players to the CFL this year. Missing from the offensive line, which helped make running back Glenn Steele an all-star, are Pieter Vanden Bos and Jerry Dobrovolny. On defence, end Mike Emery, and halfbacks Bernie Glier and Dave Singh have all signed professional contracts. The Thunderbirds lack experience at all positions except running back and quarterback, and that lack will be their downfall. In a rebuilding year for UBC head coach Frank Smith, the Thunderbirds will finish 3-5.



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## Bears beat Bisons

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Bolstad, tight end Gord Rheinich, and punt returner-receiver Danny Rousseau gave good accounts of themselves. On defence, Bernie Taylor, rookie Darryl Rube (who unfortunately broke a rib in the second quarter), and the linemen played extremely well.

Bears next game is Saturday at Varsity Stadium against the University of Saskatchewan Huskies.



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