## **Sports**

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Ben Johnson: National hero to national shame. It's the stigma of steroids.

Ben Johnson has not been disqualified due to some brand new rule that he forgot to look up. The drug rule that is in the Olympics has been there for years. Canadian weightlifters have been caught already. Johnson, his coach Charley Francis, and the Canadian Olympic Association should shoulder all of the blame. Each one should get 100 percent of the blame for giving Canada a black mark that it will never remove, no matter what we do about drugs after this incident.

The Canadian Olympic Association for years has said that Canadian athletes do not use steroids. They always said that the eastern bloc nations were the steroid users, but only the Bulgarian weightlifters have tested positive at the Seoul games. They subsequently pulled their whole weightlifting team.

Then a few years ago at the Pan-Am games at Caracas, Venezuela, Canadian weight-lifters were suspended and their medals stripped for taking anabolic steroids. The COA gave them heavy suspensions and said the problem was dealt with.

Just before the '88 Olympics, the COA turfed three more weightlifters for testing positive for steroid use. Another isolated incident? Wrong. With Johnson's positive drug test, this country we call Canada is the World leader (I knew we could win something at the Olympics) in doped up athletes.

Johnson's coach, Francis is also to blame for the incident. Francis works with Johnson everyday, yet did not know of Johnson's drug use. It is his job to be a watchdog for everything that his pupil does.

Finally, why did Johnson ever take the steroids in the first place, because he should know more than anybody that you cannot take steroids and win an Olympic medal.

All three have brought an enormous shame upon our nation. Both Johnson and Francis should pay for their negligence, but the COA's directors should all be fired for their nose-in-the-air attitude they have shown in the whole area over steroids.

Another problem with the COA: If they found the weight-lifters were taking steroids, how come they didn't find out about Johnson. Is there one rule for the average Olympic athlete and one rule for the world record holder. It sure looks that way.

## **Pathetic Bears buried by Dinos**

by Will Gibson Calgary 44 Alberta 3

The third annual Shrine Bowl lasted about as long as it took Ben Johnson to win his gold medal.

Coach Jim Donlevy was at a loss for words as the Golden Bears were trashed 44 - 3 by the Calgary Dinosaurs in front of 1,438 fans at Commonwealth Stadium Friday night. Calgary came out quickly, driving 73 yards, culminating in J.P. Izquierdo's 16 yard dash into the end zone. Izquierdo ran for 101

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yards for the game. Two Alberta fumbles on the next two series produced a single and field goal for Calgary.

Donlevy called the fumbles "a recurring nightmare. I can't explain it. We'll just have to work hard in practice (to avoid them)."

Calgary's MVP, quarterback Bob Torrance, then put the Dinosaur offense into high gear, tossing two touchdowns of 11 and 50 yards to flanker Dave Brown

"We were lucky a lot of times," said a modest Torrance, "defen-

sive backs slipped and left our receivers wide open." Torrance completed 14 of 21 of his passes for 245 yards, thirty more yards than the entire Bear offence.

As well as being down 25 - 0, the Bears learned that starting quarterback Mark Denesiuk suffered a broken collarbone after being crunched by Dino line-backer Ian James. Donlevy was not at a loss of words in talking about Denesiuk.

"I'm disappointed for Mark. He sat out last year and came back from under a cloud. I think he has shown a lot of growth this season as a person. The team fell apart around him." "Losing Denesiuk really hurt them," agreed Dino coach Peter Connellan.

The second half was a repeat of the first, with Calgary scoring and the Bears turning the ball over. Izquierdo rambled in from two yards out following a Tom Houg fumble. Punter Steve Kasowski had the ball snapped 10 feet over his head and was forced to concede a safety. The next series, Torrance hit Sean Furlong in the end zone from 10 yards out.

"Torrance is a quality quarterback. We knew about him when he was in high school and we still have to play against him for two more years," Coach Donlevy commented.

Alberta finally got on the scoreboard with 3:54 left in the game as Kasowski kicked a field goal from 28 yards out. Calgary's Brent Matich closed out the scoring with his second field goal of



Bears battered

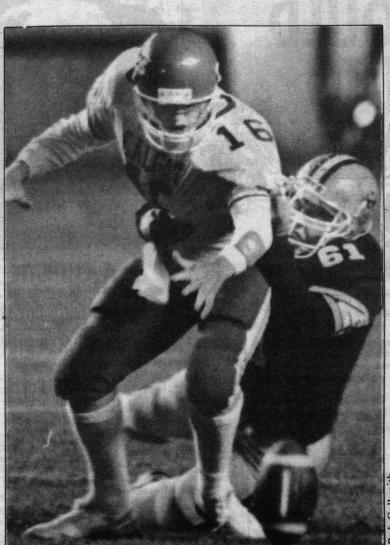
Bear QB Mark Denesiuk (middle) is helped off the field in agony after the Dinos broke his collarbone. His injury will put him out for the last four games of the WIFL season.

the game with 1:47 remaining.

PILING ON: There were a few bright spots for the Bears: Tom Houg ran for 115 yards, the game high, the special teams played well and Brent Korte played solidly, earning Alberta's MVP honors... Dino linebacker

Ian James stuck out in Coach Donlevy's mind after the game "He had a great game. We were debating whether they'd give it (MVP) to James or Torrance." The Bears play next on Saturday at McMahon Stadium in Calgary for the second half of the Shrine Bowl.

## MVP Torrance tore up Bears D



Dino QB Bob Torrance (16) barely found time to fumble between his three touchdown passes.

by Alan Small

The game was over in the first drive, when Dino Bob Torrance stole the show. They Phys Ed student must have done well in biology in high school, as he dissected the Bear secondary as if he's done it all his life.

Torrance certainly hasn't. In his first year of college ball, last season, the Fort Erie, Ontario native played poorly in the second half of the Shrine Bowl, in the very stadium where he shone a year later.

"There's not as much pressure as last year," said Torrance, "we treated it like just another game."

Before the game, Torrance was in third place in the conference passing stats, and now has completed 65 of his 115 for 1,102 yards this season.

"Last year, he was a rookie," said Dino coach Peter Connellan, who gave Torrance the starting job for the second half last year over veteran Robbie McNab, "He can run well. He's bigger than some of our fullbacks."

Torrance is certainly that. At 6'1" and 210 pounds he can take his share of hits. At the Shrine Bowl, he ran three times

for 28 yards.

Torrance comes from a long line of Dino QB's that come through their system. Greg Vavra holds seven CIAU passing records. McNab also came through the system and played for five seasons. Torrance seems to be doing the same.

Torrance is wary of the second meeting between the

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two clubs coming up on Saturday in Calgary.

"They'll (Alberta) be getting angry over a week," Torrance said, "it'll be a tough one on Saturday."

LOST SHRINES: Saturday's game will be shown on TSN...
Torrance also does kickoffs for the Dinos, and did so seven times for an average of 54.9 yards per kick. He also tosed three touchdown passes....