



BEARING DOWN

—Neil Driscoll photo

... on Huskie halfback Gord Garvie

Interceptions beat Bears

The last time the Golden Bears met the U of S Huskies they gave away the ball 11 times on fumbles. Saturday afternoon the Bears tried something new, the Huskies picked off five passes to beat the Bears 16-8. The Bears tossed in a couple of fumbles for variety.

Neither club displayed any consistent offence. A few mental errors and the interceptions made the difference in the ball game. The Huskies didn't show any effect of playing two games in the previous six days.

Tackle and defensive-end Ed Molstad summed it up in the locker room after the game, "They came to play football, I guess we didn't."

BRIGHT LIGHT

The only bright light for the Bears was rookie Dave Kates, filling in for injured Ludwig Daubner as halfback. Kates picked up 75 yards on seven carries, one a 49-yard touchdown romp in the first quarter.

The Huskie offence scored its first points in three games against

a hard-nosed defensive squad who spent most of the afternoon on the field. The defense started to show some wear and tear towards the end of the game after being mauled by the Huskies.

Unable to go around the Bears, the Huskies sent fullback Gary Andrews and halfback Gord Garvie smashing into the middle to roll up 226 yards along the ground. Andrews' the Huskies' workhorse, who handles the punting chores, carried the ball 16 times for 86 tough yards and one touchdown.

Garvie scored the other Huskies' major on a fine 18-yard run off-tackle. He also threw for a two-point conversion on a broken convert attempt and picked up a single on a wide field goal.

EXTRA YARDS

A lot of extra yardage was picked up by the Huskies on very fine second efforts and occasionally some sloppy Bear tackling. The Bears stacked the corners looking for outside running and the Huskies went inside. When the Bears finally adjusted it was too late.

The first Huskie major was set up by a 24-yard punt by Val Schneider. A screen pass and two plays later the ball was on the Bears' 18 setting the stage for Garvie's TD.

Les Sorenson fumbled the kick-off on the Bear 20 and the Huskies' Allan recovered. Four plays later Andrews smashed over from the two to make it 16 to 7. Bill Buxton rounded out the scoring with a single on a missed field goal.

What really hurt the Bears was an inept, sputtering offence. The Bears piled up 173 yards along the ground, but only got inside the Huskies' 20 twice. The Bears gave up the ball seven times, five interceptions and two fumbles.

A fan summed it up nicely, "Those quarterbacks couldn't even pass water." Bob Wanzel and Terry Lampert had a miserable afternoon despite good protection.

They went 4 for 22 attempts for the grand total of 53 yards. Three of those completions came in a dying gasp as the Bears moved to the Huskie 20 and threw three incomplete passes to end the game.

When they weren't overthrowing or underthrowing their receivers or being intercepted, the Bears' quarterbacks saw passes slip through the hands of receivers standing in the open.

The Bear defence limited the Huskies to four completions in ten attempts while making two interceptions. They also blocked a field goal in the third quarter.

The sign in the Bear dressing room before the game said "THINK HUSKIES 40, BEARS 7" (referring to their last encounter). A little positive action would have helped the positive thinking.

Dis and Data

By Steve Rybak

Elsewhere on this page the Coaches commented on last Saturday's game between the U of S Huskies and our Bears. The following are some Huskie players appraisals;

... Their pass blocking wasn't too much, we got in there and rattled the quarterback, that's why we got so many interceptions today.

... Our passing game isn't what it could be so we just ran straight at them and put it down their throats.

... The blocking on the sweeps was there but we seemed to be stacking it up and waiting for the ball carrier... we pretty well keyed on their motion.

... I didn't think too much of their offence last year—it's improved a little bit.

... I think the Bears are going to have to hustle to even stay in the top three this year. The other two offences we've played (Manitoba and Calgary) are better.

... They hit harder than any other team we've played—it's a toss-up between the Bears and Manitoba for the hardest hitting club.

... The defence is basically good, however they do a lot of cross blitzing that leaves the middle momentarily open.

... they stack us to the outside and because of this we get real good blocking from our guards and our center up the middle.

... if the defenders are still coming in at you hard enough you get the ball away a little sooner than you'd like and consequently some of your receivers haven't broken into the clear yet and the ball gets picked off.

... The Bears are tough, they don't give up... I think they could be good.

Sustained offence key to victory says Marisi

Here are the comments of coaches Dan Marisi of the Huskies and Clare Drake of the Bears on Saturday's football game.

First, the Huskie mentor: "In the past three games we couldn't mount an offence, today it was an offensive game. And consequently our defensive crew only had to go out there one-two and the Bears had to kick. This is the reason for us coming up with the win—the offensive crew staying out on the field a little longer than usual.

"The biggest fact in this game was that the Bears allowed us to run. We had to go five or ten yards in a cloud of dust, it was that kind of running... when they started to counter our sweep we had no alternative but to run inside the ends.

"The Bears didn't display as they have in the last couple of years... we had to anticipate power and we were able to counter their power sweep."

Bear coach Clare Drake: "We were a bit disappointed with our offence, when we needed a drive to keep going we just couldn't generate it... there wasn't anything wrong with the offence, it was our execution. We made some good blocks, but we didn't always block the right people.

"Huskies' offensive line did a good job blocking, but our defense

wasn't tough enough although it played better in the second half. We let them keep the ball when we should have been holding them.

"We couldn't consistently maintain the offence and at times the defense would let the Huskies pick up three or four first downs and just take away the advantage the offense had gained.

"We've switched some personnel around and I think that perhaps they are adjusting to these positions and maybe they weren't as ready mentally to play those positions as they had to be. We've got to change this in the next week."

Dinnies take WCIAA lead

The University of Calgary Dinosaurs broke a deadlock for first place in the WCIAA with the University of Manitoba Bisons as they defeated the Bisons 22-8 Saturday afternoon.

Calgary's two majors were scored by Don Maxwell on a 69 yard pass and run play, and by quarterback Lorne Prokoy. Brian Kittleson booted three field goals while Bill Mucklow added a convert.

Manitoba's only points came on a last minute touchdown by Steve Cara which John Milne turned into an 8 pointer by running around end on the conversion.

In Eastern Canadian college play, the University of Guelph massacred Laurentian University 62-0, holding Laurentian to only one first down. Bishops University defeated the University of Montreal 16-12. Both games were in the CCIFC.

In exhibition play, the University of Waterloo, of the CCIFC, downed the University of Western Ontario, of the OQAA, 30-26.

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