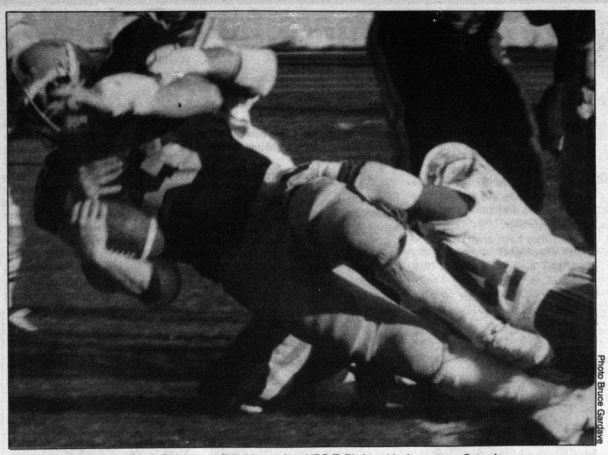


Photo Bruce Gardiner

The Bears hope to see Mark Brus score like this against UBC T-Birds at Vancouver on Saturday.

Gridiron Bears playoff at UBC

by Alan Small

Big games like the one this weekend between the Alberta Golden Bear football club and the UBC T-Birds are usually given an interesting name.

Something like "The Thrilla in Manila."

Well maybe not. But that doesn't mean that it isn't a big game. It's so big that one could probably think of one hundred cliches about the game.

All the marbles are on the line. The chips are down. The bets are laid. You know what I mean.

The U of A makes the trip across the Rockies and will take on their arch-rivals from the coast, the UBC Thunderbirds. The Western championship will be on the line.

UBC has dominated the WIFL this season, finishing with an unblemished mark of 8-0. Last year, the year they won the Vanier Cup, they also had a mark of 8-0.

If one looks back on the last time UBC lost a football game, it happened right here at a frigid 16 below Varsity Stadium when the Bears defeated the T-Birds 38-13.

The story of that game was UBC head coach Frank Smith yelling to Bear coach Jim Donlevy "We're playing for fun, Jim, we're only playing for fun," when UBC found out they couldn't make the playoffs.

No one will be playing just for fun on Saturday though. The Bears, led by their ferocious running attack, will try to halt UBC's winning streak of 19 games.

In their previous engagement, which was in Vancouver, squandered chances and untimely penalties by the Bears led to a 10-5 UBC victory. The score was not typical of the play, though, as the Bears controlled that game on both sides of the ball.

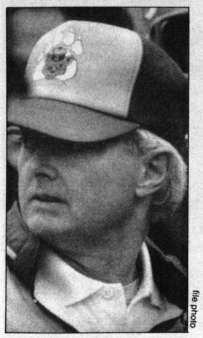
The game will be a classic showdown of the veteran boxer and the young brawler. UBC must depend on the experienced passing of quarterback Jordon Gagner, while the Bears must counter with their emotional "up the gut" running style.

PILING ON: UBC crept back to the number one spot nationally with last weekend's victory over the **Saskatchewan Huskies.** In case you thought upsets don't happen in Canadian College football, **Guelph**, who lost by twenty points to **Western** just a week earlier, defeated the former number one ranked team when it counted, in the **OUAA** semi-final, 22-20. The winner between **Guelph** and **Wilfrid Laurier** would play against the **WIFL** winner for the **Western bowl.** The west has the game the Bears pull off the upset, they'll host it a week from Saturday.

CIAU Top Tens

FOOTBALL — M

1. UBC (2)
2. Bishop's (3)
3. Wilfrid Laurier (5)
4. Saint Mary's (7)
5. Western Ontario (1)
6. McGill (6)
7. Acadia (4)
8. **Alberta (8)**
9. Guelph (NB)
10. Windsor (9)



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Jim Donlevy — WIFL Coach of the Year

Football All-stars

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Running back — **Mark Brus, A** and Elio Geremia, C

Quarterback — Jordan Gagner, BC

DEFENCE

Line — Ron Huryn, BC; Matt Fitzpatrick, BC; **Brent Korte, A** and Byron McCorkell, S

Linebacker — Ian Majes, C; George Petrovas, BC; John Milani, M and **Lenard Sawatzky, A**

Deep backs — Jordan Leith, BC; Darren Peterson, C; Tony Ainge, BC and Bruce McDonald, BC

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