

# SPORTS

## Bears lose in heartbreaker

by Peter Best

Manitoba 28-Bears 23

Saturday at Winnipeg's Velodrome Stadium U of A Golden Bears and Manitoba Bisons played what Bears' head coach Jim Donlevy called a classic football game.

"It was the kind of game," said Donlevy, "that should have been seen by 10,000 people in the stands and a national television audience." Instead only a few thousand fans saw Bisons' 28-23 victory.

The Velodrome with its small seating capacity, hard field, shortened end-zones and concrete bicycle track border, was used because Bisons' home field was under repair. But the teams did not let the setting hamper their football game.

Bears opened the scoring with two singles by Gerald Kunyk on punts of 47 and 66 yards.

Early in the second quarter Alberta's Larry McDaniel fumbled on his own nine while returning a wide field goal attempt. Bisons recovered and quarterback Bud Harden hit Rick Koswin on a look-in for a

touchdown. Dave Parkes' convert made the score 7-2 for Bisons.

Shortly before halftime Manitoba took a 14-3 lead when linebacker Bob Toogood intercepted a Kunyk pass and ran 60 yards for another TD. Bears' third point came on a missed field goal by Gary Wilson.

In the second half Bisons received the opening kickoff and marched 75 yards for a third major on a draw to fullback Don Kates. Parkes converted and Manitoba led 21-3.

Then U of A came storming back.

Bears drove 77 yards from the kickoff to score on a 4-yard pass to Dalton Smarsh. An unsuccessful two-point convert attempt left the score 21-9 after three quarters.

Bears began the final period by moving 71 yards in 10 plays for a three-yard touchdown run by Tom Towns. Wilson's convert made it 21-6. Following a missed field goal by Bisons, U of A used their passing to move deep into Manitoba's end. Bears' Kunyk was intercepted by Manitoba's Dan Burke in the end zone, but Smarsh knocked the

ball loose and Jim Drummond recovered for Alberta on the two.

Towns scored and Wilson converted to give Bears a 23-21 lead with five minutes remaining.

But Manitoba, led by the scrambling of quarterback Francis Puchalski, moved 74 yards in 12 plays to score. The winning points came on a five-yard run by Gord Paterson and Parkes' convert.

Bears were hurt by an injury to Mike Ewachniuk. Midway through the first half the veteran defensive tackle suffered torn ligaments in his ankle and was taken off the field on a stretcher.

Alberta's defensive line coach Bob Bennett explained that the loss of Ewachniuk was especially costly because Bears had designed their defences around the strength of their tackles.

Drummond replaced Ewachniuk and also saw action on offence, when center Jim Baker was shaken up in the second quarter.

In post-game interviews, players from both teams agreed that it was one of the most physically punishing games they had played.

Manitoba's Kates complimented Bears on their aggressiveness and predicted that either Alberta or Manitoba would win the league title.

U of A is feeling the consequences of being defending national champions this season. Every opposing team now saves its strongest efforts for Alberta. The result is that Bears are forced into making more mistakes than last year.

The loss leaves U of A in third place with a two-and two record. They must now win all their remaining games to repeat as Western Canadian champions.

The test begins this coming week-end in Saskatoon against the first placed Saskatchewan Huskies.

### Larry Maloney begins

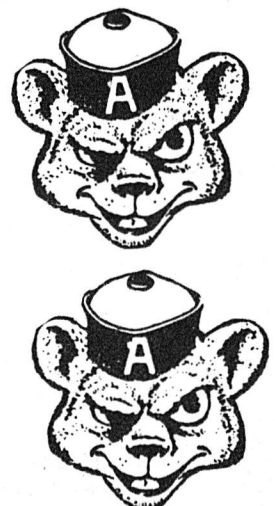
The Golden Bear swimming team begins training this week under the coaching of Larry Maloney. An organizational meeting will be held in Room 124 of the Phys. Ed. building October 10.

Bears have had a formidable team for the past seven years. They won the national championships for six years and placed second last year.

Coach Maloney figures that they'll show their winning form again this year. Some key swimmers are returning including Doug Jamieson who swam in the Munich Olympics.

The team is only allowed to take fifteen swimmers to conference meets but the team trains with as many people as space permits.

Everyone who is interested is encouraged to attend the meeting. Says Maloney, "Too many people cut themselves before the coach does."



### Bear statistics

	Bears	Bisons
First downs	21	21
Yards rushing	141	138
Yards passing	306	248
Total offence	442	386
Passes: com./att.	16/32	15/28
Interceptions /yards	1/8	4/104
Fumbles/lost	3/3	2/1
Punting: No./avg.	6/46.3	7/40.4
Penalties/yds.	7/65	7/76

#### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushers:  
Smarsh, Alta. 17 carries for 71 yds.  
Paterson, Man. 9 carries for 30 yds.  
Kates, Man. 8 carries for 34 yds.

Receivers:  
Beechey, Alta. 9 receptions for 195 yds.  
Fryer, Alta. 3 receptions for 84 yds.  
Paterson, Man. 6 receptions for 130 yds.  
Koswin, Man. 5 receptions for 70 yds.

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