



THIS IS NO TIME FOR THE FRUG ... says Bear quarterback Willie Algajer as he eludes a Bison tackler. —Driscoll photo

Bears keep title hopes alive with win over hapless Bisons

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Last Saturday the U of A Golden Bears won their first game in three starts, against the U of M Bisons.

The 18-7 win kept the Bears in the race for the WCIAA football title.

The Bears put on their best showing this season. Although the Bisons played well, they were no match for the out-for-blood Bears. The Bisons beat the Bears the previous weekend, 34-26.

The only problem with the Bears was a penchant for making good plays and penalties at the same time. A poor snap to punter Val Schneider resulted in the lone Bison touchdown.

Quarterback Willie Algajer managed the Bruins throughout the game, giving a fine performance. Algajer was hurt earlier in the season, and thought to be out for good, but his performance Saturday showed he still plays with the best.

The Bears started off in fine form, keeping the Bisons in their own half of the field in the

first quarter. An interception by Bearman Peter Tyler set up a touchdown situation. Algajer went over for the major.

The Bisons were plagued with a number of injuries. Tom Feasby, one of the best Bison players, seemed particularly accident prone.

The second quarter was uneventful—the Bears got only two points, and that on a safety touch.

By the third quarter the Bison machine seemed to have run out of steam. Most of the passes by quarterback Nick Laping never reached their intended receivers, as the formidable Bear pass defense kept knocking down his shots. John Violini was one of the main reasons for Laping's poor completion average. Violini tied the league season record for interceptions with five.

Several times Bear quarterback Algajer threw certain touchdown passes, only to have them drop out of the hands of the intended receivers. Darwin Semotiuk and Vern Simonson were particularly unlucky.

By the fourth quarter it looked as though the Bears were going to have an old-fashioned shut-out. But the Bisons put on a big rush that got them all the way to the Bear 14 yard line, where they lost possession of the ball.

Three downs later the Bears were in punting position—on their own 14, when the snap to Schneider went awry. An alert Bison fell on the ball for a major.

"It was a rough game, but it wasn't a dirty game," said one of the Bison coaches. "Both teams played very good games," he said.

Saturday's stats

	Bears	Bisons	Fumbles recovered		
First downs	4	5	0	2
Yards rushing	222	40	Penalties	8	7
Yards passing	83	161	Yards	100	70
Passes	23	39	Kick-offs	3	2
Passes completed	8	13	Yards (Av.)	50.6	29.5
Total offensive	305	201	Punts	10	8
Interceptions	4	0	Yards (Av.)	39.6	36.3
Fumbles	1	2	Longest run		
			Bears (Hale—td)	67	
			Bisons (called back)		7



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