

# Ron Ternoway ...from my square corner

A TALE OF TWO TRAINING CAMPS

## Part one: Dallas

Ever been to a professional football training camp? Both of the Golden Bear pivots, Joe Petrone and Don Tallas, were guests of pro teams this summer, Joe with the Dallas Cowboys and Don with the Edmonton Eskimos.

They've both got a few impressions of football that would not be those of the ordinary fan. So, without further adieu, as they say, here's the Joe Petrone Story. Watch for Don's next week.

July 9, 1971 Joseph Petrone reports to the Cowboy training camp in California, one of 91 rookies and 14 placekickers vying for a spot on the team that Petrone calls "the best in the world."

Quickly Petrone learns the rules. The Cowboys work hard, play hard, and the rookies can't leave the dinner table before the veterans.

Yes, that's right, the rookies have to stay seated until all the returnees decide to exit. Obviously the mark of a fair and equal team.

Next week, Joe gets a further baptismal. A gang of the veterans send him down for ice. When he returns, he's promptly doused with it and sent for some more. More mature behavior from America's heroes.

Lesson three. One day at practice, rookie Larry Highbaugh (now with the BC Lions) takes a slight

shot at tight end Mike Ditka. Next play, the veterans decide to teach Larry a lesson. A herd of them converge on Ditka's defender, and promptly mangle his knee into little pieces. But the defender's not Highbaugh; the defence switched formations and the writhing defensive back on the ground is just an innocent bystander. But he's out for the season regardless.

Another veteran is a little more confident of retaining his job.

I guess you could say competition is just a little fierce. There's a lot of money at stake, and the veterans stick together like glue. Their game is to intimidate rookies any way that they can. And they're pretty successful.

"Out of about 90 rookies, when I left there were only two, the first round draft choice and another guy, left in camp, and I think that probably only one of them made it," said Petrone.

When Joe left the training camp, there were only two other kickers in addition to himself left of the original 14.

"I pulled a groin muscle during the camp, and wasn't able to kick, so I asked to be cut," said Petrone. "I didn't want to hang around and endanger the chances of being able to play college ball back here."

But Joe doesn't have any delusions about making the Cowboys. "My roommate was Mike Clarke, the first string place kicker, and he is one of the most intelligent players I've met, said Joe. "We were talking one day, and he told me that he'd seen me kick and that I wasn't too bad, but that he was the veteran, had played nine years and wanted to play at least one more year so that he'd be eligible for his pension, and that there was little likelihood that I would be kept and him cut. That's just the way things work down there. There's a lot of money and security at stake, and I just accepted it."

And what about next year? "I won't go back there," said Joe. "The experience was worthwhile, but I've seen enough."

Joe graduates in Phys.Ed. this year, but his football career is likely far from over. Chances you'll see him on the tube in a red and white uniform with a white horse on his helmet placekicking for the Stampeders. The Cowtown coaches are very high on him, and if Larry Robinson retires, chances are excellent Joe will be off to another training camp.



JOE PETRONE

# Grin and Bear it, cuz .... we're Numero Uno



ALONE, ALONE, ALL, ALL ALONE

...Dave Kates ran this punt back for a touchdown

—Chuck Lyall photo

by Ron Ternoway

Manitoba 25, Bears 35

Don't look now, but we're number one.

The Alberta Golden Bears under coach Jim Donlevy clinched their first league title in four years Saturday with a 35-25 victory over the Manitoba Bisons, and will now meet Bishop's University of Lennoxville, Quebec in the Western College Bowl at Clarke Stadium on November 14.

The win lifted the Bruins to a 6-1 record, while Manitoba dropped to 3-3. Bears have one league game remaining as they travel to Winnipeg Saturday for a rematch against the Herd.

Donlevy's Albertans started like a green and gold tornado, building up a 31-6 lead in the third quarter, but then those third quarter blues that have been hitting them of late stuck again.

With the help of a couple Bruin fumbles, Bisons scored two quick touchdowns and it wasn't until the final gun went that the Bears could relax and give a big sigh, the league title safe at last.

Before a record crowd of 9000 roisterous fans, the Bruins struck quickly as Don Tallas hit Roy Beechy for a 6 yard touchdown, and the Bears led 7-0 eight minutes into the game as Joe Petrone connected on the first of four converts. Bisons came right back with a 46-yard Walt McKee field goal, and the Bears responded with a Tallas-Mel Smith strike, this one for 14 yards. So it was 14-3 after one quarter play.

The Albertans continued their rampage in the second stanza, as Dave Kates returned a punt 70 yards to give the Bruins a 21-3 margin only 1:34 into the quarter. The Bisons promptly doubled their score on a safety touch and 55-yard single by McKee. It looked like that was going to be all the scoring, but Doug Louch lugged a punt back to the Bison 14, and Petrone was good on the field goal to end the half at 24-3.

Bruins began where they left off in the second half, as Tallas hit Smith on an 85-yard pass and run for the fourth Alberta TD. But from there on in things began to get tense.

Manitoba culminated an 88-yard drive with a ten yard pass from Wayne Hinke to Roy Parker, Dennis Hrycaiko was good on the two point conversion, and it was 31-14. The Bison defence did their part, with a 25 yard touchdown on a fumble recovery, another two pointer by Hrycaiko, and it's 31-22. Tallas fumbles on the Bear 37 and McKee hits on a 32 yard field goal. Suddenly it's 31-25 with 12 minutes remaining and the fans are starting to panic.

But then the big play, the big break that everyone has been waiting and feverishly praying for.

With ten minutes remaining, it's third down, 17 yards to go for a Manitoba first down on the Bison 31. Six seconds later, the ball belongs to the Bears, whose defence has just stopped the Manitoba attack cold. All the fans gasp a sigh of relief.

But Bears fail to capitalise as Petrone's 32 yard field goal is wide for the single point and its 32-25 with over three minutes still remaining.

But wait, you've forgotten the Bear defence. On the next play, Doug Louch picks off a Hinkel pass on the center field stripe. The fans sigh relief once more. But again the Alberta offence stalls, and Manitoba has one more chance, getting the ball on their eight yard line with two minutes left. The fans rescind their sighs.

Again they forgot the defence. With a minute left, the Green and Gold pick up a Manitoba fumble on the nine. Then Petrone repeats his first half performance as he booted a 15 yard field goal on the last play of the game for the final 35-25 margin.

"They just never give up," said defensive coach Garry Smith of the Manitobans. "They got those two breaks, and our offence was forced to play more conservatively to protect our lead. That put a lot more pressure on the defence," he said.

Offensive line coaches Clyde Smith and Don Barry were especially pleased with the work of the line. "Their defence sits back and reads the offence rather than going with the flow," said Smith, "and that makes the line's job a lot harder."

Barry noticed another thing. "Their middle linebacker Gil Bramwell was keying on fullback Bob McGregor all day," he said.

"That's another thing that makes it hard for the line," he added.

In other Western Canada Intercollegiate Football League action, UBC Thunderbirds won their second straight as they shut out Mike Lashuk's Calgary Dinosaurs 16-0.

## YARDSTICKS

	Alta.	Man.
First downs	13	17
Yds. rushing	143	163
Yds. passing	138	102
total offence	281	265
Passes/comp.	11/7	20/9
Interceptions	1	1
Fumbles/lost	4/3	3/3
Penalties	6/42	10/78
Punts/avg.	10/39.8	9/45.6

## Puck Bruins win, tie

by Stu Layfield

The Golden Bears hockey team started their pre-season exhibition schedule on a positive note by registering a win and a tie in a pair of games over the weekend with the University of Calgary Dinosaurs. Friday night at Foothills Arena in the

Cowtown the Dinnies scored two goals in 28 seconds with less than a minute and a half left to play in the game to salvage a 4-4 deadlock with the Bears. But on Sunday afternoon at Varsity Arena they weren't so

fortunate as the Bears outscored their traditional rivals 7-5 in a defensive nightmare.

Friday night's contest was the better played of the two, featuring superior goaltending, far better defensive play, and a rousing finish. Scoring for the Bears were veteran center Dave Couves, star defenceman Steve Carlyle, and rookies Paul St. Cyr, a defenceman who formerly played for Laurentian University Voyageurs, and Cal Botterhill, a big winger who has skated for the Manitoba Bisons and the Dayton Gems of the International Hockey League. (cont'd. on p. 11)

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