



So this is what a blitz looks like. Marco Cyncar booted the ball with reckless abandon on Saturday despite the kind of rush shown here that would make cowards out of common men.

photo Brian Gavriloff

## Bears "Turn-Over" Bisons to Capture First

Once again a visiting head coach was emphatically pleading that his team had outplayed, totally dominated and statistically beat the Golden Bear football team, but we all know that "stats" are for losers to wipe their tears with.

Head Coach Gary Naylor was the spokesman this time, as the Bears won 23 - 18 over Manitoba to vault into sole possession of first place in the Western Intercollegiate Football League (WIFL).

The fact is, the Golden Bear football team this year has shown people that they know how to make their own breaks, and use them to the best possible advantage.

The defense came up with four big interceptions - by Don Guy, Dennis Blond, Wes McHarg, and Dave Morris - as well as a couple of fumble recoveries, one that led directly to a touchdown.

The Bear's pass rush again came sporadically, but when the

chips were down and the Bears needed big pressure the rush was always there. Things like the big paw of Jim Hole swooped out of nowhere to knock down passes and change the outlook of the game.

Marco Cyncar had another good punting game, and he led off the scoring with a 62 yard single that went 20 yards deep in the endzone. Cyncar also "played quarterback" on a fake punt, and hit Teddy Olsen, a defensive back, for a big gain that set up Joe Poplowski's first field goal, to make it 4-3 for the Bears.

Poplowski, who had his best game this year playing both wide receiver and field goal kicker, displayed sure hands in snatching an eight yard toss from McDermid at 4:04 of the second quarter to pull the Bears ahead 11 - 3.

The old vet Bud Harden put together an impressive drive as he went 65 yards in four straight passing plays and hit Safiniuk

wife open in the endzone on a fake handoff passing play. A linebacker had failed to pick Safiniuk up as he came off the line of scrimmage.

A single point left it 11 - 11 at the half, at which time the Alberta monsoon season continued its forty day plight of the area and left the field very slippery for the second half.

Al Bowness, the running back of the Bisons who you saw streaking all over the field on Saturday did it again as he took off for thirty yards to the Alberta three, where John Nelson scored a TD to put his team ahead.

The running of Manitoba was exceptionally strong, and as Mark Coffin, a guard for the Bears stated, "They just ran so many guys to one side that our linebackers got blown out, allowing for occasional big gains."

It did not take long for the Bears to tie it up however, as Tim

Mah recovered a fumble which led to the touchdown by Lee Burak who was wide open in the endzone.

A 38 yard field goal with two minutes remaining proved to be the eventual winning points, but the game was far from over on the field.

In a hairy finish that left the fans gasping at the gun for the second straight game, the following events took place:

- Dave Morris picked off a pass with 1:32 left in the game but the Bears were forced to punt and Manitoba took over from their three yard line with 51 seconds left.

- Mark Joyal of the Bisons slipped on a sweep in his endzone which cost his team a two point safety touch. It was now 23 - 18 with 45 seconds left on the clock.

The Bears got the ball back on the Bison 44 with about 35 seconds left on the clock, but a

few mental errors made this punt and the stage was set for comeback that almost was.

- Quarterback Bud Harden drove 60 yards in only 15 seconds and the game ended with Mark Haugrud clutching to a Bison and a Bison clutching to the yard line with the sound of a gun going off in the background. It was another great finish to most exciting brand of football available in this city.

The Bear Facts: Don Guy besides picking off a pass, made a dazzling 40 yard punt return set up a field goal, and was strong on the defensive secondary night; Bill Hole really made his presence known on the defensive line, he was in on three sacks and he knocked down two passes, one that led to an interception. Joe Poplowski did a fine job of field goal kicking and I take back what was said last week about this phase of the Bear's game has been solved.

## "Running Bears" win in sled dog open

This past weekend the University of Saskatchewan hosted the Sled Dog open cross-country meet. Lyle Kuchmak led his Golden Bear team mates to an impressive victory by winning the Open Men's Competition. Kuchmak covered the five mile course in 25 minutes and 9

seconds, a sparse 3 seconds ahead of Ross Spence of the Omega Track Club of Saskatoon.

Kuchmak's return after a lengthy period of injury, coupled with the return of Bob Baxendale, should provide the team with the depth required to regain

the CWUAA cross-country title.

The "Running Bears" won the meet defeating U of S by 10 points. Baxendale, last year conference champion, placed third; Richard Reimer seventh; Blaine Whitford tenth, and McGavin finished off in 11th place. The rest of the team finished off as follows: Whitney 14th, Larry Wheeler 25th, Rick Kennedy 26th, Simon Brame 32nd, Ian Aberle 34th, Tom Haddow 37th, Al Shreiner 46th, and Al McCurdy 48th.

The Panda team, led by place finisher Gail Gislason placed third in the Open Women's Division. Cheryl French had a ninth place finish, Nancy Wood came in 15th, and Francie Chushner brought the field in 27th place.

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