



# SPORTS



## Defence does it!



Photo Ray Ciguere

The Bears are only one win away from the College Bowl!

by Bob Kilgannon

"I thought we played well. I don't know what we could have done differently." - UBC Head Coach Frank Smith.

That sums it all up. The UBC Thunderbirds did everything they could do but win. The Thunderbirds played good defense, not allowing an offensive touchdown and limiting the Bears to just seven first downs and 199 yards of offense. The Thunderbirds also played good offense as they racked up 299 yards (which normally isn't too impressive but was this day, with defense dominating.) On this day though,

UBC didn't play well enough.

It was the Golden Bear defense that led the way on both sides of the ball as the Bears won their third consecutive WIFL championship with an 11-8 victory over Frank Smith's Thunderbirds. The Bears defense didn't allow a touchdown by UBC and scored the only one of the game thanks to Gord Syme's 25 yard fumble return in the third quarter. That one play was the biggest for Alberta but it was only a highlight.

The real story of the game, from beginning to end, was the Golden Bear defense. All night long they kept the vaunted UBC attack at bay. The Thunderbirds

seemed to always have good field position but they couldn't score save for two Ken Munro field goals and a pair of singles. The philosophy of that defense is to bend, but not break and they did that to perfection.

UBC, even without Glen Steele, the rookie sensation who led the country in rushing, had the upper hand offensively for most

of the game. They outplayed Alberta badly in the first half but couldn't get ahead, settling for a 3-3 tie at the half. The Bears three points in the half came as a direct result of the defense, specifically Rollie Miles. Miles recovered a T-Bird fumble on the UBC 26 and shortly after, Reg Gilmour booted a 31 yard field goal.

In the second half UBC inserted Sheldon Petri at quarterback so they could throw more in an attempt to solve the Bears defense. That play didn't work either. UBC managed just five points in the second half while the Bears picked up eight. Syme scored the touchdown in the third quarter which was converted by Reg Gilmour. Dave Brown, who had his best punting game of the season, rounded out the scoring with a 42 yard single. UBC's points in the second half came from a field goal and a single by Ken Munro and a punt single by Mike Emery.

Although they again failed to score a major, the Golden Bear's offense did a much better job in the second half. They moved the ball for critical first downs when they really needed it in the fourth quarter.

The victory earned Alberta their third consecutive Hardy Cup as Western Intercollegiate Football League Champs. The last team to accomplish that feat was the Manitoba Bisons in 68-69-70. The game also marked the first time in the six year history of the WIFL playoff game that the second place team has won the Championship.

The win also sets up a rematch of last years Western Bowl as the Bears will again play the University of Western Ontario Mustangs. The Bears upend-

ed Western 14-4 last year on their way to the College Bowl. Western much like UBC, have an explosive offense that likes to run and a stingy defence. That game will be played this Saturday at Clarke Stadium.

### Bear Facts

In other playoff games across the country Western defeated Guelph 17-7 and will play Alberta this Saturday in the Western Bowl. Queens upended McGill 26-19 to earn a berth in the Atlantic Bowl. They will face the Acadia Axemen who beat Mount Allison 34-11 to qualify also for the Atlantic Bowl.

Offensive guard Ben Der, who separated his shoulder early in the season had the pin removed from it on Friday.

The game against UBC was very physical, a fact attributed by the many bumps and bruises the bears picked up.

## Hockey

For anybody out there who may be wondering, the U of A hockey have not drifted into obscurity. They did, in fact travel to UBC this past weekend to take on the Thunderbirds.

After obliterating the T'birds here 13-2 and 10-5 one might have expected the same to happen in British Columbia. Such was not the case, however, as the UBC squad beat the Bears 4-3 on Friday evening.

The Bears recovered somewhat and downed the T'birds 3-1 in the second game.

The Bears next action is on Saturday when they go down to Calgary to take on the Dinosaurs for the first time this season.

## Bears miss by inches

After going the entire season undefeated the U of A soccer team lost the most important one Saturday, 1-0 to the McGill Redmen in a shootout. This gave the Redmen the C.I.A.U. National Championship.

"It's a tough way to lose, we didn't allow a goal in the playoffs until now," commented coach Bruce Twamley.

The Bears were not without their chances but the ball just wouldn't go in the net.

"One shot hit the post and rolled along the goal line but..." said Twamley.

"We deserved to win because we played very well. It's hard to take," finalized Twamley.

After a scoreless game the two teams entered a 30 minute overtime period but this still did not produce any goals. Thus they entered the penalty kick competition.

The competition consisted of five rounds with the team with the

most goals at the end being declared the winner. Steve Aldred and Scott Fisher got goals in the first two rounds for the Bears but they could do more and the Redmen won 4-2.

"I'm very proud of the season we had and we should have a strong team next year," said Bruce Twamley.



TYPISTS

## Jock strip

I had the good fortune of spending five days in Montreal two weeks ago and as the trip was Gateway funded it seems appropriate that I write a column on it.

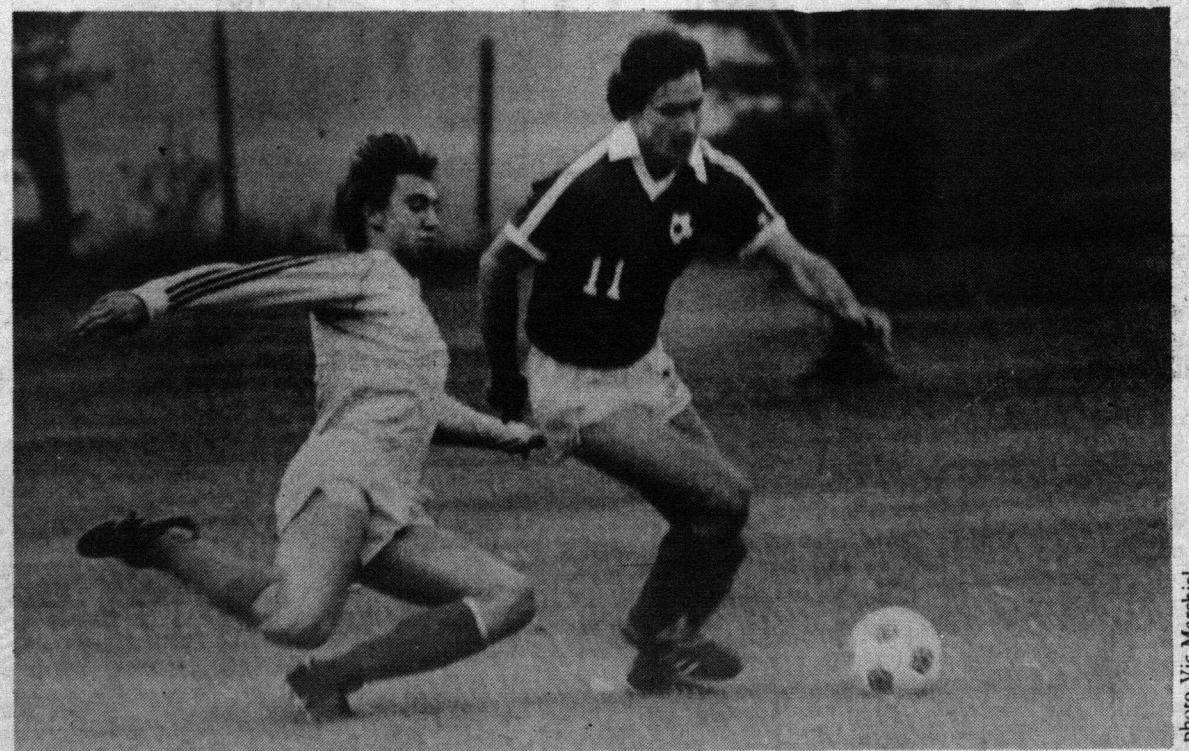
This column is actually the final edition of about ten attempts. The problem was that I just didn't know what to say about the city without it looking like an ad on a travel poster. What could I tell you that many of you hadn't heard before? It was a very difficult problem.

All the standard accolades that one can heap on a city fit Montreal. The nightlife is great, the people were friendly, the streets and 'places' interesting, indeed everything fits perfectly. But that tends to bore and also these credits are not all there is to Montreal. It has or possesses something extra that is hard to define.

I have experienced the two other big cities in Canada in Toronto and Vancouver having lived in or near both for a number of years. Montreal was different altogether, it has a 'definite intangible', if that can make any sense. Perhaps it is due in large part to its age. As you walk in old Montreal you seem to know that you are walking through history. The cobblestone streets, the brick streets, the very old buildings and even the narrowness give, or rather create something special. You pass by many restaurants you walk down from the streets to get in the front door. All this combines to give the city a character which is foreign to other major cities in Canada.

Maybe that is the key word, Montreal to most visitors is a foreign city in a foreign country. The language is different, the culture different, the architecture different, in many ways myself and members of the hockey team were foreigners in our own country. This is not meant to denigrate or to 'have at' Quebec and the French living there. I think we in Canada are very lucky to be able to visit a foreign land still within our own borders.

Montreal was an experience that I will not soon forget and would love to have again. The nightlife is alive and vibrant but that can be said of all the three major cities in Canada. Good can be said of all as can bad. There is no one single thing which sets the city of Montreal apart. It is a combination, it is culmination. The sights are beautiful, the city is beautiful, Montreal has a certain something which makes it terribly worthwhile. If you have the chance, you simply must go.



Even acrobatics like this wouldn't put the ball in the net for the Bears

Photo Vic Marchiel