

Bears hold history on line

by Bob Kilgannon

Last Saturday was the annual homecoming game for the U of A Golden Bears. For the last few years that has meant another victory for the U of C Dinosaurs. Not this year. The Golden Bears finally won a homecoming game, beating the Dinosaurs 24-8 before a disappointing crowd of only about 1200.

The Bears did it with excellent defense (giving up only 1 point) and a well balanced offensive attack. Calgary's most effective weapon was Jamie Armstead who returned a punt 65 yards for a touchdown, as well as returning a wide field goal another 58 yards. Calgary's other points came off a convert and a single by kicker Tony Kuchera.

After the first quarter touchdown by the Dinosaurs the Bears roared back to score 18 unanswered points in the second quarter. First, halfback Sean Kehoe scored from 22 yards out at 1:50 of the quarter. Then at 9:09 Kerry O'Connor combined with quarterback Forrest Kennerd for a 52 yard pass and run major. O'Connor made just a great run after catching the ball at about the 40, breaking four tackles and outrunning several other would be tacklers.

The slotback was eager for a big play saying, "On the touchdown play I was still upset about dropping the ball (in the first quarter) so when I caught

that pass I was determined to go for six (points)." The touchdown wasn't O'Connor's only big play. The four year veteran had four catches for 106 yards and five punt returns for another 57 yards.

O'Connor has now had two exceptional games against the Dinosaurs but says there is no special reason for his success them. "It has nothing to do with Calgary's defense. The ball just came my way. My number seemed to come up more today and I'm happy about that. I have to give credit to Forrest though. He really put the ball on the money."

Finally with 2:58 left in the half Trevor Kennerd kicked his first of three field goals. This one was special because the 54 yard kick was Kennerd's longest in a game.

The second half was uneventful from a scoring standpoint. Calgary scored a single and the Bears replied with two field goals. More exciting though was the Bear defense. They probably played their best half of the season. Twice, the Green and Gold defense stopped the Dinosaurs in crucial third down situations. The first defensive stand set up a Kennerd field goal of 23 yards, and the second stopped a drive at the Alberta 26.

The defensive line, only a three man front, recorded their first two sacks of the season. The secondary, led by Robin Lawrence's three interceptions, also played well. When asked if

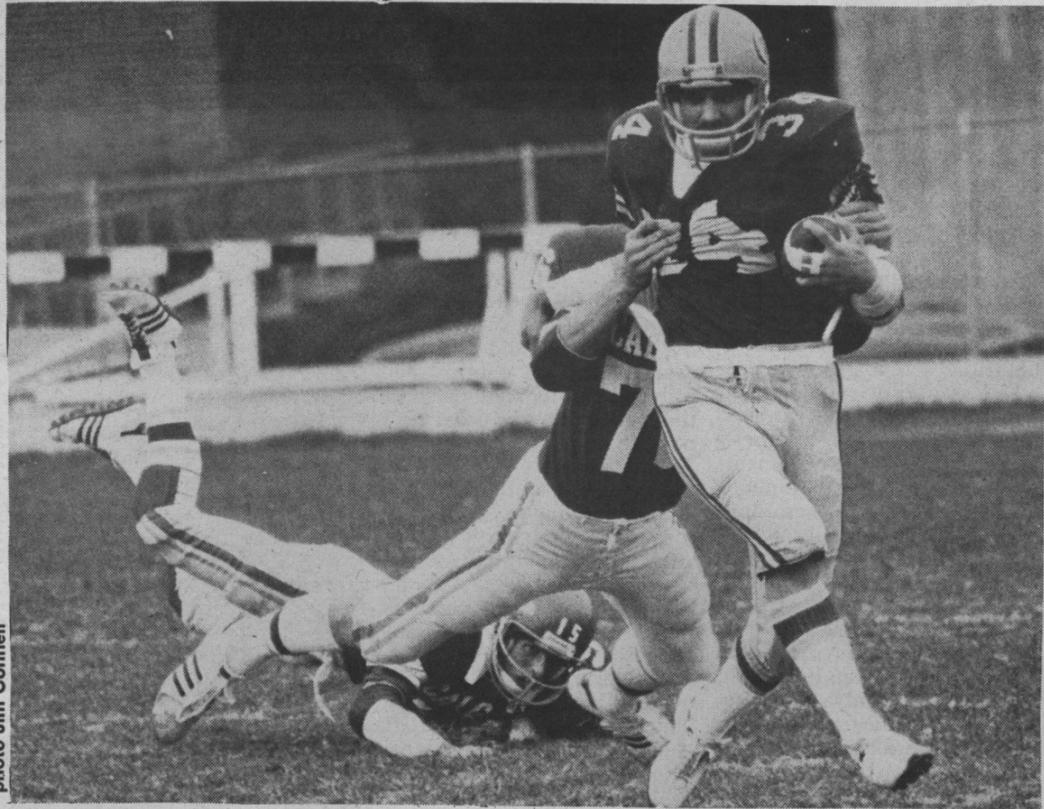


photo Jim Connell

Barry Kokotillo almost donates shirt to poverty-stricken Dinos.

this was his best game, Lawrence replied that "It was my luckiest but not my best. We played mostly zone and I was just reacting to balls that came into my zone." There were no real standouts on the defense this day though: every defensive player performed well.

Offensively, the Green and Gold were not overwhelming. Still, they gained points when they were needed, as well as compiling over 400 yards of total offense. The running game yielded nearly 200 yards and another 200 through the air.

After the game head coach Jim Donlevy seemed pleased with the victory but warned that the Bears must keep winning to finish on top. "We knew that they (Calgary) were improving. They won three in a row and we had to knock them off. We can't rest though. We still have to win at least two of our next three games to finish first." Playing together and working hard in practise as well as they have been, this edition of the Bears might win all three games.

Bear Facts

The UBC Thunderbirds remained tied with the Bears in first spot by defeating the U of S 21-0 in Vancouver. The T-Birds record is 4-2 while the Bears are

Yardsticks

| | Dinosaurs | Bears |
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| First downs | 12 | 22 |
| Total offence | 262 | 412 |
| Passes attempted, completed | 34/15 | 34/17 |
| Punts/average | 10/40.4 | 10/40.6 |
| Penalties/Yards | 3/10 | 7/55 |
| Fumbles/lost | 1/0 | 0/0 |
| Interceptions by | 1 | 4 |

Individual

| | Dinosaurs | Bears |
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| Rushing: | none of consequence | Kehoe 14/76 Cunningham 14/70 |
| Passing: | Colborne 5/15 for 88 Vavra 10/19 for 95 | Kennerd 17/34 for 230 |
| Receiving: | Krogh 6/111 Goodwin 6/50 | Brown 4/42 O'Conner 4/106 McLean 4/37 |

4-1. Saturday's game was the last home encounter of the regular season. The Bears play this weekend in Winnipeg against the surging U of M Bisons.

A little note to some of the fans: the boys singing raunchy songs from the stands behind the bench were not appreciated. The players stated they did not like it

and the real fans did not like it either. How are college games ever going to attract the public (mom, dad, and the kids) when inconsiderate zeros subject fans

to garbage. It's about time you cleaned up your act. Go ahead and get loaded but do not ruin the game for others.



photo Jim Connell

Dave Brown makes good Kennerd's pass.

Bears help promising Olympics

by Larry Riggan

The Canadian Olympic team may be amateurs but they certainly didn't look out of place playing against last year's Stanley Cup Finalists, the New York Rangers. That was the consensus Saturday night at the Calgary Corral when the Olympics lost 5-3 to the Rangers. In fact, the Olympics could have just as easily won the game.

The Olympics had a chance to tie or win with the Rangers leading 2-1 in the third period. The Olympics had a man advantage and the action centred around New York goalkeeper Doug Soetart. The Olympic

team were pressing but unable to score the tying goal. At 8:36 Dave Maloney, the Ranger captain, converted a two on one into a short-handed goal. The Olympics never recovered after that.

The failure of the Olympic team powerplay in combination with some major defensive lapses cost them the game. On numerous occasions they controlled the puck within the Ranger end, and showed the poise which will be necessary when they travel to Lake Placid for the 1980 Olympics. Still, they were foiled time and time again by strong goaltending. When it appeared that they had control

of the game the Rangers would go on the offensive and take advantage of a defensive error to score.

Olympic coach Tom Watt, said, "We didn't play as well tonight as we could have. We were one for nine (on the powerplay) and they were two for two."

The Rangers were led by Walk Tkaczuk with two goals and had singles going to Doug Sulliman, Dave Maloney and Don Murdoch.

The Olympic team line of former Bears Kevin Primeau, John Devaney and U of T representative Gary Farelli played well. They were on the ice

for all three of the Olympic team goals. Primeau had a goal and two assists, Farelli had a goal and Devaney combined some very strong forechecking and backchecking work with an assist. With less than five minutes left former Bear defenceman and Olympic Team captain, Randy Gregg, scored the Olympics' third goal on a backhand.

Two other ex-U of A players, Dave Hindmarch and Don Spring, also had good games. Hindmarch has been out a month with a knee injury but looked good taking a regular shift for the first time. Spring was probably the best defenceman on

the ice for either team.

The Olympic team line of Kevin Maxwell, Ken Berry and Glenn Anderson will be one to watch in the future. All three are less than twenty years of age, and yet were likely the fastest players on the ice.

The New York goaltending was split by John Davidson and Doug Soetart. Davidson, a former member of the Calgary Centennials was honoured before the game and received warmly by the sell-out crowd of 7,344. He was mobbed after the game by hundreds of autograph seekers.

The Olympics outshot the Rangers 39-24.