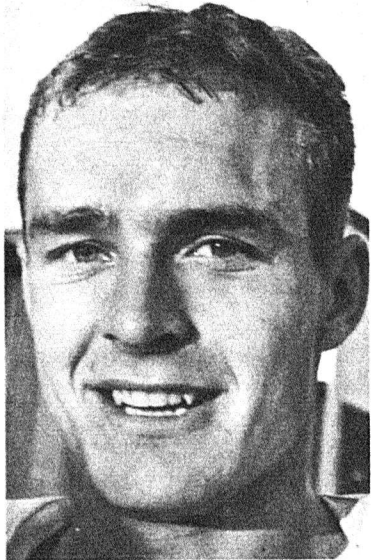


Bears Run With Skein To 18 Games

By ALEX HARDY

TORONTO—University of Alberta Golden Bears haven't looked back since they hurtled into the big time by winning intercollegiate football's Golden Bowl in 1963.

Bears ran their winning streak to 18 games Sept. 10, polishing off University of Western Ontario Mustangs



JIM HALE
... top receiver

20-3 at London, Ont. Two days earlier they coasted past Royal Military College Redmen 27-14 at Kingston.

The pair of victories consolidated Alberta's claim as the No. 1 college club in Canada. Since 1963 they have met and beaten four

Eastern schools. Their winning streak dates back to September, 1963, when they were handed an 8-1 defeat by Edmonton Rams, an intermediate club.

At London, Golden Bears wrap-up Western Ontario in an unrelenting defence. The defenders (middle guard John Wilson; tackles Cam McAlpine and George Santarosa; ends Fred James and Nestor Korchinsky; linebackers Val Schneider, Steve Egbert, Dale Johnson and Dave Rowand; halfbacks Bob Allin, Willie Algajer and John Violini; and safety Bill Woywitka) snared two passes and all five Western fumbles.

On offence, quarterbacks Algajer and Tony Rankel, pausing occasionally to fling a well-directed pass, cleverly directed the flow of traffic.

Between them they completed 14 of 17 passes, two going for touchdowns.

Western three times gave the ball away on fumbles inside its own five-yard line, and twice Golden Bears converted the miscues into major scores.

Jim Hale, a 22-year-old senior from Westlock, counted the game's first touchdown late in the first quarter. It followed a fumble recovery by Val Schneider on Western's four-yard-line.

Gil Mather romped into the end zone on the next play, but Alberta was tagged with a clipping penalty. Algajer made it stick seconds later, hitting Hale with a perfect strike on the 10. Hale sped over standing up.

A comedy of errors set up Bears' second score with five minutes left in the first half. Alberta end Vern Simonson belted Western punt return man Dave Oswald, knocking the ball loose. Simonson recovered on the host four.

Bears rumbled and lost one play

later, but on the next play Egbert forced Western quarterback Rich Hawkins to drop the ball, and personally pounced on it at the three. Seconds later veteran fullback Irwin Strifler barged over.

Mustangs came to life in the third quarter. They mustered several lengthy marches to the Golden Bear doorstep, but each time tripped on the mat. They finally had to settle for a 30-yard field goal by Art Froese.

Golden Bears stormed back on



IRWIN STRIFLER
... led on ground

their next series, marching 75 yards before Rankel hit Rennie Bradley with a three-yard paydirt pitch.

"We showed we still deserve to be rated No. 1 in Canada," said a jubilant Alberta head coach, Gino Fracas.

"They (Western) have some good boys, but they were generally

slow," added assistant Ron Marteniuk. "And they didn't look in shape to play a 60-minute ball game."

Leaders on offence for Golden Bears were Strifler (16 times for 59 yards) and Hale (four pass receptions for 45 yards). The totals were tops on both sides.

Bears turned in one of their poorer efforts against Royal Military College. But it was still good enough to subdue the smaller, less experienced Redmen.

RMC showed no respect for Bears' national ranking, several times stopping the Golden Ones inside the 30-yard-line.

The two teams were bogged down in nose-to-nose combat midway through the first quarter, when Algajer shocked the crowd with a 106-yard touchdown romp down the sidelines.

Golden Bears methodically slashed away, and had a second major score on the board three minutes later. Schneider returned a wobbly quick kick 38 yards to the RMC eight. Two plays later Hale burst over from the one.

After Redmen closed the gap to 13-7, Alberta drove 42 yards in eight plays for the winning score early in the third quarter. Hale set up the touchdown with a swerving 16-yard-run to the two. Strifler barrelled over on the following play.

They wrapped things up three minutes later when Bradley shook loose for a sparkling 30-yard paydirt gallop. Hale converted one touchdown, with Alberta's final points coming on a fourth-quarter safety touch.

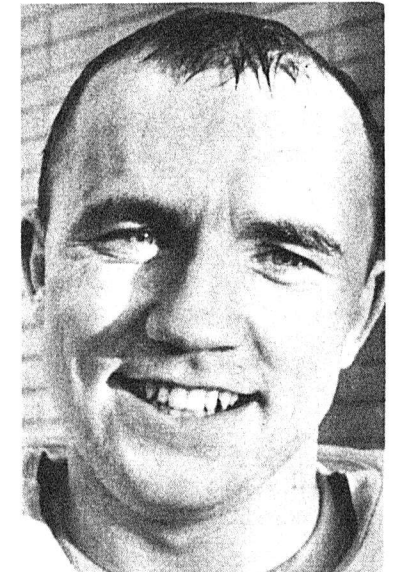
End Bob Mason and quarterback Bruce Stott counted RMC touchdowns. Stott hit Mason with a short seven-yard pass for the first, and snuck over from the one in the

fourth quarter. Don Welstead converted both.

Over the two games, Rankel and Algajer clicked on 31 of 37 passes, an amazing 84 per cent average.

RMC coach Doug Hargreaves, the school's first full-time football coach, fielded a team that showed plenty of determination, although it couldn't match Golden Bears in depth or talent.

Few of Hargreaves' players played competitive football before enrolling at the military college. One,



RENNIE BRADLEY
... two majors

defensive lineman Gary Aune, hadn't played the game in anger before he turned out for practice Sept. 1. Yet he was one of the host club's leading tacklers.

Owing to the inexperience, Hargreaves employed an offence that consisted of only four running and three passing plays.

Bruins Meet Selves In Saturday Tussle

University of Alberta Golden Bears play their first football game of the season in front of a home crowd Saturday afternoon.

The occasion is the club's intra-squad game, pitting the Greens and the Golds at Clarke Stadium (2:00 kickoff).

Bears are fresh from a highly successful Eastern Canadian exhibition swing which saw them whip Royal Military College 27-14 and University of Western Ontario 20-3.

Tonight, a gigantic pre-game pep rally is scheduled for Emily Murphy Park. It is sponsored by The City of Edmonton.

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