

Gateway Sports



Czajkowski on Sport

If you live in or around Edmonton chances are you have heard of the Edmonton Eskimos football club and their plight.

And if you're a varsity student chances are you have also heard of the Alberta Golden Bears football club and their plight.

These two clubs have somewhat similar problems for somewhat similar reasons.

They've both found out that generosity kills, but neither seems able to do anything about it.

It almost seems as if both clubs are composed of philanthropists. They can't stand to see the other club lose so they help out the opposition.

The Eskimo offence should wear the opposition's jerseys. As for the Golden Bears, they may as well change the color of their uniforms, because emulating big brother hasn't got them anywhere. Maybe they should pattern their uniforms after those of the Ottawa Rough Riders.

The Golden Bears are virtually out of contention for a first place finish this year. In this league one loss jeopardizes a team's chances almost irreparably; two losses are fatal. Bears retain only a mathematical chance of capturing the WCIAA title and that is a pretty slim one.

Chances of finishing last in a four team conference are improving after every game, however.

Don't laugh. It's quite possible the way the Bears are playing football right now, even though the idea is hard to stomach.

Coach Harvey Scott's club hasn't been losing games; it has been giving them away.

Saturday's effort had to be classed as a rather listless one as far as the Bears were concerned. The offensive team seemed able to score only when they were handed the ball in near perfect field position deep inside Calgary territory. The defence managed its first bad game of the year.

The same bug killed the Bears

But the same old bug that killed the Bears in Winnipeg was again back to haunt the club against Calgary as well. It is the penalty bug that is being referred to.

Penalties hurt and they hurt bad, especially if they are senseless, cheap penalties that happen to come at the most crucial times in the game.

For every four yards the Bears gained offensively they gave up one through infractions. Red flags on numerous occasions gave up first downs to the Dinnies when it appeared the Bear defence had them stopped. They also cancelled Bear first downs.

One 'for instance' that comes immediately to mind occurred just before the third quarter ended, when an over-anxious Bear defender slammed into Calgary's punter in the end zone after he'd gotten away a poor kick that came down on the ten yard line.

The resulting roughing penalty returned the ball to Calgary along with 15 valuable yards. Calgary then marched the length of the field for the go-ahead touchdown.

Had the Bears retained possession on the Dinosaurs' ten and gone in for a touchdown or even a field goal, the game would probably have never been lost.

The Bears are a generous football club.

They have four more games to do with as they please. They can play to win or they can continue to be philanthropists.

One thing has become very clear in the first few weeks of the football season. Every club in the league has improved. Any one club is capable of beating any other club, and any kind of an edge granted to one club should result in certain victory over the other.

It did Saturday.

Baby Bears destroy Notre Dame

Juniors add insult to injury by attempting last minute short kick to secure 100 points



—Ken Hutchinson photo

LOOK OUT WORLD, HERE I COME
... Mike LaBrier on end sweep against Notre Dame

Bears bombed by Calgary Stags in Little Brown Jug playdowns

BEARS I 3, STAGS I 62
BEARS II 0, STAGS II 9

The Golden Bear rugby teams were badly gored by the Calgary Stags this weekend.

The games, first in a home-and-home series for the Little Brown Jug Trophy, were played in Calgary.

The Bears knew their chances of winning were slim. No less than six players were missing from the first 15 through injuries.

In addition, through excellent coaching and a little luck, Calgary had assembled one of the finest Alberta club sides ever to be seen.

The loss of Tim McGee and Gert Van Niekerk early in the first half sealed the Bears' fate.

Calgary, in a superb display of offensive rugby, scored thirteen tries. They showed so much inter-passing that at times backs and forwards became indistinguishable. Every time a Calgary player was tackled three red shirts materialized from nowhere to back him up and take the pass. Playing without wing forwards for most of the game, the Bear defence wore thin against the sustained attack. Calgary took advantage of the injuries to push over three tries from a set scrum.

The Bears were taught a valuable lesson by the U of C team. Passing the ball is far more effective than trying to bulldoze through several defenders CFL style.

The return match is in Varsity

Stadium Oct. 25. It will probably be the last game for the Stags as a club, as many of them are leaving this year.

The list of Calgary scorers reads like the Canadian casualty list after the Dieppe raid. Lead scorer was Gavn Edwards with a penalty goal and seven conversions for 17 points. Adrian Smith added a try and two drop goals for 9 points. Matti Urvitt scored three tries and Alan Fox, Charlie Burford, and Rick Farrelly made two. Dean Kittleson, John Newton and Bill Thomson had single tries. Bill Patrick kicked a penalty goal for the only Golden Bear points.

Earlier in the lesser Brown Jug, a team weakened by substitutions for the I team fought bravely but were defeated by the Stags 9-0. The entire team played in high spirits, making some fine tackles and running strongly. Andy Nikiforuk and Sandy Dunn played very well for the Bears II.

Golden Bears threatened near the Stag try line but were frustrated in their attempts to score.

With the return of some of their injured players, the Bears II team have an excellent chance of winning the return match on the 25th.

Indicative of the spirit of the Bears was an incident when the Stags' largest forward, a behemoth of 235 lbs., came crashing through the line only to be stopped in his tracks by the Bears' scrum half Gordie Bertie, who weighs only 125 lbs.

BEARS 96, NOTRE DAME 7

Notre Dame Hounds yelped home with their tails between their legs Sunday afternoon.

Hours earlier, the Notre Dame squad had been thrashed severely by the U of A Junior Bearcats to the tune of 96-7.

The Hounds have many wounds to lick. They were completely overwhelmed on all sides by the awesome Bears, as the score indicates. Notre Dame played their hearts out but were no match for the relentless green machine.

Notre Dame fumbled the ball on their first offensive play, and the Bears recovered on the Hounds' 32. Mike LaBrier drove in from the three-yard line three plays later for the touchdown. Tom Rowand kicked the first of his 10 converts and the Bears were ahead 7-0 with only three minutes gone in the first quarter. By the end of the quarter the Bear offence had chalked up two more majors.

The only bright spot on an extremely black day for Notre Dame came mid-way through the second quarter. Bob Riddell broke off-tackle and outran several would-be tacklers for the only Notre Dame major score. The play covered 80 yards. Flamon added a convert, then the Hounds laid down and died. By the half the score was 41-7.

Once again Mike LaBrier led the Bears' scoring. He collected three touchdowns, while Ed Parent, Dave McDonald and Trevor Leacock each added a pair. Gary Weisbrot, Bruce Smith, Clare Downing, Don Dzimbiak and Guy Spencer each got one major for the little grizzlies. Leacock added a single and Spencer a two point conversion.

The Bearcats tried a short kick with less than a minute left to play in a desperate attempt to score 100 points. The play was unsuccessful and Notre Dame ran out the clock.

Ray Dallin and Barry Fraser shared quarterback duties for the baby bears, while Bob Burbridge and Keith Flamon alternated at pivot for Notre Dame.

The Junior Bears wrap up their schedule for the year Friday as they play the Camrose Lutheran College Vikings at Varsity Grid.

UNOFFICIAL STATISTICS

	Bears	Hounds
First downs	30	7
Yds. passing	424	19
Yds. rushing	211	162
Passes att./comp.	20/30	3/10
Fumbles/lost	2/3	3/4
Interceptions	1	1

Hockey practice

Following are the practice times for the Golden Bear hockey team's regular camp which opens up on Oct. 10, at Varsity Arena:

5:30 p.m.—J. Gibson, Hornby, R. Devaney, Morris, B. Clarke, T. Devaney, Kirkland, R. Clarke, Belcourt, Repka, Couves, Zalapski, Brassard, Gamache, White, Campbell, Wyrozub, J. Devaney, Braumberger, Bouwmeester, Darling, Zukowski, Barry, Engeland, Sikal, Joly, Cuthbertson, Harvey, Halterman, Jakubec, Williams.

7:00 p.m.—Falkenberg, Cameron, Hohol, Snider, Wanchulak, Lenz, Hendricks, Poon, Stelmachuk, McIntyre, Murray, Holland, McDermid, Rosichuk, Camarta, Ballash, Baird, Manning, Mungall, Rodgers, Jeglum, Pinnel, Ouelette, Baker, Lemieux, Wolfe, Dixon, Peterson.

In addition to the above, top players from the rookie camp will be added.