

Ron Ternoway

from my square

corner

TORONTO-Remorse and regret ran rampant in the camp of the University of Alberta Golden Bears Saturday night.

The Bears had lost a squeaker to the University of Western Ontario Mustangs in the Canadian College Bowl that afternoon, and nobody was in a celebrating mood.

The frustrating thing was that every member of the team knew that they were better than Frank Cosentino's Mustangs, but it was to no avail in the record books where they would go down as second best.

Strangely enough, it was the rookies who were most remorseful. Just thinking of all the veterans that had played their last game as a Golden Bear and perhaps their past game ever struck deeply in the hearts of many of the rooks. The image of hanging up the cleats after all the work they'd put in for years and coming out second best stuck in the rookies' minds.

As defensive back Al MacLean said, it's the end of an era for the Bears. Gone will be most of the names that have been household words for the last four years.

The list of departees reads almost like the starting lineup. The four Bears who played on the last Bear championship team in 1967 will be gone without ever having sampled another national title, as will several others. The four vets, Alex Stosky, Mel Smith, Bob Clarke and Don Hickey, will be off to other pastures, as will running backs Bob McGregor, John Skinner and Ken Whelan. Others who played their last game in a Golden Bear uniform include Jim Lazaruk, Joe Petrone, Dale Schulha, Don Tallas, Doug Louch, Pete Smith, Gary Adam and Dave Kates. They all gave it their best on Saturday, and it's just too bad that the gods weren't with them so that they could go out with a Vanier Cup team.

Eulogizing isn't really one of my strong points, and besides, it's depressing but before I go on to brighter things I'd just like to thank the above mentioned and anyone I missed for the exciting, entertaining, championship football that they've shown us over the years. And best of luck in pro camps or wherever you end up.

But although it's the end of one era, I'm so certain that it's the beginning of another. Coach Jim Donlevy and his assistants have done an excellent job this season, and with the nucleus of players remaining and some good prospects from high school and junior football next year, it could be the start of another dynasty.

As they say, Manitoba is dead. Long live the king!

Bouncers split

by Ron MacTavish
Bears 65, Calgary 59
Bears 53, Calgary 57

CALGARY - The University of Calgary Dinosaurs relying on strong outside shooting, were unhospitable hosts Saturday as they downed the visiting Alberta Bears 57-53 in a game that was as close as the score indicated.

The preceding evening the Bear had dumped the Dinnies 65-59 in a contest that saw the Golden Ones establish an early lead which was never seriously threatened.

The return of veteran guard Bob Morris aided the Bears in Friday evening's competition. Out the past two weekends with a sprained ankle, Morris' court presence and field leadership proved a steadying influence and his 18 points were the game high. Tom Solyom and Marty Lyons followed closely with 17 and 15 points respectively.

Jim Lathrup netted 13 points to pace the Dinnies who found the regular source of baskets, 6 foot 8 inch center Dan Quance well defended. Employing an

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Bears still the best

by Ron Ternoway

Bears 14, Western 15

TORONTO - "When you know that you've handled a team, and yet still lose to them, it's got to be one of the most frustrating feelings in the world".

Harvey Clendenning, very emotional and subdued after the Canadian College Bowl, probably summed up best of all what was going through the mind of every member of the Alberta Golden Bears, who had just lost the Vanier Cup and the Canadian College Bowl to the University of Western Ontario Mustangs in a hard-fought 15-14 contest in what was the best College Bowl game ever. Coach Jim Donlevy called it a "classic", and he won't get many arguments.

Clendenning, standing muddled and bloodied in the hallway of the Lord Simcoe Hotel, just kept shaking his head in disbelief and frustration. In his first year with the Bears, Harvey had been responsible for calling the defensive signals from his middle position and had done a great job, considering the circumstances.

Yes, the circumstances. Blessed with excellent depth and balance all year, injuries finally caught up with the Alberta squad here in Toronto. Canadian All-Star safety Dave Kates was forced to leave the game late in the first half; his ankle finally gave out on him. Larry MaDaniel moved in at Kate's slot, and three plays later he was out of the game for retaliating to a fask-masking effort by Western's Dave Kerr.

This forced Donlevy to move Al MacLean, running at only about 2/3 speed because of a charley horse, to safety, and put Morrie Smith, still coming off a broken leg, in at MacLean's defensive half position. This forced Clendenning to stay away from man-to-man pass defences, with the result that flanker Terry Harvey got in behind everyone early in the third quarter for a 44-yard touchdown pass, Western's only major in the game.

It's possible to go on making excuses for several more columns, but what it boiled down to was that the Bears really beat themselves. They lost two or three good scoring chances because of penalties and the like, and their inability to

score early in the game led to their eventual demise.

Bears struck early in the game, as they scored on their second series of offensive plays. Joe Petrone led the Green and Gold in from the Western 49 yard line on four plays, as BobMcGregor collected the major on a seven yard run. Petrone converted, and Bears led 7-0.

MacGregor, incidentally, had an excellent afternoon, picking up 108 yards in 20 carries and the Ted Morris trophy for the game's most valuable player.

Bears kept Western effectively penned up in their own end until midway through the second quarter when quarterback Joe Fabiani, operating from his own five yard line found flanker Harvey in behind everyone and hit him with a pass. Harvey, noted for his speed, had a ten yard lead on Dale Schulha, but the Edmonton native really turned on the afterburners and hauled Harvey down at the Bear eight. Bears subsequently stopped the Mustangs on a third down gamble from the one, but were unable to move the ball. Punter Percy Kosak then conceded a safety touch, rather than punting into the 15 mile wind.

A couple of minutes later, Western was again back in Bear territory, but Pete Smith snuffed out their drive with an interception of a Fabiani pass on the Bear 20. Again the Bears kicked, and a good punt return by Dave Clarke put the ball on the Alberta 30. Western stalled, and Paul Knill came in to boot a 38 yard field goal to narrow the margin to 7-5.

Bears scored their second major midway through the third quarter as Clendenning's interception of another Fabiani pass gave the ball to the Bears on the Western ten yard line. Three plays later it was 14-5 as MacGregor carried for his second T.D.

Then came the backbreaker, as Fabiani hit Harvey for that 44-yard major near the end of the third quarter and Knill converted to again narrow the margin to two points.

It was another fine catch by Harvey that eventually sealed the Bears doom. Western was operating from their own 26 when Fabiani attempted a sideline pattern to Harvey. The ball was overthrown, and Schulha, playing behind Harvey, waited with open arms for the ball. Suddenly there was Harvey,

three feet in the air, making a great catch on the Bear 50. Western advanced to the Bear 35 before Knill came in for a 41 yard field goal attempt. Bear halfback John Skinner ran it out to the Bear six, but the Alberta offence was stopped and a short kick with the wind gave Western excellent field position at the Bruin 30. Western ground it down to the nine yard line before they bogged down, but from there it was easy as Knill came in and kicked the winning three points.

There were still four minutes remaining, but Bears couldn't get anything going. A successful third and inches gamble by Western at their own 43 helped in eating up most of the remaining seconds, and the Bears just didn't have enough time to get down into field goal range.

Twelve thousand insane Western fans poured out of the soggy Varsity Stadium stands onto the soggy Varsity Stadium turf to congratulate their favorites, while the Golden Bears unceremoniously trooped to the dressing room, beaten but unbowed.

They knew they were still the best team in Canada.

YARDSTICKS

	Alberta	Western
First downs	13	11
Yds. rushing	197	114
Yds. passing	67	234
Passes/complete	12/5	15/8
Interceptions	2	1
Fumbles/lost	4/1	1/0
Penalties/yards	4/70	4/45
Punts/avg.	10/30.8	12/34.4

** Curlers! **

Entries are now being accepted for all prospective Golden Bear curling teams. Two series of playdowns will be held, the first beginning December 11, and the second January 15.

Winner of the playdowns will advance to the Dominion Intercollegiate finals in Victoria.

Entries for either series of playdowns must be in no later than 3 p.m. December 10, and must be accompanied by a \$5 entry fee.

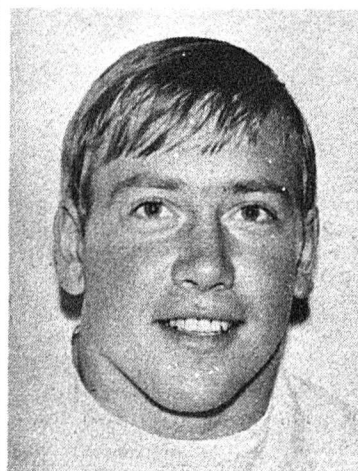
The winner will be supplied with sweaters, brooms and crests in addition to the trip to Victoria.

All entries may be made at the SUB Recreation Desk or at the Phys. Ed. general office.

OFFENCE

BOB MacGREGOR -6'.186 lbs. Age 23

Bob, who joined the Golden Bears in 1970 after three years at Waterloo Lutheran University, was selected by a press panel as the winner of the Ted Morris Memorial Trophy for the most valuable player in the Canadian College Bowl. Playing his second College Bowl (the first was with Waterloo in 1968) Bob picked up 108 yards in 20 carries, scored both Bear touchdowns.

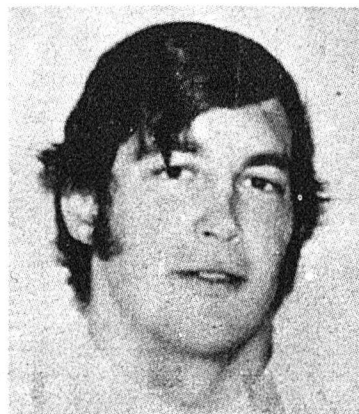


Player of the week

...as chosen by

the

Golden Bears



DEFENCE

ANDY McLEOD -5'10", 196 lbs. Age 20.

Andy's in his third year with the Bears, and in his first CollegeBowl performance was a standout. The Regina native effectively stopped all sweeps to his side and was instrumental in the Bruins' great goal line stand. Andy's very strong and very quiet, and just goes out and plays excellent football. Could eventually end up in a Saskatchewan Roughrider uniform.