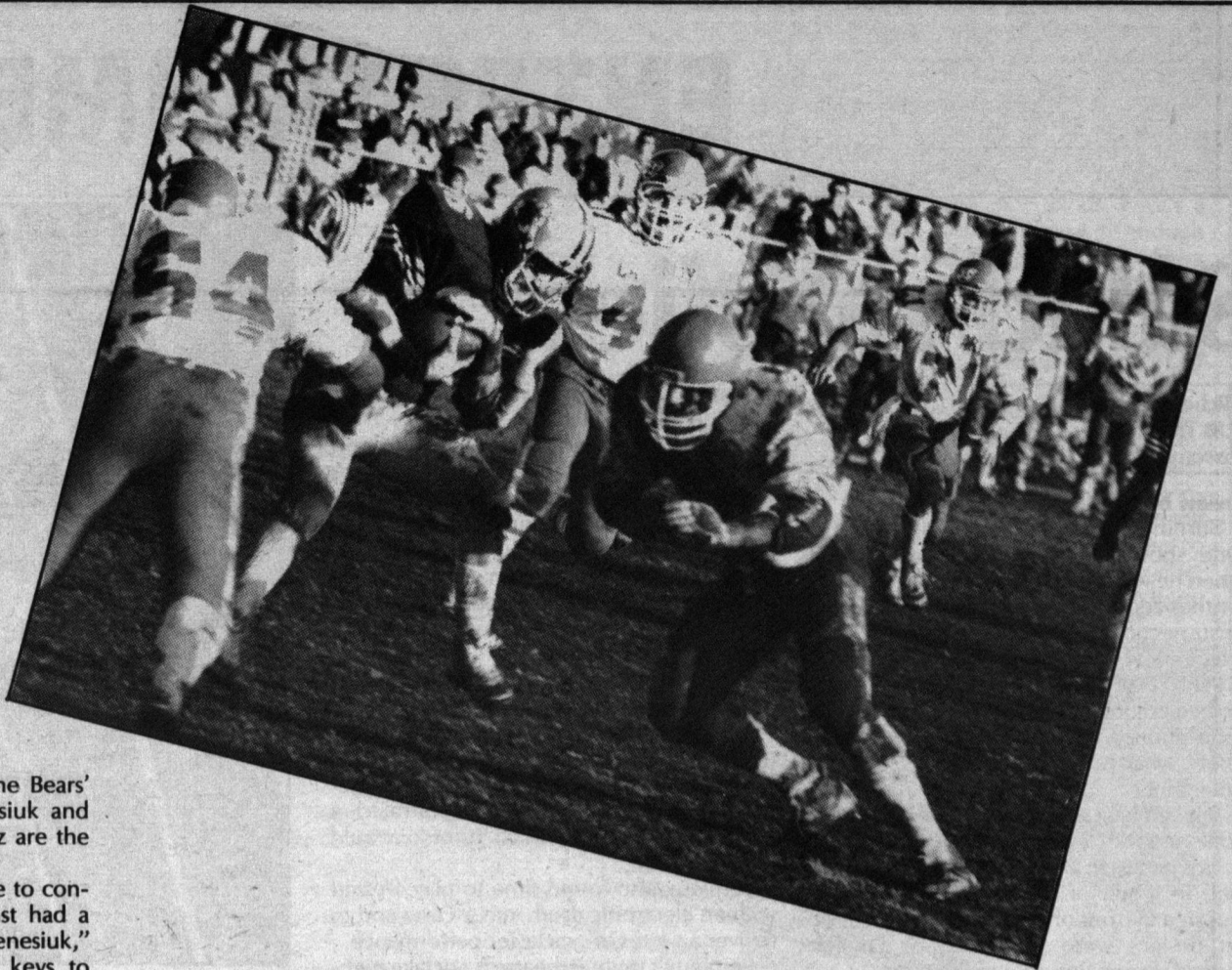




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his offensive strategy.
"It is hindsight, there is nothing we can do about not kicking that field goal now. We have to go on," said Connellan.

As for playing the final in Edmonton, Connellan has no qualms.

"You have to be able to play on the road, especially in the playoffs," he said.

Both the Bears and Dinosaurus won their last regular season games. The Bears defeated the Saskatchewan Huskies 29-7, and the Dinosaurus crushed the Manitoba Bisons 64-6.

Despite the victory over Saskatchewan, Donlevy is cautious. "We have to play a whole lot better than we did this weekend in order to defeat Calgary," he said. "I mean they are coming off a 64-6 victory and they will be ready."

Donlevy is looking to exploit weakness in the Dinosaur defense, "A crack," he continued, "a way we can breach the defense. They are a disciplined bunch of guys."

"Offensively, we will have to stop all-star quarterback Lew Lawrick, that guy can pass."

Connellan feels that the Bears' quarterback Mark Denesiuk and running back Jeff Funtasz are the players to be watched.

"Defensively we have to control Funtasz, who has just had a spectacular season, and Denesiuk," he said. "They are the keys to Alberta's offense."

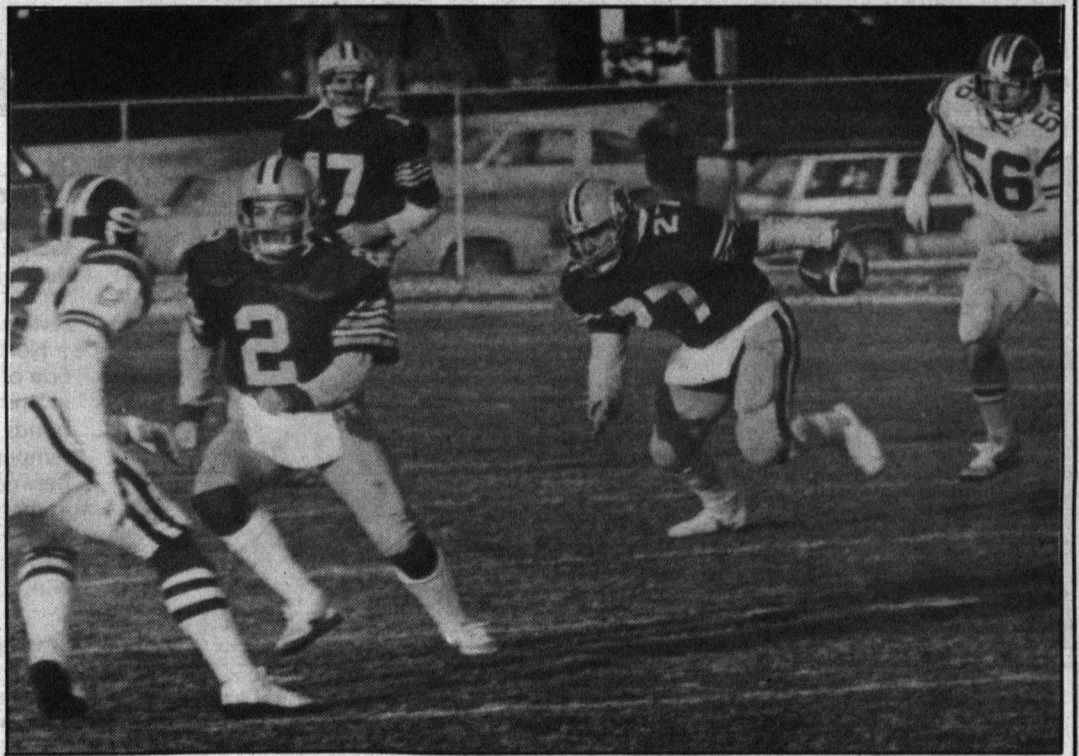
Connellan commenting on the Bears' defense, said, "The Alberta defense is good and well coached."

He added, "The League games were certainly interesting contrasts. In our last game against Alberta (Bears win 31-22) we did not play as well as we could have. However, Alberta played very well and they deserved to win."

Donlevy wrapped up his comments on the upcoming game by saying "It is going to be a battle, definitely a classic contest."

The last time the Bears met the Dinosaurus in the WIFL final was in 1980. The Bears won the contest and went on to win the Vanier Cup.

The Bears 7-1 record ties the mark they set in 1972. 1972, incidentally was also a Vanier Cup Year.



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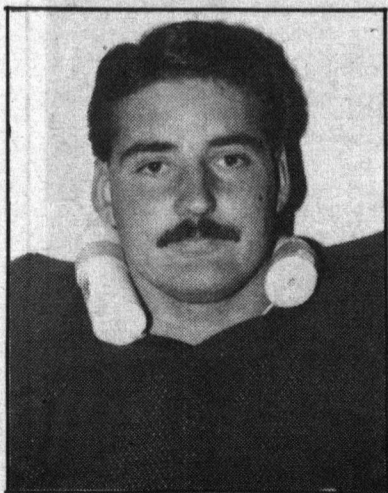
play. It is a team effort. As for their blitzing, the offensive line offers me good protection, but when they (defense) get through, I can scramble. It's easy to run when a big guy is chasing you."

Rookie Running Back Jeff Funtasz: "I can't believe Connellan said that about me. He said that? That's funny, there aren't any keys to our offense. We are ready; we don't have to do anything different. We are going to beat them, I can guarantee it!"

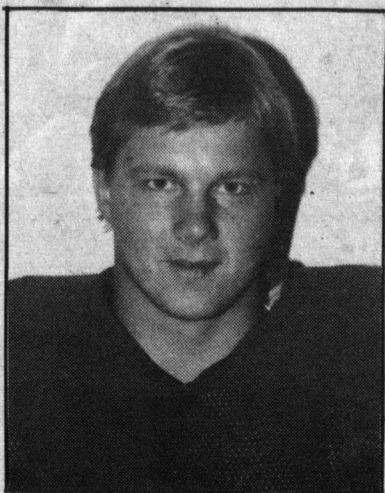
Senior Offensive Tackle Harold Riemer: "We definitely have to play better than we did against Saskatchewan. It's going to be the toughest game of the year, but we will be ready. It's easy to get up for Calgary. We will have to work on our passing this week, but if we

have to, we can run all game. We don't need big gains, five or six yards a crack and we can do it."

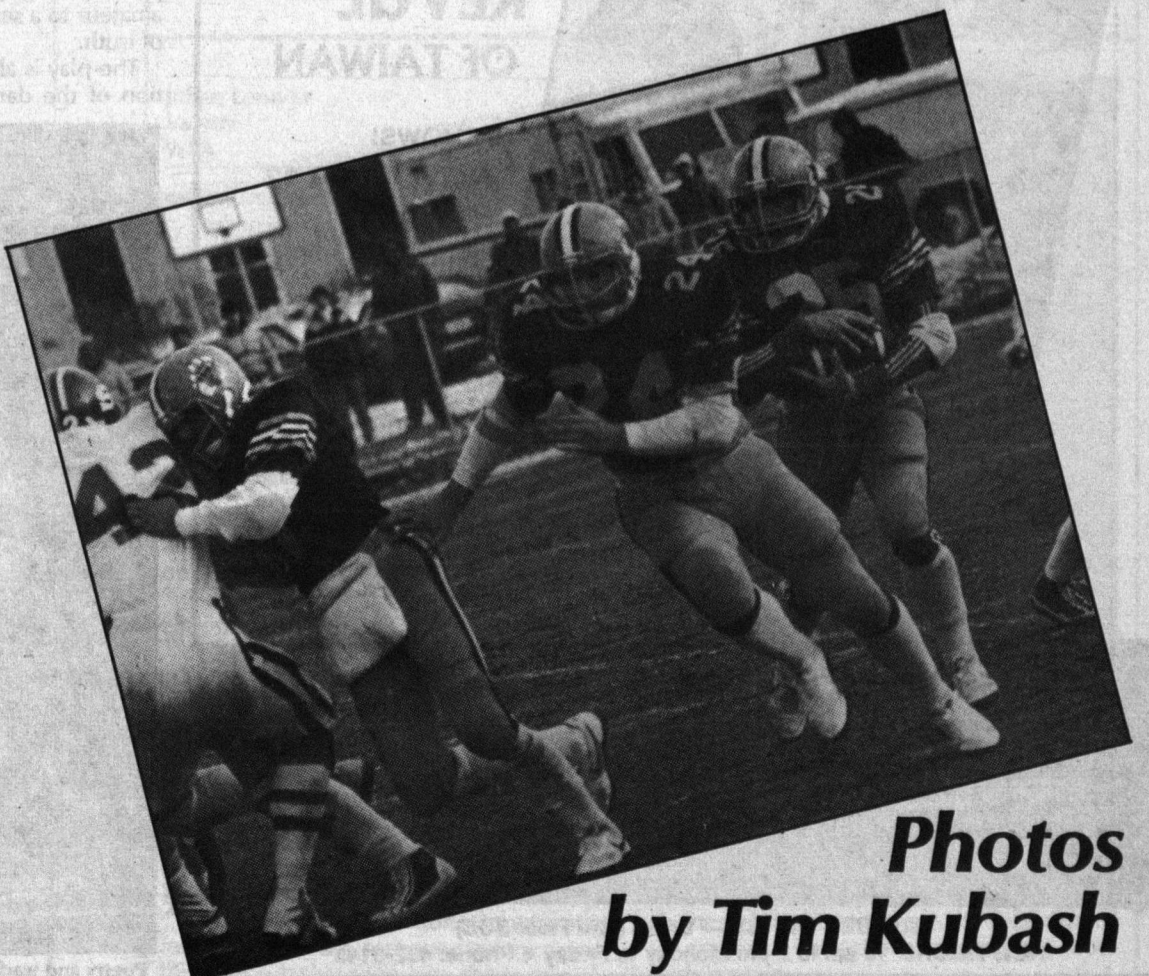
Senior Defensive End and a team captain, Ron Lammers: "Calgary is our toughest competitor, and we have to play our best game in order to beat them. We did a good job against them the last time, so we will use the same type of defense. Last game Lawrick (Calgary quarterback) was rattled. Although they have a good running team, they can't run against us. Our defensive line can stop any run. Our secondary has proven they can cover anybody. Basically, if we play the way we have the last three weeks and the way we did against Calgary the last time, they can't stop us; and once they are down, they won't come back."



Harold Riemer



Ron Lammers



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