

Hot Putoto leads UBC to last second Vanier victory

by Philip Preville

Saturday's CIAU football championship game was a Vanier Cup classic, and featured one of the most dramatic finishes in Canadian College Bowl history. UBC backup quarterback Eric Putoto, who replaced starter Jordan Gagner in the last four minutes of the game, found receiver Rob Ros in the end zone with four seconds remaining to give the British Columbia Thunderbirds a 25-23 victory over the Western Mustangs.

It was the Mustangs' second Vanier Cup loss in two years.

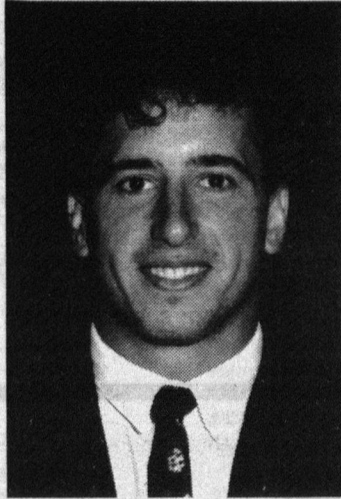
Putoto's three-yard pass to Ros

capped a 62-yard scoring drive which began with 1:39 remaining on the clock. From his own 48, Putoto passed complete to running back Terry Cochrane for 12 yards. Receiver Mike Bellefontaine, who had dropped two touchdown passes earlier in the game, then made a clutch 27-yard reception. Putoto then ran for 20 yards himself before passing to Ros for the winning score.

The 17,000 people on hand to watch the game, predominantly Western fans, had little to cheer about in the first half. Offensively, UBC was in complete control.

Western's defense was unable to apply any pressure whatsoever on UBC QB Jordan Gagner, thanks to the massive T-Bird offensive line (average weight 257 lbs.). Gagner

Weinkauf CIAU star



CIAU All-Star Sheldon Weinkauf

At the CIAU Awards dinner last week in Toronto prior to the Vanier Cup, Alberta's Sheldon Weinkauf was chosen as a member of the CIAU All-Star team at defensive safety. He was the only Golden Bear selection.

A unanimous selection as the WIFL All-Star safety, Weinkauf hauled in four interceptions he returned for a touchdown. It was his third WIFL All-Star pick, as he was also chosen in '82 and '85.

The 5'10", 166 lbs. graduate of Austin O'Brien High School in Edmonton played only four seasons for Alberta, but will retire from the program in second place on the all-time punt return list at the U of A.

connected with both Ros and Cochrane for touchdowns in the first half, giving UBC a 17-1 lead midway through the second quarter. The score didn't change before half-time, and the nonplussed crowd relieved their frustrations by throwing snowballs at UBC players.

Western's offense did have some success in the first half with 10 first downs, but was unable to score. The Mustangs committed four turnovers in the first half, two of which led to UBC touchdowns.

The second half produced a total role reversal. Western cornerback Kyle Hall picked off Gagner's first pass of the half, and the Mustang offense quickly turned it into a touchdown. Two series later, a five-yard TD run by Brent Sapunjis capped a two-play, 55-yard drive that featured a 50-yard pass from All-Canadian QB Steve Samways to receiver Brent Wolkenberg.

With the big UBC defense seemingly comatose, the Mustangs exe-

cuted another incredible scoring drive — this time, 91 yards in six plays. 1986 Hec Crighton Trophy winner (outstanding player in CIAU football) Blake Marshall scored the touchdown on a four-yard run. The whack of momentum Western had generated gave them their first lead of the game at 22-18.

That lead lasted until the last four seconds of the game. A blocked field goal attempt by UBC proved to be the turning point. From there, the game belonged to Putoto, who had only thrown 40 passes all year as Gagner's backup. Putoto completed four of eight pass attempts for 53 yards and was named the game's MVP.

CUP WRAP-UP — Western tailback Rob Stewart was named the game's top offensive player, with over 130 yards rushing and equal yardage on punt returns... Western linebacker Brent Lewis was the game's defensive star.

1986 CIAU AWARD-WINNERS

FRANK TINDALL TROPHY (Coach of the Year)
Bruce Coulter, Bishop's Gaiters

PETER GORMAN TROPHY (Rookie of the Year)
Mike Soles, Running Back, Redmen

J.P. METRAS TROPHY (Outstanding Lineman)
Louie Godry, Offensive Guard, Guelph Gryphons

PRESIDENT'S TROPHY (Outstanding Defensive Player)
Mark Norman, Corner Linebacker, UBC T-Birds

HEC CRIGHTON TROPHY (Outstanding Player)
Blake Marshall, Fullback, Western Mustangs

1986 CIAU ALL-CANADIAN FOOTBALL TEAM

OFFENSE

Centre: Pierre Vercheval, Western Mustangs
Guard: Louie Godry, Guelph Gryphons; Craig Watson, Calgary Dinosaurs

Tackle: Leo Groenewegen, UBC T-Birds; Rocco Romano, Concordia Stingers

Receivers: Ken Evraire, Wilfrid Laurier Golden Hawks; Tim Karbonik, Calgary Dinosaurs; Paul Shorten, Toronto Varsity Blues; Wally Zatylny, Bishop's Gaiters
Running Backs: Blake Marshall, Western Mustangs; Brian Walling, Acadia Axemen

Quarterback: Tony Harris, Bishop's Gaiters

DEFENSE

Down Linemen: Paul Gedies, Western Mustangs; Richard Jolicoeur, Ottawa Gee-Gees; Rob Kalvaitis, McMaster Marauders; Andy McConnell, St. Francis Xavier X-Men
Linebackers: Jack Beetstra, UBC T-Birds; Leroy Blugh, Bishop's Gaiters; Patrick Jancsy, St. Francis Xavier X-Men; Matt Janes, Western Mustangs

Backfield: Mark Norman, UBC T-Birds; Jake Vaughan, Bishop's Gaiters; Sheldon Weinkauf, Alberta Golden Bears; Chuck Wust, Acadia Axemen

Athletic scholarships may be coming to Canada

by Philip Preville

Sports scholarships in Canada may soon be a reality, according to Federal Sports Minister Otto Jelinek.

Jelinek made the announcement in a CTV interview before the Vanier Cup game last Saturday. In a meeting with CIAU officials earlier that day, an agreement in principle had been made on the issue of athletic scholarships, a topic which has been under debate for years.

Ian MacDonald, former York University President, will head "a small group of working people" responsible for the examination and recommendation of the var-

ious options to this program. MacDonald will then make representation to Jelinek as soon as possible so the government can "enact a program in the not too distant future."

Jelinek did not discuss any specific details of the agreement. He did comment that the main goal of such scholarships would be to keep Canada's top athletes from travelling to the United States for post-secondary education.

"Well, that's what it's all about," said Jelinek. "A lot of our top athletes go south of the border. I think that this type of program will 'slow the flow' to the States."



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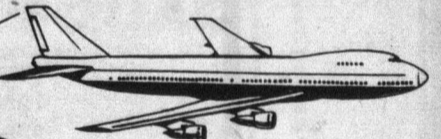
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