

T Birds: Turkey Dinner For Bears On First Meeting



BLOODY CHILLY, WHAT?



The Thunderbird is a rare sort which the British Columbia Indians used to perch atop their magnificent totem poles. Last Saturday afternoon amid rain and snow a certain Thunderbird from British Columbia was ungraciously toppled from its pinnacle by a certain hungry Bear from Alberta.

Yes, the Golden Bears of the University of Alberta played inspired ball to knock off the Thunderbirds of the University of British Columbia 20-2 and move into an excellent position to dethrone the champs.

SCRAP SLOT BACKS

Playing out of the wing-back formation, after head coach Murray Smith scrapped his slot-back formation, the Green and Gold came up with a great team-effort, if you'll excuse a slightly worn term, to upset the highly vaunted T-Birds.

Ted Frechette, Ernie Takacs, Ross Christensen, Bert Carron and Kenny Nielsen ripped through gaping holes in the BC line with gay abandon. The Alberta offensive line led by Dennis Kadatz and Jack Dickson opened these gaping holes and literally pushed the proud Birds into the mud. But the greatest performers of all were the defensive stalwarts. They were real tough as they smashed the myth of BC's once awesome attack to shreds. They pounded and mauled the Thunderbird attackers until they were a very impotent and badly beaten crew anxious to head home and lick their wounds.

But the greatest honor of all must go to Bruce Bryson. The veteran quarterback, who was ruled on his way out to make room for newcomer Gary Smith, came up with his usual game, not too spectacular but very steady, to lead the Bears to their sweetest victory. He had the boys behind him and led them through mud, snow and Thunderbirds all afternoon. He made them operate like the great team they are and it was sweet revenge for Bruce. Maybe he isn't the most colorful runner in the business or the best passer, but with his great heart and determination, when things get rough

he can make the Bears click.

Some people will always say it was the mud that slowed down the defending champs but don't swallow any of it. It was the Golden Bears that beat them. They beat them to the punch time and again. They were running harder, blocking harder, hitting harder and just simply playing harder. With the taste of last year's defeat still lingering the Bears wanted to win so badly, no amount of snow or mud was going to stop them. This was their day and they made the most of it.

After the game we managed to corral Frank Gnuip, the very likeable coach of the Birds, for a few comments. His comment, "What is there to say, they simply clobbered us. There wasn't even a turning point they beat us so badly, unless you consider the opening whistle. We were soundly beaten by a better ball club. Let's hope next Saturday will be a better day."

PROUD OF THEM

We found head coach Smith, after struggling through a dressing room which was wilder than a Castro demonstration, and the boss of the Bears managed to shout over the noise, "I'm very proud of the boys. They were great defensively and offensively and we are really looking forward to next Saturday".

The only sour note of the afternoon was the attendance at the game. It is lamentable to think that less than 200 students and alums could find enough courage to brave a bad day to cheer for their alma mater. If only the worthy students of Alberta had the same spirit and drive as their teams.

The hunting season is open here in Alberta, and the Golden Bears bagged their quota as they downed the UBC Thunderbirds 20-2 last Saturday. The cold, wet afternoon was in harmony with the T-Birds who suffered misery upon misery as Bruce Bryson led the merciless Bears to their very decisive victory.

Paving the way for the irrepressible Golden Bear ground attack were Kenny Neilson, Ernie Takacs, and Dennis Annesley. Kenny Nielsen romped 24 yards on a reverse play to put the Bears on the scoreboard, but Maury Van Vliet's convert was no good, BC tallied with a single by Piteau.

A lucky Bear break came when Lorne Braithwaite recovered Olafson's fumble, but the Green and Gold were unable to capitalize. Shortly after Turgeon intercepted a BC pass to Piteau on the BC 52 yard line. This was followed by a fake kick by Van Vliet as he threw to Nielson, but again the Bears were held withing scoring distance. At 12:10 of the second quarter the Bear's score was boosted a notch as Van Vliet kicked a single. After Dunnigan returned a BC punt to his own 50, Bryson attempted two unsuccessful passes; Maury Van Vliet then lifted a 52-yard punt that gave Alberta an 8-1 margin as the half ended.

The second half opened with the Bears kicking to BC. The half was not three minutes old when Ted Frechette found a hole over center and skittered for 44 yards to paydirt. Again the convert attempt failed.

A few minutes later the T-Birds recovered a fumble on the Alberta 15, but immediately had the tables turned on them as Annesley intercepted a pass on his own 10 yard line and hot-footed it 94 yards for the most spectacular play of the game. The convert was no good, and the scoreboard read 20-1 going into the fourth quarter.

Bruce Bryson continued to spark the Alberta offense sending Frechette and Takacs on merry jaunts through the BC line and Christensen around the end. The last quarter was mostly a give-and-take battle as Lucas picked up a fumble for Alberta, and Piteau intercepted a pass for BC. The only point scored was a single conceded by Francis and the score remained 20-2 for the balance of the game.



SAMPLE OF KNIGHTS FALCONRY

Ducky's Darlings' - Defence Did It

University of Alberta Golden Bears, fresh from a 20-2 triumph over University of British Columbia Thunder-

birds, play their first regular season away-from-home game tomorrow, facing the same Thunderbirds in Vancouver.

A victory for the Bears would place them in an excellent position to replace UBC as league champions, as they would then need only a split with University of Saskatchewan Huskies to clinch first place. A triumph for the West-coasters, on the other hand, would throw the league race wide open.

Bears' highly-rated defence, which limited UBC to a net aerial gain of minus five yards will face a sterner test this week if weather conditions permit quarterback Stan Knight to unleash the full force of the Thunderbird's powerful passing attack.

However, the Bears, who outplayed the Thunderbirds in every department Saturday must rule as favorites for this week's encounter despite the handicap of playing before a hostile crowd.

"They're licked and they know it," commented assistant coach Clare Drake after last week's game. "Watch out next Saturday in Vancouver."



DUCKY DRAKE



BUTTON, BUTTON ?

Game Time

Alberta Golden Bears
Football Schedule
October 8—UBC at U of A
October 15—U of A at UBC

October 22—University of Saskatchewan at U of A
November 5—U of A at University of Saskatchewan