

# SPORTS

## Bears just good enough

### Offense takes day off

by Bob Kilgannon

They say that defense wins football games. Judging from last Saturday at Varsity Stadium, defense does indeed win football games. Especially when there is no offense.

Defenses dominated and offenses hibernated as the Golden Bears came up with their second straight last minute drive to win. This time they triumphed by a count of 11-10 over the Manitoba Bisons.

Dave Brown was again the hero in the end, booting a 47 yard punt on the game's final play for the winning point. Brown's punt single was set up by the Bear's best offensive drive of the game. Peter Eshenko, Mike Wolfram and Brown all caught Forrest Kennerd passes to move the ball down the field to set up that final punt.

"I was nervous until I got the snap," said Brown. It turned out to be the best kick of the day, though.

The single on the last play was what won the contest, but the story of the game was defense and turnovers: defense by both teams and turnovers by Manitoba.

The Golden Bears picked off five passes, three by Glen Music and two by Robin Lawrence. Music returned his first interception 74 yards for the game's only touchdown.

Neither team could move the ball effectively and the result was short, unproductive drives and a battle for field position all day long. The Bears managed just 327 yards of total offense (excluding losses); Manitoba was even worse with just 239 yards of offense.

Besides Music's touchdown, the Bears points came on two singles from Dave Brown and a convert and two singles by Frank Boehres. Placekicker Pad Brookes scored all the Bison points with three field goals and a single.

The relatively small crowd saw little offense but all kinds of defense. The Bears totally shut down the Manitoba passing game.

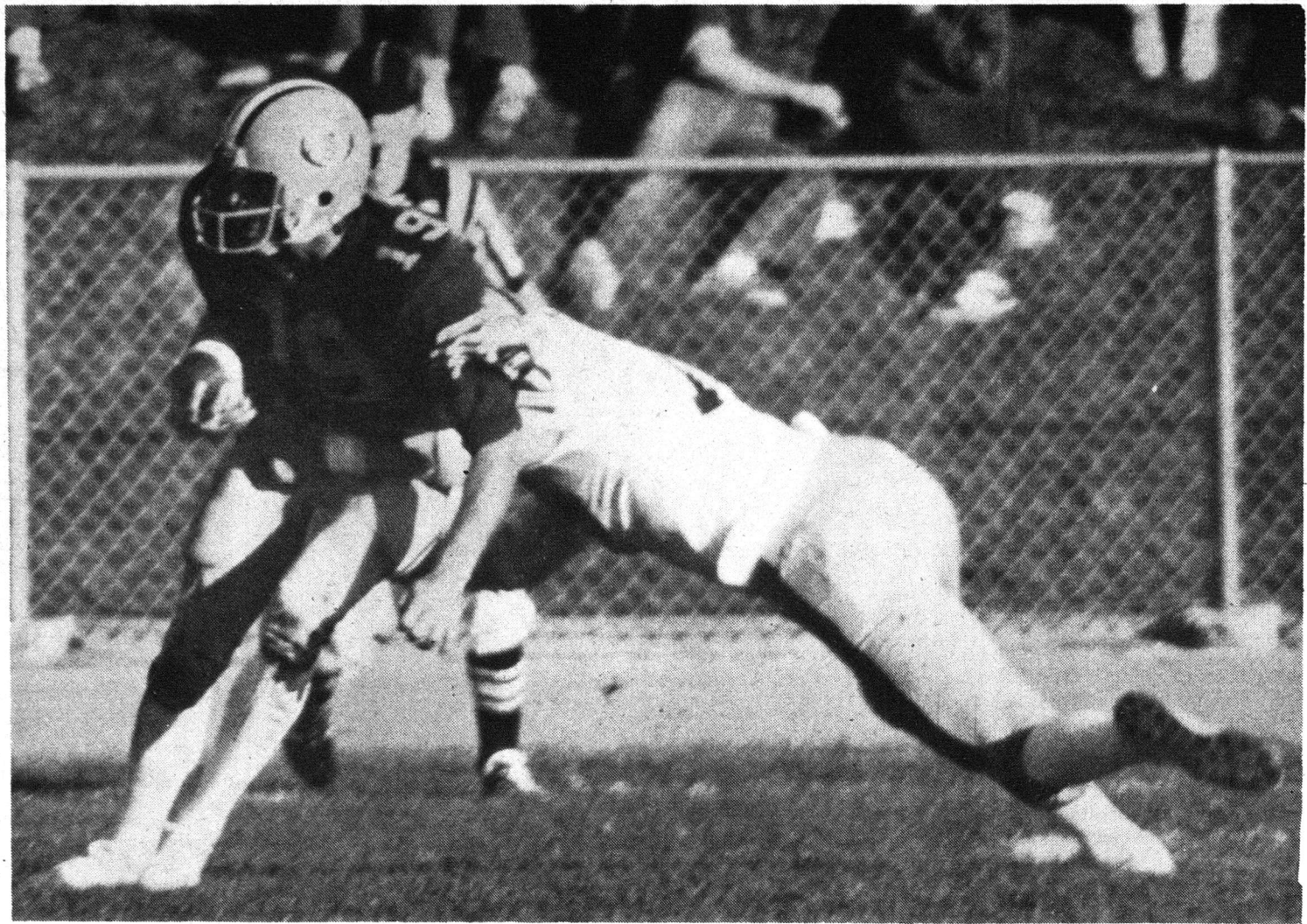


photo Tom Freeland

### Defense was the offense

Defensive back Glen Music picked off three Manitoba passes - including one return of 74 yards for a touchdown - to lead the Bears over the Bisons.

Their only consistent gains (and even those weren't too consistent) came running the football.

On the other side, the Manitoba defense contained the Bear's running game well (except for Sean Kehoe who had 93 yards, most of it in the second half) but did allow the Bears some passing offense, ending up with 196 yards.

Saturday's game fit into an increasingly common pattern for the Bears this year. The defense

playing good football but the offense sputtering. Big plays score some points but the offensive team does not consistently move the football.

True, in the last two weeks the offense has driven very impressively in the final few minutes to score go ahead points and win the game.

It's a mark of a fine team to be able to score in pressure situations, but it's also a mark of a fine team to be able to jump on the opposition from the opening play. They must move the ball consistently and put points on the scoreboard throughout the game, not just in the final seconds.

The Bears will need more consistent offense this coming weekend if they hope to beat the Calgary Dinosaurs. A win for the Bears or even a loss by less than 21 points assures Alberta of first place and home field advantage for the playoffs likely against those same Calgary Dinosaurs.

It's time for the Bears to start playing better football. After next week's game the Bears season will end if they lose just once. To avoid losing they need to perform consistently for 60 minutes.

#### Yardsticks

	Bears	Bisons
First Downs	16	13
Yards Rushing	131	157
Yards Passing	196	82
Team Losses	51	13
Net Offense	276	226
Passes (Comp/Att)	12/31	7/16
Punts/Ave	16/39.5	11/39.8
Penalties/Yards	6/55	7/41
Interceptions By	5	2

#### Individual Leaders

Rushing - Alta: Kehoe (14/93), Eshenko (1/15), Pardell (4/7)  
 Man: Denham (25/125), Boivin (9/35)  
 Receiving - Alta: Eshenko (5/90), Wolfram (3/58), Kennedy (2/30)  
 Man: Maidell (2/39), Bowness (2/15)

#### WIFL

	W	L	T	F	A	Pts
Alberta	6	1	0	164	94	12
Calgary	4	2	0	113	65	8
UBC	2	3	1	74	102	5
Manitoba	2	3	1	80	137	5
Saskatchewan	1	5	0	90	123	2

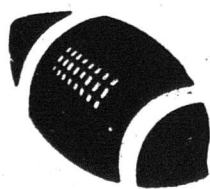


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Robin Lawrence (18) had two interceptions in Bear's 11-10 victory.

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#### BEAR FACTS

Gord Syme didn't catch a ball for the first time in 13 games.  
 Darcy McKernan (leg), Frank Salverda (shoulder) and Jamie Crawford (broken finger) all missed the game with injuries.  
 Cam Kennedy played almost the entire game as wide receiver. He was replacing Dave Brown who has a bad ankle.

## What's Happening

### Intramural Sign-up

Activity	Deadline
Weight Training (Women)	Tues., Oct 21, 1:00 p.m.
Social Jance (Men & Women)	Wed., Oct. 22, 1:00 p.m.
Bowling	Thurs., Oct 23, 1:00 p.m.
Basketball (Men)	Tues., Oct. 21, 1:00 p.m.

More information is available in the men's and women's intramural offices on the lower floor of the physical education building.