

# Bears lose season opener against Huskies

by John Algard  
 The Golden Bears football team opened their 1982 campaign August 28 at Clarke Stadium, before a home crowd of three hundred silent fans, and lost to the University of Saskatchewan Huskies 20-19. It was a game the Bears should have won.

In the opening quarter, rookie quarterback Darren Brezden marched the Bears offence to the Saskatchewan 23 yard line. Tough defence by the Huskies stopped the drive, and Rick Magee's field goal attempt was wide. The Bears led 1-0.

Saskatchewan took the lead at 14:01 of the first quarter on a sixty yard pass from Huskies quarterback Doug Siemens to wide receiver Kevin Sawatsky. Paul Hickie's convert attempt was successful, and the first quarter ended with the score 7-1 in favor of the visitors.

An interception by Bears linebacker Mike McLean led to a field goal by Rick Magee in the second quarter, reducing the Saskatchewan lead to three points. The Bears were unable to generate any further offence, and excellent punting by Saskatchewan's Paul Hickie kept the Bears hemmed into their own half of the field.

With twelve seconds remaining in the first half, Brezden and fullback Rick Paulitsch failed to connect on a handoff, and Saskatchewan took over at the Alberta twelve yard line. Good defensive plays by Mike McLean and Stewart McAndrews on successive downs forced the Huskies to attempt a field goal on third down. The attempt was good, and the half ended with Saskatchewan leading the Bears 10-4.

In the third quarter, the Bears suffered from mental errors as Brezden threw an interception directly to Saskatchewan's middle linebacker Jim O'Donnell. O'Donnell ran the ball back thirty yards for a Huskie touchdown. The convert was good, and the Huskies led 17-4.

More trouble awaited. The Bears defence took to the field, and allowed Saskatchewan quarterback Doug Siemens to run for twenty-one yards on a roll out to the right. The run set up Paul Hickie's second field goal of the afternoon. The score stood at 20-4 as the third quarter ended.

The Bears finally got a touchdown at 5:16 of the fourth quarter on a well executed pass play involving Brezden and wide



Stewart McAndrews talks strategy with his coach

receiver Troy Chiochetti. A two point convert attempt went for naught, and the Bears trailed the Huskies 20-10.

With seven minutes left to play, Saskatchewan fumbled at their forty yard line, and the Bears offence took over. Not for long though, as the Huskies defence played well, forcing Rick Magee to

attempt a long field goal. Again, the ball sailed wide, and the Bears crept a point closer, 20-11.

With three minutes remaining, Alberta got another break as Saskatchewan punter Paul Hickie muffed his kick from deep in the Huskies zone. The kick travelled fifteen yards, and the Bears had possession at the Saskatchewan

thirty-nine yard line. At 14:55, Rick Paulitsch dove across the goal line for the Bear's second touchdown of the afternoon. Magee's convert was good, and the score stood at 20-18.

The Bears attempted a short kickoff, that was recovered by Alberta's Roman Lohin. Rick Magee and the field goal unit moved onto the field.

Magee's attempt was wide and good for a single point.

Despite the loss, the Bears showed they have the potential to finish in a playoff position. Rick Paulitsch and rookie Corrado Filice led the offence, with strong support from Frank Boehres and John Waterhouse. Rookie quarterback Darren Brezden gave a credible performance, and needs only experience to gain confidence in his position.

Defensively, Ron Lammers and the linebacking trio of Mike McLean, Garrett Dole and Stewart McAndrews played an aggressive, hard-hitting game.

James Richards handled the kicking chores in place of Reg Gilmour and excelled at punting. Perhaps the coaching staff will allow him time to practice field goals, in case Gilmour does not return to the team.

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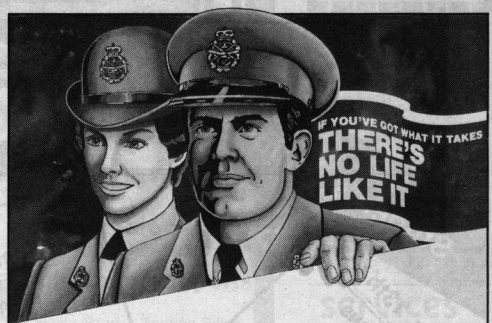
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