

# Rouge means victory for Bears



Player of the Game

Despite punter Adam Fragomeni’s redemption with the game winning kick, this award has to go to Alberta running back Tendayi Jozzy. The CIS rushing leader put up 176 yards on the ground—including a 34-yard scamper—and scored the first touchdown of his CIS career in the first quarter before adding another right before the half. The rookie tailback now has 535 yards on the season.

Box Score

**First Quarter**  
08:15 UBC—safety  
06:12 UBC—safety  
00:00 AB—Tendayi Jozzy one yd run (Scott Stevenson kick)

**Second Quarter**  
10:45 AB—Scott Stevenson 17 yd field goal  
02:53 AB—Tendayi Jozzy five yd run (Scott Stevenson kick)

**Third Quarter**  
01:36 UBC—Shawn McIssac 17 yd field goal

**Fourth Quarter**  
07:29 UBC—Shawn McIssac 16 yd field goal  
02:32 UBC—Chris Ciezki one yd run (Shawn McIssac kick)  
00:00 AB—Adam Fragomeni rouge (punt)

UBC	4	0	3	10	—	17
Alberta	7	10	0	1	—	18

	UBC	AB
First downs	25	21
Yards rushing	117	233
Yards passing	192	93
Net offense	309	326
Passes made-attempted	15-27	10-20
Return yards	99	66
Interceptions by-yards	3-1	0-0
Fumbles-lost	3-2	0-0
Sacks by	1	6
Punts-average	9-33.8	7-40.9
Penaties-yards	4-48	12-134
Time of possession	32:23	27:37
Field goals made-attempted	2-3	1-2

**RUSHING:** UBC—Chris Ciezki 16-97; Barry Jonat 5-22; Doug Goldsby 2-14; Cheng Wei 9-6; Derek Townsend 1-2; Blake Smelser 4- -11; Spencer Smid 1- -13. Alberta—Tendayi Jozzy 31-176; Matthew Jarvis 6-44; Cam Linke 3-11; Damon Fraietta 1-2.

**PASSING:** UBC—Blake Smelser 12-21-0-147; Doug Goldsby 3-6-0-71. Alberta—Cam Linke 10-20-0-100.

**RECEIVING:** UBC—Braden Smith 5-111; Alan Pepper 3-17; Tyler Hamade 2-52; Darren Wilson 2-20; Nate D’Arcy 2-16; Derek Townsend 1-2. Alberta—Matthew Chapdelaine 3-48; Aaron Holba 3-23; Damon Fraietta 3-18; Matthew Jarvis 1-11.



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BACK OFF, GET YOUR OWN FOOTBALL Linebacker Ryan Michalenko chases down UBC quarterback Blake Smelser at Foote Field Saturday afternoon.

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On an ugly afternoon where a cold drizzle and orange nylon fell from the sky at regular intervals, it took a last-second punt and an oddity unique to Canadian football for the Golden Bears to capture their home opener against the University of British Columbia Thunderbirds.

While last weekend it was safety-turned-place-kicker Scott Stevenson playing hero with a last-play field goal, it took a 45-yard punt single, or rouge, from rookie punter Adam Fragomeni—a career backup at the junior level who wasn’t even in the Bears plans until a week before the season—to steal an 18–17 Alberta victory over UBC.

“When it hit my foot and went off I knew it wasn’t the best struck punt of the day, but it was long enough,” Fragomeni said. “When I saw it went out, it was just total ... I don’t even know how to describe it. It was just total joy and when you’ve been brought into a situation like I was, it’s nice to show to the guys that I can play.”

“I’m very grateful [for the rouge], it worked out for us,” said Dan Bass, a transfer from Northern Michigan University who finished the day with two quarterback sacks. “But I’m sure if it was the other way around, I’m not sure I would be such a fan.”

Though the Bears (2–1) special teams came

through with some last-second heroics for the second straight week, their efforts shouldn’t have been necessary to ensure a Bears win. As has been the case for the entire season so far—no matter which quarterback’s been at the offence’s controls—the Alberta passing attack came up lame in critical situations.

This weekend it was Cam Linke’s turn to struggle under centre. On Alberta’s first four offensive series, Linke threw up two interceptions and forced the Bears to concede two safeties while failing to get the ball beyond the shadows of his own goal posts.

“We still have to work [our quarterback situation] out,” Bears head coach Jerry Friesen said. “It’s a matter of finding out to see if [the problems with the passing game] were structure, or if it’s personnel. We just have to go back and make sure that we find something and start doing it right.”

Linke and the Bears only managed to escape being buried by these mistakes because the Thunderbirds (1–1) offence proved to be equally inept. Under the leadership of quarterback Blake Smelser, who was pulled at the beginning of the second-half in favour of Doug Goldsby, UBC failed to put any points of their own on the board and were stifled by the Bears defence before halftime.

“The last couple of games we knew we were up against scrambling quarterbacks and we

knew both of the UBC guys were sit in the pocket, stay-home guys, a little more patient and they had a lot of experience,” Bass said, relieved the defence was able to pull through and hold off UBC.

While the Bears are still looking for something go right with the passing attack, Tendayi Jozzy and the running game stole the game against UBC. 233 of Alberta’s 326 yards of total offence came on the ground, as did both of the Bears’ touchdowns. Jozzy, who is bursting onto the CIS scene in his first season with the Bears, accounted for 176 yards on his own and both touchdowns—despite the fact that he sat for the third quarter, and the Thunderbirds had two full weeks to form a game plan against him.

“When you take a look at our game plan, we wanted to make sure that we used him early and then used him late when we needed it. Matt Jarvis [the backup runningback] came in and did a great job too, and that’s a reflection of our offensive line,” Friesen said. “It’s almost like you could put anyone back in the backfield and it seems like they could get some yards.”

“We had prepared for two weeks to stop the run, and at times I thought we did a great job of doing it,” UBC head coach Ted Goveia said. “But you need consistency in this game to be successful, and we weren’t consistent in terms of our ability to move the ball on offence or in stopping the run on defence.”