SPORTS

Bears blow lead, season against Rams





Player of the Game

Regina running back Graham Mosiondz carried the ball 32 times for 219 yards and scored the Rams' first touchdown of the game

Box Score

First Quarter

07:22 AB—Tendayi Jozzy 1 yd run (Scott Stevenson

10:11 REG-Perri Scarcelli 43 yd field goal 13:34 ALB—Damon Fraietta 29 yd pass from Quade Armstrong (Scott Stevenson kick)

Second Quarter

00:47 REG-Graham Mosiondz 22 yd run (Perri Scarcelli kick)

04:47 AB—Scott Stevenson 15 yd field goal $14:09\,AB-Ryan\,Michalenko\,22\,yd\,pass\,from\,Quade$ Armstrong (Scott Stevenson kick) 15:00 REG—Jordan Sisco 38 yd pass from Teale Orban (Perri Scarcelli kick)

Third Quarter

04:06 REG—Perri Scarcelli 26 yd field goal 12:09 REG—Chris Getzlaf 40 yd pass from Teale Orban (Chad Goldie pass from Teale Orban) 12:10 REG—Perri Scarcelli rouge (kickoff) 14:50 REG—Chris Getzlaf 37 yd pass from Teale Orban (Perri Scarcelli kick)

Fourth Quarter

02:03 ALB—Scott Stevenson rouge (punt)

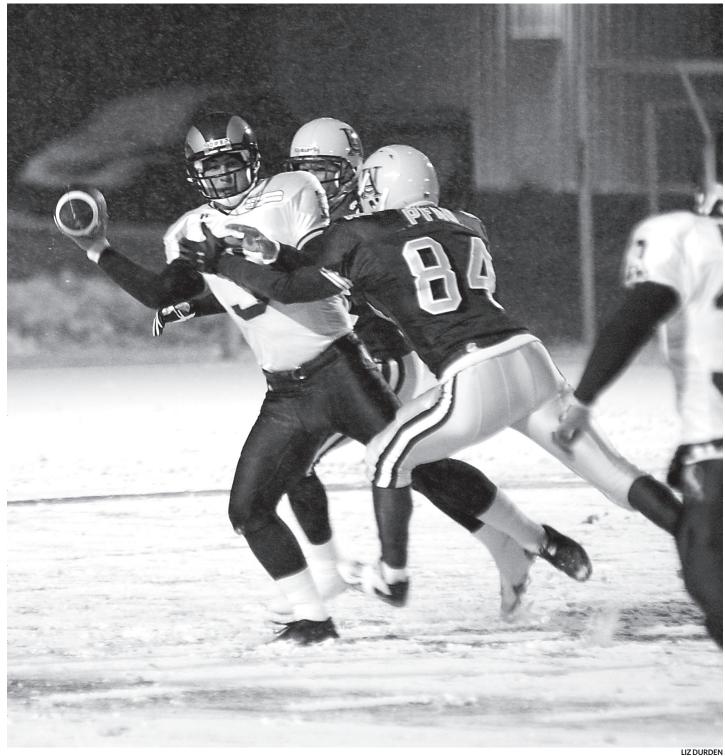
Regina	3	14	19	0	_	36
Alberta	14	10	0	1	_	25

	REG	AB
First downs	23	22
Yards rushing	196	200
Yards passing	189	179
Net offense	385	379
Passes made-attempted	13-25	13-27
Return yards	87	79
Interceptions made-yards	2-13	1-0
Fumbles-lost	2-0	0-0
Sacks by	1	2
Punts-average	6-31.3	4-37.0
Penaties-yards	8-100	5-50
Time of possession	27:08	32:52
Field goals made-attempted	2-2	1-2

RUSHING: REG—Graham Mosiondz 32-219, Teale Orban 4-6, Jordan Higgins 1-minus 29; AB—Tendayi Jozzy 21-109, Kendall Jeske 16-73 Damon Fraietta 1-9, Quade Armstrong 1-7, Luke Lavorato 1-2.

PASSING: REG—Teale Orban 12-24-1-229, Perri Scarcelli 1-1-0-minus 25; AB—Quade Armstrong

RECEIVING: REG—Chris Getzlaf 3-98, Jordan Sisco 3-60, Chris Baumann 3-37, Chad Goldie 2-28, Sheldon Tillotsn 1-6, Chas Bonnor 1-minus 25: AB—Damon Fraietta 3-51. Aaron Holba 2-35, Jason Moss 2-15, Adam Cottrell 1-24, Ryan Michalenko 1-22, Kendall Jeske 1-12, Tim Heatherington 1–8, Symon Pfau 1–7, Luke Lavorato 1-7.



YOU'RE NOT FOOLING ANYONE Symon Pfau chases down Regina kicker Perri Scarcelli as the Rams failed on a trick play, resulting in a 25-yard loss.

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Despite having the weather in their favour and home-field advantage, the Golden Bears football team relinquished a 24-10 first-half lead and saw their playoff hopes destroyed by the Regina Rams 36-25 at Foote Field on Saturday.

Alberta's hopes were high before the game when they saw the weather; the snow and blowing winds should have slowed the top-ranked Regina passing attack, and allowed the Bears to use their ground attack to control the ball and

"We felt that the weather would play pretty well into our strengths: that we'd be able to run fairly well and that it might take a little bit off Regina's passing game," fifth-year linebacker David Lowry said.

In the first half, the weather certainly worked in the Bears' favour. Regina players were slipping, and on more than one occasion bad snaps on punts left Regina scrambling in their backfield for a large loss on third down. Rams' quarterback Teale Orban, who leads CIS in passing yards, struggled to find the slippery hands of his receivers early on-that is until the last play of the first half

With Alberta up 24-10, Orban fired a 38-yard touchdown pass to Jordan Sisco as time ran out in the second quarter. Alberta defensive backs seemed to stand idly by while Sisco stunned the home crowd with a goal line dive for the score. In the end, it was the play that derailed the Bears'

playoff hopes.

"It was a deep ball and we just ended up not making the play," Bears head coach Jerry Friesen said. "As the third quarter started going [Regina] created some momentum and we could never swing it back."

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As the game wore on, and the weather got worse, Alberta struggled to generate any offence, but only got one point in the second half: a fourth-quarter rouge. The Regina defenders clamped down on Alberta's running game while Orban connected some long passes to put the game out of reach for the Bears.

Alberta finished the season with a 4-4 record, tied with UBC and Regina, but missed the playoffs because the other two teams had more points for than against amongst the three teams. This is the first time Alberta has missed the playoffs since 2002, and a disappointing end to a rollercoaster season for the Bears.

"I'd be lying if I said I wasn't a little disappointed with this season. We have a solid core of talented guys that I thought would be able to get into the playoffs and make some noise," said Lowry, who graduates this year. "We had opportunities in every game we played but we just fell a little bit short.'

However, there were bright spots for the 2006 Bears, most notably was the run game, with Tendayi Jozzy (897 total yards) and Kendall Jeske (448 total yards) combining to put up the third best rushing attack in CIS. Their success was due to the strength of Alberta's offensive line making key blocks each game. Alberta's defensive line also had continued pressure in the backfield with Dan Bass leading the charge registering 60 tackles on the year, second in CIS. The main weakness this season seemed to be Alberta's inability to throw the ball. Their passing game ranked 13th in the league. Cam Linke and Quade Armstrong alternated at the quarterback position, but neither pivot seemed to fill the void that was left after Darryl Salmon graduated last season.

"Darryl was a hell of a quarterback last year," Jeske noted. "He was a great athlete with a great arm. Cam and Quade by no means are bad quarterbacks-but they weren't Darryl Salmon. We had to design our offence around what [Linke and Armstrong] could bring to the table. The quarterback situation was one area that the experience level dropped but there were also other areas that weren't as strong this year."