



PACK OF BEARS – A swarm of Guelph Bears confront Essex Ravens' running back Rondel Roberts, No. 27, during a semi-final game at Raider Field Aug. 5. A last minute TD by the Bears' running back Nick Fitzgibbons made it 37-24 for Guelph, ending the game and the 2006 season for the Ravens.

Bears end season for Ravens

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Three touchdowns by Guelph Bears' running back Nick Fitzgibbons, including a 42-yard run to score in the last two minutes of the game, ended the Ontario Varsity Football League season for the Essex Ravens with a score of 37-24 at Raider Field Aug. 5.

Guelph scored two touchdowns early in the first quarter of the semi-final game, with wide receiver Jesse Bellamy catching a pass from Lance Fergin and taking the ball 70 yards into the end zone.

Fitzgibbons earned the Bears a second TD with a 13-yard run at

10:49 of the first.

Ravens' kicker Joe Collela then put Essex on the board, booting in a field goal with just under five minutes left in the quarter.

A 65-yard toss for a TD by Essex quarterback Kyle Quinlan to wide receiver Derek Easter followed, making it 15-10 for Guelph at half-time.

Late in the third quarter, Ravens' running back Rondel Roberts carried the ball within nine yards of the Bears' goal line. A five-yard run into the end zone by Kostas Spyridis then put Essex ahead 24-15.

The Ravens lead lasted until the final minutes of the fourth quarter,

when an unnecessary roughness call brought the ball to the Essex two-yard-line.

A three-yard pass by Fergin to Fitzgibbons brought Guelph into the end zone and back on top with a 28-24 lead with 3:41 left in the game.

A two-point safety for the Bears quickly followed.

In the final two minutes, Fitzgibbons ran the ball nearly half the field to score and make it 37-24, putting the Ravens to bed for another year.

The Guelph running back carried the ball for a total of 246 yards.

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