

# Tough choice for Redmond

## the fifth quarter

Soccer coach Gerry Redmond has quite a problem on his hands right now...he can only take sixteen players to the Western Intercollegiate Championships in Vancouver in about six weeks time, but deciding which sixteen to choose from the twenty-five or so really good players who have been turning out to the practices during the last week is proving to be a real headache. One especially encouraging feature of this is that a lot of these players are from local high schools, such as John Baretta, Matteo Piscopo, the Joines brothers, Bob Hrsak, and Stan Zurawicz. Paul Eagan, Terry Kindrat, Roland Leaute, and Barry Morrison also prove that you don't have to be European born and bred to shine at soccer. Alongside these local boys newcomers Geoff Bird, from Australia, English born Glenn Murphy, and Irishman Chris Kelly are all very highly thought of by Redmond and his assistant, Geoff Salmon. As Salmon warned, all these players are going to be pushing veterans Terry Whitney, John Devlin, Frank Tassone, Rick Korol, George Lovell, Tommy Schmidt, Dave Clayton, Peter Chiu, and Phil Craig for places in the squad. "Some really good players are going to get cut," was Redmond's regretful comment.

Last Wednesday evening the Bears played the Ulster Rangers. This game was late in starting thanks to the co-operative attitude of one of the football coaches who just had to practise

on the soccer field, even though there was plenty of room off the field for what he was doing. Redmond used about twenty-five players in the game, which the Bears won 4-1. The highlights of the game were the play of John Devlin, who was brilliant in midfield, the distribution of the ball from defence of Terry Whitney, who twice found Terry Kindrat out on the wing with fifty-yard passes of pinpoint accuracy, (and Whitney said something about having a sore leg!), and the Bears' third goal, scored by Geoff Bird, finishing off a move which saw the Bears bring the ball out of defence with three or four fine passes. Bird, once he gets into top shape and becomes more familiar with his team-mates, is going to be an outstanding player.

On Saturday morning, in place of the cancelled fixture with the Royal Military College, the Bears played an inter-squad game. The heat wasn't exactly conducive to good soccer, especially as both teams started off at a pace more suited to December in England than to a 75 degree September in Edmonton. All three goalkeepers, John Baretta, Ed Stasiuk, and Paul Eagan impressed with good handling and anticipation. Geoff Bird showed some lovely touches in midfield, and Glenn Murphy, Frank Tassone and George Lovell were also impressive. Bobby Hrsak had two nice goals disallowed for offside, but in general nothing decisive was achieved, witness the final score,

Probables 1, Possibles 1.

It's obvious that Redmond and Salmon will need to see the players in more realistic conditions, to see how various players react to competition. Hopefully, they'll have games against serious opposition soon. Salmon reckons that the defence will be watertight, although there'll be fierce competition for places, and some debate over whether to use a 'sweeper' behind the defence. The most problematic position in the team is midfield, not because of any weaknesses, but because of extraordinary strength, and Redmond is worried about how best to use the array of talent he has there. Midfield is where games are usually lost and won. The midfield players have to gain possession of the ball before the opposition can do anything with it, set up attacks, and support and cover other players. Ideally, all ten out field players should operate this way, and Redmond is leaning towards encouraging attackers and midfield players to interchange roles as much as is practical. They call this style of play 'total football', and a good example of it was provided by Holland in the last World Cup. It can be very effective in bemusing an opponent, but the danger is that players will get caught out of position, bunch up, and leave the opposition open. You need players who know each other inside out, and it's debatable whether the Bears have enough time to reach this level.

## TEAMS

**GOLDEN BEAR Volleyball** tryouts begin on Monday, Sept. 23 at 5:00 p.m. in the EDUCATION GYM. As the organizational meeting has already been held, any new players should report to H. Hoyles in Room 146, West Phys Ed Building or phone him at 432-3614 to register and get pre-season training program.

**GOLDEN BEAR Gymnastics** (Junior and Senior) will have an organizational meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 18 at 7:00 p.m. in Room E-05, the Gymnastics Room of the East Phys Ed building. Interested men should attend this meeting or contact coach Francis Tally in Room 142 C Phys Ed. A team manager is also required. A person who is interested in obtaining a judge's certification would be preferred.

**PANDA Track and Field** team needs you! Last year there were four ladies running for the team and this year there is one less. Coach Gary Ness encourages any women who are interested to phone him at 432-3466 or come see him in Room 154 of the West Phys Ed Building.

**PANDA Swim** team organizational meeting will be held in Room W126 on Tuesday, Sept 17 (today) at 5:15. The coach is Sandy Smith and they are the defending national champions - but don't let that stop you from coming out.

There will be an organizational meeting for the GOLDEN BEAR Wrestling team in room 142 of the Phys Ed building on Tuesday, October 1 at 7:00 p.m. Coach John Barry is looking for people to wrestle in all classes from 109 lb. and up. For more information, contact him at 432-3466 or see him in Room 154 in the PE building.

A Women's Information Open House will be held in the main gym on Wednesday, September 18, at 7:30 p.m. Information on intramural, intervarsity, and club sports will be available.

The registration meeting for Golden Bear hockey team tryouts will be held on WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 18 at 5 p.m. in Room 124 of the Phys. Ed. Building.

Any women interested in joining a figure skating club should contact Debbie Shogan at 432-5706.

Panda volleyball practises will start on MONDAY, SEPT 16 at 5 p.m. in the West gym. Practises will be Monday-Thursday from 5-7 p.m.

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