

Sports

Soccer Bears booted out of contention

by Rod Campbell

The Golden Bears soccer team received a major setback last weekend in their plans to capture their first CWUAA title since 1981. Alberta lost both games of their coastal road swing, 4-1 Friday to UBC, and 2-1 Saturday to UVic.

Going into Vancouver, the Bears were undefeated in five starts and ranked third in the country. Unfortunately, they were forced to leave behind five key players: Robbie Biro and Nick Parkinson due to injuries, and Sal Cammarata, Vince Reda, and Petery Snyder who all had commitments with the Ital Canadians in the national club team

finals here in Edmonton.

When the foundation is weak the structure collapses, and that is exactly what happened to the Bears against the T-Birds on Friday.

As it was, the Bears came unstuck in the second half against UBC, giving up three goals without a reply. Quite a contrast to the first forty minutes which saw Alberta grab an early lead through a Frank Saperito goal.

UBC got on level terms just three minutes from the interval and never looked back.

For goalkeeper David Hughes it was the longest afternoon that he has ever spent in a Bears uniform.

He must have felt like the little boy who stuck his thumb in the dam to stop the leaks, but the Bears' defense contained more holes than a farmer's socks on this Friday.

It was all or nothing on Saturday in Victoria, and Alberta responded to the man with an inspired performance. As sweeper Sean Fleming later stated, "We played over our head, especially midfielders Craig McKenney and Danny McIntyre (both rookies). It was a great all round team performance."

Bear's top striker Hanjoo Kim notched his fourth goal in the fifteenth minute to put the Bears one up.

Kim and his teammates had the Vikings reeling for the better part of the opening half, but unfortunately, Alberta missed several golden opportunities to put their opponents away.

These missed chances, as always, came back to haunt the Bears. UVic tied the match up on the hour, and with only ten minutes remaining to play, former national team member Simon Keith found the net with a free kick from the eighteen yard line.

It was a cruel break indeed, as this was one game in which Alberta deserved a better fate.

With the loss, Alberta is now firmly placed behind the blackball, although it is still mathematically possible for them to take first place. However, it would take a major collapse on behalf of both B.C. teams. UVic would have to lose all of their remaining games and UBC two, that is if the Bears finish their schedule with victories against Calgary and Lethbridge next weekend, and Saskatchewan in their final game of the season the following weekend.

It's a tall order, and realistically, the Golden Bears are once again looking at ending up in their traditional third place spot.

Free Fees put on hold

by Mark Spector

The Athletics department had encountered a snag in their plan to give away a free tuition at both of this weekend's hockey games against the UBC Thunderbirds.

The Alberta Provincial Gaming Commission, who is in charge of regulating fundraisers such as lotteries, bingos, and casinos, has suggested that Athletics spend more time refining the scheme before implementing it at a U of A sports event.

The giveaway, which Athletics had planned to unveil at the Bear's season opening series Oct. 18th and 19th, would see one fan, who is a current U of A student, receive his or her 1985-86 winter session tuition (including students' union, athletic board, and health services), completely paid for by Athletics.

Up until last Thursday, Athletics was very optimistic about holding the draw this weekend.

"We had the plans set, and the ads made up," says Director of Marketing and Public Relations Dale Schulha. "But the Gaming Commission told Steady (Chairman

of Athletics Bob Steadward) that we should further review the situation. It needs to be completely refined to the point where we have taken every possibility into account (to avoid any disputes or ineligible winners)."

"We're hoping to do this more than just once," explains Schulha, "so we decided to wait until we have the (Gaming) Commission's approval."

Athletics now plans to have the promotion during the series when the Bears take on the Manitoba Bisons on Nov. 15th and 16th.

Although the free fees were definitely the highlight on this weekend that sees no less than seven games held by U of A teams, a good time will be held by all who attend none the less.

Athletics will hold a beer gardens at noon in the Butterdome two hours before kickoff, as the Dinos and 300-plus fans come north for a possible preview of the W.I.F.L. final on Nov. 15th or 16th. The Dinos will make it there anyway.

Weather permitting, parachuters will deliver the gameball at 2:00

pm, and the Spaghetti Factory is sponsoring a halftime spaghetti inhaling contest. Also, a Cheer for Beer (by any other name, on request of the ALCB) will be in effect, so the loudest group of fans will tote home a few cases.

After the game, Lister residents should head back to The Ship for a postgame party with the players and coaches.

So even though the free tuition has been postponed, for the first time in recent memory the U of A is offering some sidelites to one of their sports events. Now if only the fans could do their part.

And if that doesn't do it for you, think of this possibility: What if 350 Calgarians show up at Varsity Stadium on Saturday, outnumber the Bear fans, cheer their Dinos on to victory, and head back home drinking all of our beer. Wouldn't that speak well at the conference table when Steadward applies for those tuitions for U of A sports fans?

You bet.

That banner raising ceremony last week before the Jets game was quite a show. It's sure a great way to kickoff the season — maybe they should devise a way where everyone could have one. Imagine the

Oilers notebook by Mark Spector

show they'd put on at the **L.A. Forum**, or at **Madison Square Gardens**. . . Still with the ceremony, **Craig MacTavish** was probably the most impressed by the whole thing. "I was nerve-racked," explained MacTavish, "that's a pretty tough act to follow. It took me at least a period until I was comfortable."

If you've been an Oiler fan since their inception into the **W.H.A.** and you missed the ceremony last year, like myself, it brought back a few memories. Like bench-clearers against the **Birmingham Bulls**, or a young **Wayne Gretzky** signing his first ever contract at center ice before a game against the **Cincinnati Stingers**. **Mike Liut** beat the Oilers to put a damper on that night. . . Do you think that the Jet's **Jim Nill** wasn't out of it when one-punched by **Mark Messier**? He dislocated his shoulder on the fall to the ice. Meanwhile, Messier hurt his thumb from the force of the blow. . . Quite a few ticket holders opted for turkey dinner rather than Sunday's **St. Louis Blues** contest. The paid attendance was **17,392** but there were more than just 100 fanny-less chairs in the coliseum.

Nights like that, of which there are many, make **John Short's** plan look pretty good. Short, Journal

columnist and CFRN talkshow host, devised a plan whereby a code number would be printed on all Oiler tickets. If, for any reason, a ticket holder was not going to use their ticket(s), they could phone a number and give up that nights ducats so that a handicapped person, or anyone who can't afford to go the games, could go in their place. Perhaps to entice the necessary volunteers to man the phone lines, a few of these forfeited tickets could be used in payment of a few nights on the phone. The scheme definitely needs to be refined; maybe some vote-seeking politician will take it under his wing. . .

Strongman **Dave Semenko** is playing remarkably well thus far. He's skating with the puck and showing much more confidence than in previous years. His third period goal vs. St. Louis was a beauty, as he grabbed a puck out of the air in the high slot, put it down on his stick, and picked the far corner with a nifty backhand. . . Although you probably won't hear **Esa Tikkanen's** voice on the radio too much this year, you will read his name on a lot of scoresheets. He had a goal and an assist against the Blues, and any 20 years old who can make the NHL debut in the Stanley Cup Final and fit right in, like he did, is bound to have a pretty good career. But no matter how many goals he scores, he never saw the first one go in. "I just shot it and turned to the bench," Tikkanen said in broken English of the 70 foot slapshot which eluded Blues goalie **Greg Millen**. When asked if he had the puck he answered, "I don't know. I hope somebody got it."



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Coffee will be served.