The Gateway

Bears sock U of S

by Rod Campbell The Golden Bear soccer team opened its season Saturday with an impressive 5-0 win over the Saskatchewan Huskies.

Led by a strong two-goal performance by team captain Sal Cammarata, the Bears totally dominated the Huskies for the entire ninety minutes.

The Bears kicked off with the advantage of a strong wind at their backs.

With three minutes showing on the clock Cammarata put the Bears on the scoreboard, driving the ball past outstretched Huskie goalkeeper Marty Baumfield from inside the eighteen yard box.

Minutes later the Bears went ahead by two when central defender John Noble volleved home a scramble from close range.

By the fifteen minute mark the rout was on. Midfielder Rob Biro beat the Huskie off-side trap with a clever through ball to Craig McKinney. McKinney made no mistake, placing his shot well out of Baumfield's reach.

It was all Bears at this stage of the game and in the twenty-third minute Saskatchewan's frustrations were beginning to show when Cammarata was fouled inside the penalty area. However, Biro struck the penalty shot straight at the goalkeeper.

The Huskies' reprieve lasted barely sixty seconds. Cammarata notched his second with a drive from twenty-five yards out which squirmed through Baumfield's legs.

Bears substituted the injured Paul Walters for Kevin Murtagh, and continued their onslaught.

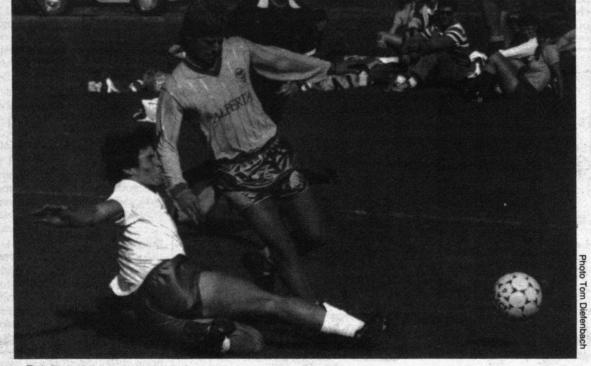
In the second half, Saskatchewan with the wind at their backs, could generate little offence.

Cammarata took up where he left off, coming close to securing his hat trick with a shot that was blocked on the goal line by a Saskatchewan defender.



The Huskies had their only chance in the sixty-sixth minute when forward Charles McKintosh unleashed a wicked shot from thirty yards.

Bear's keeper Duwayne Lang showed great reflexes by getting his fingertips to the ball and covering up the rebound, as the Huskie's forwards threatened.



Rob Biro of the Bears evades a Huskie tackle.

Biro sealed Saskatchewan's fate in the seventy-fifth minute with a fine solo effort. Out-muscling the Huskie defence for the ball he ran with it thirty yards before cracking a shot past a helpless Baumfield.

For the final twenty minutes the Bears were content to play possession soccer rather than to push forward looking for more goals.

The final result pleased coach Vickery. He was particularly impressed with the leadership qualities of Cammarata, and the strong defensive play of defenders John Noble and Louis Picco.

Joe Parrottino and Rob Biro also deserve an honorable mention. Both played a strong game.

However, Vickery conceded that next weekend's crucial games against Victoria and UBC will be a different proposition.

"We'll be looking for a lot more pace up front," said Vickery.

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Panda soccer win

by Alan Small

For the second year in a row, the Panda soccer team has won the Alberta Cup, their annual preconference tournament.

In the final, the Pandas defeated their arch-rivals from the University of Calgary, 3-0. Sheryl Ferry, Angela Wildemann, and Tracy Vanderlinden scored for the Pandas.

"The game was a lot closer than the score indicates," head coach Tracy David said. "Calgary's a tough team, they didn't let up when we scored.

On Friday, the two teams squared off to a 1-1 tie.

"Both teams are very close," David said, "Whoever is the best that day will end up winning."

In their other game of the tournament, the Pandas defeated the University of Lethbridge 3-0.

"Lethbridge has improved immensely over last year," David said, "The conference is so strong that no one is guaranteed a victory any more. There are no pushovers.'

In the same tournament last year, Alberta defeated Calgary 2-1 in the final

David is hoping for better things this year as the Pandas head into conference play. Last year there was only one tournament to concentrate on. The Pandas ended up losing the game on a goal differential, and lost the Canada West title due to a 1-0 loss to the Calgarians. This year, the tournament is split into two.

"Since we will end up playing four games in three days, the team with the strongest bench will end up winning," David said, "The coaches will have to get their team peaked and primed for those weekends.

David though, likes the new tournament format.

"Now we can put our eggs in two baskets," David said, "If you drop a basket not all of your eggs are broken.

The Pandas next face the Edmonton Angels Saturday at the Faculte St. Jean field. Their first conference tournament is at the University of Saskatchewan on the October 2nd 140 weekend.

