Soccer streak continues

by Alan Small

The Golden Bear soccer team extended its undefeated streak to six games this weekend with a pair of shutouts over the Calgary Dinosaurs and the Lethbridge Pronghorns.

Friday, they defeated the Pronghorns 4 - 0. Norm Odinga, Dave Phillips, Victor D'Andrea, and Murray David scored for the Bears.

"Going into Lethbridge is always difficult," says Bear head coach Len Vickery, "because the field is so small, the players get all pumped up, and the officiating."

In Saturday's game, they knocked off the Dinos 1 - 0 in Calgary. It was a big win for the Bears, as the Dinos were at 3 - 1 before the game, and the Dinos had a score to settle from their

game in Edmonton earlier in the season, which the Bears won 4 -

"I think we got a helping hand from the referees in that game," admitted Vickery, "we got a goal on a penalty, and they lost their composure, which allowed us to score two more goals. Then the referee sent one of their players off, and we were able to win 4-0. This time they were in much more contention. The officiating was not a factor.

Again, Norm Odinga scored for the Bears. An early goal, it helped the Bears to victory by more than just the score.

"It really gave them a boost," said Vickery of the early goal, "because we played a game the day before and I was concerned about our fitness late in the

game."

The Bears travel to Saskatoon next weekend for a single game against the Huskies. Vickery is confident of the Bears chances going into the game.

"If we play up to par, we should be able to beat them," said Vickery.

The week after, the Bears host the Huskies in the second half of the home-and-home series with the flatlanders.

CORNER KICKS In conference games, the Bears have not allowed a goal, and that has taken them to a 4-0-2 mark with four conference matches to play...If you count pre-season games, Odinga has scored one goal in all but one U of A game he has played so far. Odinga has scored six goals overall, three of them in conference play... The only team that has shut down the former Olympic team forward was UBC.

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Bear head coach Jim Donlevy is getting tired of seeing a zero in the win column.

"Not winning is not fun," deadpanned Donlevy. "We work too damn hard for eleven months of the year in this sorry game to not win something."

The Bears have their last chance to win at home this Saturday when they host the defending WIFL champion UBC T-Birds (1 p.m. FM 88 CJSR).

The T-Birds are 3-2, which puts them a game and a half out of a playoff spot in the WIFL at this point of the season. Both the Calgary Dinosaurs and the Huskies are at 5-1. UBC must win Saturday to stay in the playoff race.

The Bear offence showed more improvement in the second half against the Saskatchewan Huskies. It was this kind of improvement that Donlevy had been looking for earlier in the season.

At the beginning of the season, Donlevy thought his young offence would shine. With nine freshmen starters, they struggled, but have looked good in the last two ball games against the top two clubs in the west.

"It was probably a bit of my enthusiasm clouding my sense of reality at the beginning of the season," Donlevy said. "Against Calgary last week, if we start the season with that kind of an effort, we'd be right in the hunt. But the trouble is it took our offence half a season to get to a point that they felt good about themselves."

If the Bear offence can put together the kind of game that they played in the second halves of the previous two, they may have a shot at beating the T-Birds.

The Bears lost 17-3 to the Birds in the second game of the season. The Bears defence really played well, but the offence had a lot of trouble moving the ball. The defensive line had just as much pressure on UBC quarterback Jordan Gagner as they did last weekend on Huskie signal-caller Greg Galan. They must do that to keep

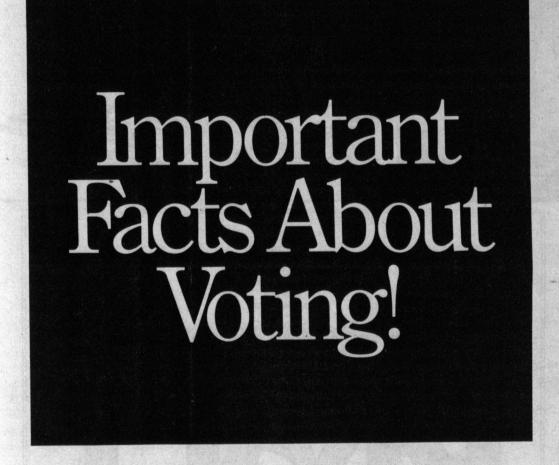
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the Crighton trophy winner from picking the secondary apart.

Another Bear that's playing well is linebacker Mark Singer. Playing the inside spot, he was in on a lot of tackles on Sunday, and has played well for three weeks running. He really impressed Donlevy against the Huskies.

"Mark Singer played a bitch of a game," Donlevy said. Singer had trouble cracking the starting lineup at the beginning of the year, but like last year, he has taken a leadership role with the defence and has played well.



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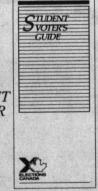
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