

Edmonton Rangers tie Bears

It took until almost half-time for things to warm up on a cool Sunday afternoon.

And when it did, the result was a 1-1 draw between the Edmonton Rangers and the Golden Bear Soccer team. The game, played before a hardy but small crowd, was the first of the season for the Bears.

The Bears started out playing very cautiously, and the more experienced Rangers took advantage of their careful play.

Defensively the Bears were packed too closely together during most of the first half and the Rangers enjoyed the offensive

edge. They had six corner kicks within the first ten minutes.

Rangers capitalized on Bears' lack of anticipation when P. Lown headed in a corner kick from K. Shackleton for a one goal margin before the half.

FIRST HALF SLOW

Bears continued to play poorly but fortunately were able to prevent the Rangers from adding to their total.

Bears had their problems on all fronts during the first half. Forwards were called on the off-side quite often, and there was little co-ordination between the offence and defence.

Golden Bears sharpened their claws during half time, however, and came out for the second half a transformed team.

Although they played more steadily, Bears were unable to score until late in the half when Guy Borthwick drove the ball into the Ranger net on a penalty kick. Bears had many good chances during the half, but seemed unable to finish off good plays.

The entire team proved to be rather ineffectual on tackles, especially against a solid team such as the Rangers. They will need to concentrate more on their style and strategy.

One aspect of the Bears that did show up well was their flexibility in adapting to different play formations which they demonstrated amply in a strong second half.

BEARS FLEXIBLE, IN GOOD SHAPE

The soccer Bears played without the services of two of their offensive stars, J. Barton and D. Parker. Barton was out with an injured foot and Parker is out indefinitely after suffering a heart attack.

Bears showed to be in good physical condition for the game. Ken Lewis ran well in the sprint and Tony Crossley and Terry Whitney were key playmakers. Karoz Krotki, Golden Bear goalie, played a steady game in the nets and could not be faulted for the one goal that he allowed.

Next test for the Soccer team is Saturday, when they meet the U of C Dinosaurs at Varsity Grid.




—Chuck Lyall photo

NEWTON SIMPLY WOULDN'T HAVE BELIEVED IT—Golden Bear Mel Smith defies the law of gravity as he latches on to a Don Tallas pass for a first down. Smith led the scoring with three touchdowns as the Bears whitewashed the visiting Saskatchewan Huskies 33-0 before 6,500 fans on Saturday. Two were on passes from former teammate Don Tallas and one was on a 109-yard punt return. Bears travel to Manitoba for their league opener on Saturday (story on page 6).



FAN OF THE WEEK. Yes, folks, fan of the week is back for another season along with the football Bears. And here's our first one from the first game, Richard Price, arts 3 (top). It looks like Rick enjoyed the 33-0 drubbing as well as the rest of us, right?

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