Gateway Sports



Czajkowski on Sport

The football Bears are in Winnipeg today for their game against the Bisons tomorrow afternoon.

It's a big game. There's no doubt about that and it appears that it's about the time of year to make my predictions for the season.

However, you are going to be disappointed because I've suddenly developed a case of cold feet. Besides I've already picked Alberta to finish first and what does it matter who takes the other positions. I'm an Alberta fan.

The real reason I've decided not to join the other sports writers in making a pre-season forecast is you, the public.

There have been repeated demands to bring back one of your favorites from years past, Stanislas Putskin.

Unfortunately, Stanislas has a rather heavy academic load this year and hasn't yet been able to find time to write one of his ludicrous columns.

However he has agreed to my reprinting one of his columns from last year and so he is not lost forever.

Let me tell you a bit about Stanislas before I relinquish the remainder of my space to him.

What struck me most about him was that he was such a perfectionist and he really did like sports despite his bitingly sarcastic (and humorous) columns about Canadian sport.

Stanislas was born in the small village of Lurdec, Czechoslovakia about 20 years ago or there-abouts, and came to Canada after the recent occupation of Czechoslovakia.

Enough. Here's Stanislas now on the game of football.

Wat seelly game dis futball een Canada. You stupit Canadians don know how play futball. Ain't you ewer hear ov rules? You not spoze take ball in handz. Jost feet.

I tell fer you how ve play futball een Czechoslovakia. Vear leetle shurt and short pants. Mebe boutz if nuf munny. None dis seelly horse harness round neck. Wat you teenk dis iz, harwest time?

An wat for on head upsydown pail? Stupit. Den you cut hole een one side pail so you can see owt. I can undurstan dat, but wy fill up hole agen wit sum kinna stiks? Agen you not see owt goot. Haf to rite beeg numers on shurts to be see who iz who. Not too goot.

I breeng wife to game. Wen she see tite pants on players she want go home get needle an tread. She say da way dey jomp round soonu or latu sumbudy gonna tear pants. Den gonna be exebishun. But she gonna fix.

An dem crazy jailbirds dat alwees run round try steel futball. Dey still vear der preeson shurts an yet you don know nuf to sen police after dem. Mebe you scare of dem. Ewry time dey blow sum leetle wisel ewrybody stop to leeson to dem. Cheekin-shits.

Noder ting. Ain't you got nuf munny een Canada to by goot futball? Ball spoze be round. Dows you got so old dey look like beeg cheekin egks. Look like sumbudy sleep on dem for munt.

One dumkoff try tell fer me dat futball was pigskin. Any fool knows pigs don have much skin, jost bacon. Same dumkoff try tell me players try meke firs down. Dey all fall down. How you know witch one firs down.

Da hole game is kinna mixt up. Firs, ewrybudy line up an try brake pails on odder guys head. If dey can't do dis dey trow a guy down and jomp on heem.

Den, noder fulla grab da ball an run wit it. Ewrybudy else tink he's steeling ball an run after heem til ketch heem. Den dey all make sirkle to tell guy, smarten-up.

Agen, dey try to play game. Agen sumbudy try steel futball. Dis time he trow it away. An ewrybudy chase. Stupit.

Dey jost nevfer learn. How you gonna brake da odder team's colored pails eef you spen most ov dee time chasing crooks?

I ask one guy how win game. He tell fer me by meke touchdown. Wat touchdown? Heem say dis wen team go all away to end zone. I watch all game an not see touchdown. Den alla sudden sumbudy shoot gun. Bowt teams run away to end zone. Bowt teams go same time so bowt get touchdown. Tie game.

Vell, was goot game.



OH NO YOU DON'T

. . . that's my ball

Rugby Bears blow lead to Clansmen

BEARS 11, CLANSMEN 11

The Clan came and the Bears were there, and they fought to a draw.

That was the story as the Golden Bear I rugby team met the Edmonton Clansmen at Coronation Park Wednesday night. The ERU league game was a rousing one, and the crowd went home happy.

Tim McGee opened the scoring for the Bears with a try at the three minute mark of the first half. Bill Patrick's conversion attempt was missed. Clansmen reciprocated later in the half when Clive Padfield scored a try and Vince Moroney was wide with his convert. The half ended with the score tied at 3-3.

Reven McQueen added to the and the game ended 11-11.

Bear's total in the second half with another try, and again the convert was wide. Bears went ahead 9-3 on an exciting try. Brian Heffel dribbled the ball over the goal line from the 30 yard line on an up and under, and fell on the ball in the end zone for the three points. Bill Patrick added a convert, making the score 11-3 for the Golden Bears.

Vince Moroney, who played scrum half for the last Canadian team which toured Britain, narrowed the margin to 11-6 when he kicked a three-point penalty goal. The Clan got their last try from Les Edmonds on a two-yard run, and Moroney's clutch convert tied the game late in the second half.

There was no further scoring, and the game ended 11-11.

Coach Mike Stiles, a professor in the Food Science department, said the game showed definite improvements in the play of the Bears many of whom are ex-Canadian football players.

"The forwards were firm, with Bill Patrick performing well in line-outs, and the back line was moving well," he said.

Coach Stiles and Bears' injured captain, Rowland (Pom) Pomeroy agreed that penalties cost them the game. They felt that things will straighten out with experience and practice.

Next action for the rugby Bears is on Saturday. Opponents will be the Edmonton Druids, with the I teams playing at 2 p.m. and the II's at 3:30. Games are at Clarke Stadium, so let's be there.

