

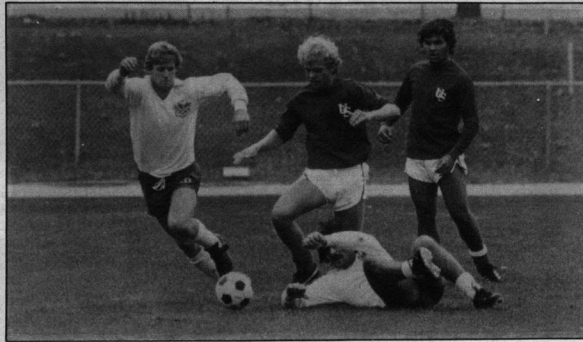
"Rhodes scholar" in meet; Drake wins again

Cross-country

by Dan Leskiw

In case you didn't know, the University of Alberta men's and Women's Cross Country teams are alive and well. They proved just how well on Sunday with a clean sweep of the 10,000 meter men's open and 5,000 meter women's open race in the annual Golden Bear Open. The races, run on a course near the Kinsmen Fieldhouse, consists of four loops of a 2,500 meter course (men), and 2 loops of the same course (women). The conditions were almost ideal for cross country with the course only slightly muddy due to the morning rain. Not only were impressive individual performances logged, but as a team the Golden Bears and Pandas placed first in their respective races.

In the men's race Brian Rhodes, returning after a year's absence, totally outclassed the rest of the field. Establishing a lead within 300 metres from the start, he then ran unchallenged to a win in 32:37. With the pack continuously stringing out a race developed between the latter places. The duel between Albert Christ of the U of S and the U of A's Adrian Shorter was the most interesting. This was not resolved until the last 50 metres when Shorter prevailed in 32:59. Rounding out the top five were Rod Palm of the U of Calgary in 33:17.4, and Kim Maser of the U of A in 33:27.2. With this showing the U of A easily clinched the team title which counts the



Soccer Bears even record at 1-1 with a 3-1 victory over U of S Huskies on Saturday.

top 5 out of 7 runners from each team.

For the women a surprising win was posted by freshman Sue Kalal. Breaking contact from veteran Panda member Donna Dixon on the last pass up Golden Bear hill. Here again the Pandas showed a lot of depth placing 6 members in the top 10. Not only were returning members such as Donna Dixon, Brigit Otto, and Karen Smith among the top 6, but new members like Kallal, Kelly-Ann Carter, and Mary Buzinski added to the winning effort.

The Golden Bear Open is only the second race of the cross country season. This race is mainly a selection race before the CWUAA (Canadian Western University Athletic Association) championships October 23 in Lethbridge. Other selection races for the cross country team are the Alberta Provincial Senior Cross Country Championships next weekend and the Chasquis five miles later this month.

In the words of Jim Haddow, team coach, "It's going to be hard breaking the team."

In conclusion it looks as if the only problem that the Golden Bear and Panda cross country teams should have this year is selecting the final team members. Then once this is done the CWUAA title is the next step followed by, if they win, the CIAU championships at Laurentian University in Sudbury, Ont. November 6. And surely with the apparent strength of the team so far it is a definite possibility that a national championship could be clinched by the University of Alberta cross country team.

Hockey

by Martin Courts

The U of A Golden Bears defeated the NAIT Ooksiks 6 - 1 in exhibition hockey action at the NAIT Arena on Sunday. The game marked the first opportunity for Coach Clare Drake and Assistant Bill Moores to see their senior players in a game situation and Coach Drake was "very pleased" with their performance.

Drake also thought that the team as a whole "played quite well" in what he described as a "good, tough, physical game." And physical it was.

There were several excellent hits dished out by both teams in the spirited contest, and four players (two from each side) were ejected from the game for fighting. The Ooksiks' Warren Santregret took an early shower after venting his frustrations to the referee, resulting in a game total of 128 penalty minutes, with the Ooksiks picking up 76.

As for the hockey itself, the Bears were in command throughout the game, despite leading by just 1 - 0 after the opening period. In the first stanza, Alberta's wide edge in the play was reflected in their 23 - 3 edge in shots on goal. However, Bernie McNeill was the only Bear to beat NAIT goalie Cleo Rowein, who kept his team in the game with some fine saves (and some help from his goalposts).

In the second period, the Ooksiks started out much better only to have the Bears break the game open with two goals in half a minute. Before the period ended, the Bears had upped the count to 4 - 0 as a result of the first of two fine solo rushes by defenceman Colin Chisholm. On his first effort, Chisholm failed to score because he was held by a NAIT defender. But on the ensuing powerplay, Terry Sydoryk came out from behind the net and stuffed the puck past the second NAIT goalie, John Gillespie.

In the third period, the Ooksiks finally hit the scoreboard when Sanregret beat Bears goalie Terry Clark to the glove-side with a shot that went in off the post. However, the Bears quickly came back on the powerplay, with Chisholm finding the mark on his second solo rush. Bernie McNeill's second goal of the game, also on the powerplay, rounded out the scoring.

The physical game took its toll on three Golden Bears. Rick Swan re-injured an ankle that he had previously twisted, Dan Peacock bruised a knee, and Dan Henes injured his shoulder and was to go to the hospital following the game for precautionary X-rays.

However, all three players will probably be able to play in the Bears' next games which are this weekend at the Labatt's Classic Tournament in Saskatoon. The journey will feature the host Saskatchewan Huskies, the Brandon Bobcats, the Manitoba Bisons, and the Golden Bears.

Notes: The Bears outshot NAIT 54 - 21 overall...attendance was announced as 203...Bears starting goalie Ken Hodge blanked his former team over the first half of the game...Drake will likely make some player cuts at mid-week in preparation for the trip to Saskatoon.

Photos by Ray Giguere

Field hockey not in jeopardy

Women's soccer could get league

by Brent Jang

The success of the U of A women's soccer club last week has improved the team's chances of competing in a Canada West format next year. However, another sport such as women's field hockey is not necessarily in danger of being cut from the university's athletic budget, says Garry Smith, Director of Athletics at the U of A.

Smith says a number of factors enter into the decision whether to keep or to drop a team from intercollegiate competition. First, qualified coaches are needed; second, there has to be interest or community involvement; third, the costs of keeping a team must be within the athletic board's budget.

With the field hockey team, Smith says Dru Marshall is well trained to direct the team. Spectator interest in field hockey has always been a problem, adds Smith.

The women's soccer team's win in the Victoria Tournament shows that the talent is there for intercollegiate competition, says Smith. The main problem would be finding a place for them to hold games and practices.

"Soccer fields are already taxed to the extreme," said Smith. Community interest does not seem to be a problem, though, as there are thirteen teams in the women's city soccer league.

In contrast, field hockey does not have as solid a base from which to work with.

"Not many high schools have committed themselves," said Smith, referring to a field hockey program.

Coach Marshall says there are now four city high schools with field hockey teams, but she hopes to increase the interest by holding clinics in the near future.

Tracy David, women's representative on the University Athletics Board (UAB) last year is a member of the upstart soccer club and she is quick to point out that there are no ill feelings toward the field hockey program.

"The UAB shouldn't have to cut another women's sport. Maybe we could find a few bucks elsewhere," says David.

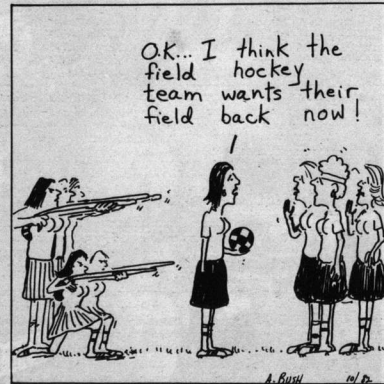
The University of British Columbia and the University of Victoria have already declared their women's teams in soccer. To form a Canada West division, four teams are needed and David says the University of Calgary will probably be that other team.

"Calgary has a lot of interest in women's soccer. The talent is there, too," says David.

Coach Marshall says the field hockey team should be given time to develop. "We won't be a winning team this year and probably not next year," says Marshall. She adds that the Pandas are in a tough conference with rationally ranked teams like UBC and UVIC.

David says a soccer program at the U of A would last a long time. She currently is coaching a banner team and thus many players will have had years of experience by the time they reach the university level.

The soccer team had its coaching requirements solved when U of A professor Gerry Redmond agreed to take the coaching duties. Redmond is nationally certified to coach soccer.



As for the lack of field spaces, David says the team can hold its practices at the Kinsmen Field. She says the fifteen member soccer team paid its own way to the tournament in Victoria and that others expressed interest but funding was a problem.

David remains optimistic. "Realistically, I think we can get declared this year," she says.

Such an occurrence wouldn't place the field hockey program in jeopardy, says Coach Marshall. She sees her squad steadily improving. The Pandas won their first game of the season over the weekend by a score of 2-0 over a Calgary club.

Both scorers were first year players, Marie Cuncannon and Gina Savarin, so Marshall feels that it's only a matter of time before the team gets a winning record. "We've got a lot of players just starting out," says Marshall.

David says the soccer team has more game experience in this respect. She says seven players have played at the national level in various tournaments. David reiterates that she'd like to see a co-existence between soccer and field hockey.

Previous programs dropped from the U of A's intercollegiate line-up include rugby, judo, badminton, fencing, and curling.