

Soccer Bears encouraging

by Harald Kuckertz UBC Thunderbirds vs. Bears 1:0 U of Victoria Vikings vs. Bears

The soccer Bears' exhibition trip to the west coast was not overly successful on record

nipeg marker, and Craig

Gunther had one go by him in

his one period of ice time Friday.

Bryan Sosnowski, playing on Ofrim's other wing, potted a pair Friday. In fact, the loose puck

which Rick Peterson picked up

for Friday's other goal, was loose because Ofrim had knock-

ed down the Winnipeg puck

carrier. The big center couldn't

period lead in the series opener,

then matched the Wesmen with

a goal in each of the second and

cluttered with penalties, es-

pecially in the first period, when

the Wesmen seemed to be

intent on intimidating the Bears.

The strategy was good while it

lasted, as Alberta could manage

only one goal, a flip-in by

Steward on a goalmouth pass

from Ofrim. Bears' superior

conditioning soon dulled the

Winnipeg team's aggressive

style, and the game grew in-

goals were very similar to the

first, coming late in the middle

and final periods, respectively.

more," said Steward, obviously

pleased to be back on the line

where he enjoyed much success last season, "but I

guess I'm happy with what I

Steward's second and third

"I should have had a couple

creasingly one-sided.

third sessions.

Bears leaped into a 4-1 first

The rematch Saturday was

seem to do anything wrong.

Beside Jantzie's three,

None were particularly busy.

but the experience gained might give the team the edge at the upcoming C.W.U.A.A. Tournament. Both games indicated that the Bears need not fear either U.B.C. or Victoria team once they overcome their only major weakness, their inability to score on good chances.

In Thursday's win the Thunderbirds needed only 15 minutes of strong offensive soccer and a little luck thereafter to edge the Bears.

After only seven minutes, Ken Beadle scored the winner when he took a pass volley from 12 yards out and nicked the top left corner. The Bears' defence could be faulted on the goal because George Lovell was caught behind and Geoff Bird might have prevented the goal if he had tackled a little more decisively.

The Bears took over control of the game mid-way through the first half but failed to score on several excellent chances. The team's pressure was especially strong during the last 15 minutes of the game but during that period the Bears simply lacked the necessary luck. Goeff Bird hit the goal post in the 86th minute while another Bears' shot slid over the cross-bar.

A heavy rain fell throughout the game but the Alberta team adjusted surprisingly well to the miserable weather conditions. Goalie Ed Staszuk had a few

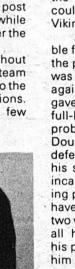
the 65th minute out of a scrable in front of the Victoria go Only sixty seconds later Matte Piscopo who played anoth good game, missed the winn goal when he could not hit! net from 8 yards out. Bill M



Bears when he kicked the off the Bear goal-line in the 7 minute after goalie Peter Did had already been beaten. Did played a very good game un the difficult conditions could not be faulted on t

ble for the Thunderbird goal ing problem. Doug could ea have scored enough goals two wins if he had capitalized all his chances. Neverthele his performance recommen

team is com "The together now and so problem positions have be solved. My outstanding impl sion at the moment is that I very disappointed that we s can't score more goals. pleased that we are creating! chances but sorry that cannot convert them."



Terry Kindrat

problems with the wet turf but also made several fine saves. The outstanding player on the field during the first hald was Matteo Piscopo who was a constant threat to the Thunderbird defence.

Friday's contest in Victoria was a more aggressively played and interesting game. Under heavy rain, each team had good scoring chances and the play was fairly even.

In the 27th minute Doug Potiuk had the first great Bears' chance when he was homefree in front of the Victoria goalie but failed to beat him. The Vikings took the lead by a goal of Dan Lomas (39th minute) but Terry Kindrat scored the equalizer in



Vikings' góal. After being partly respons the previous day, George Lov was the outstanding against Victoria. Bill McConk gave an impressive debut att full-back position and probably stay on the te Doug Potiuk caused the Viking defence a lot of problems w his speed but he was also incarnation of the Bears's

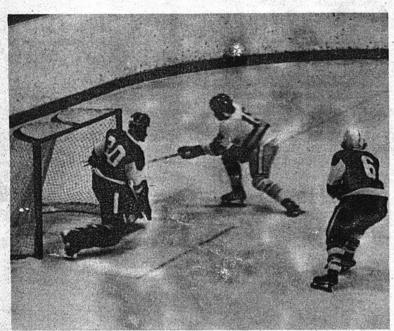
him for future games. Coach Gerry Redmo seemed fairly pleased with team's overall play on the but he was, of course, concer ed about the team's score inability.



George Lovell Redmond said that Vict is the stronger of his west-00 opponents and further pressed his opinion that Bears will be competitive in upcoming tournament.

NOTE: Black Panther memb relax! It is not South Rhodes controversial prime minister Smith but rather a like English gentleman named Franks who pulls the strings midfield for the soccer Be My apologies to lan for the

Ofrim line leads way as Bears overwhelm Wesmen



Oliver Steward (white) scored three times from this position Saturday.

by Cam Cole

Confucius didn't say it, but "He who plays alongside Jim Ofrim scores goals" become an oft-used aphorism around Varsity Arena by season's end.

Friday night, Clark Jantzie, playing on Ofrim's left wing, scored three times in Bears' 6-2 win over the U of Winnipeg Wesmen.

On Saturday, Oliver Steward celebrated, his longoverdue reunion with Messrs. Ofrim, and Jantzie with a hattrick of his own, as Alberta romped to a 10-1 victory over the same Wesmen.

Great Plains Conference, were not match for the faster, betterorganized Bears, who outshot the visitors 49-19 and 47-15 in

pected to give coach Leon Abbott a better idea of how his rookie defencemen would fare in league play, but turned out to be a shaky team fundamentally, and the defence wasn't tested very severely or often.

Nor did Abbott find out much about his goaltenders. Dale Henwood played three periods, allowing one goal. Jack Cummings played two periods.

the two games. The Wesmen were ex-

allowing Saturday's only Win-

Winnipeg, playing in the

Bears scored four times in the second period, adding five more in the third. Winnipeg's only tally, by Tommy Thomsen, came in the second period.

Other Alberta goals Saturday came from Jantzie, Ofrim, Bruce Crawford, Darrell Zaperniuk, Frank Clarke, Kevin Primeau and Rick Venance.

Brandon Bobcats, the defending Great Plains champions, played two exhibition contests in Calgary on the weekend, losing 4-1 Friday and 4-0 Saturday to the Dinosaurs, who apparently used two different lineups for the games.

Dale Fisher, the rookie left winger who stared in Bears' exhibition game against Camrose last Tuesday, suffered a dislocated shoulder Saturday, and will be out of the lineup for sometime.

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