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The joke's on Billy

I can't believe it. It happened again. The Gateway has just scooped a story that was supposed to be kept quiet, but it's too late. It'll be all over the other papers tomorrow.

New York Yankees' Owner George Steinbrenner fired his manager Billy Martin. Again. After hiring the four time Yankee skipper for the fifth time just last week, Steinbrenner fired Martin for the fifth time two days ago.

Martin, reknowned for his fiery nature in and out of the baseball park, was arrested Tuesday for assaulting an eight year old Manhattan girl.

Outside Nixon Elementary School, Martin was passing across the school's tarmac where several children were on their recess playing hopscotch and marbles.

Martin, ever the competitor, began taunting the kids from a safe distance, frequently firing out coarse ethnic and personal insults. Finally, when Martin challenged one of the youngsters to a game, a little girl blurted, "You couldn't manage your front lawn!" Not surprisingly, Martin charged out across the pavement and began kicking imaginary dirt on the little girl's sandals while goading her with extreme obscenities at the top of his lungs. When the girl interjected, "Yankees suck!", Martin lunged at the witty fourth grader but was restrained by "25 or so" other students before Martin could inflict any damage.

N.Y. city police arrived immediately thereafter only to be greeted by Martin mooning one officer and spitting in the face of another. After describing the event to the police, Christie Biddewert, 8, apologized to Martin confessing she never meant any of her remarks. Martin eloquently replied, "I hope you get hit by your school bus ya little slut."

When a reporter asked Battlin' Billy why he was even in the area, Martin replied, "Well, I was going to visit my friend who teaches —hey, bleep you! No comment."

Later at a local precinct Martin was allowed to phone Steinbrenner and relay the story. After a heated discussion, Martin ended by screaming profanities into the receiver for 2 minutes followed by, "I'm not ever working for you again ya big, dumb, bleeping bleep!" Steinbrenner reportedly replied, "Watch it Billy or I think I just might have to consider firing you again. Oh, what the hell, you're fired."

After sleeping on it, Steinbrenner called a press conference yesterday morning and rehired Battlin' Billy for the sixth time.

When asked why he still wants to put up with Martin, Steinbrenner laughed, "If Billy was a woman, I think I'd marry the little bleeper. I still might fire him again, though. I'll see how I feel after lunch."

I'll stop here. I'm starting to believe this.

by Alan Small

The Golden Bears football squad minds were wandering Sunday as the University of Saskatchewan Huskies put a heavy beating on them 37-15.

Huskie slotback Dan Farthing led the flatlanders to victory, catching six passes for 190 yards, rushing for 22 yards, and collecting three punt returns for 77 yards.

"We made him player of the week," Bears head coach Jim Donlevy said.

That they did as Farthing was selected for the second time this season and is the odds-on favorite to be the West's pick for rookie of the year.

Saskatchewan jumped all over the Bears in the first half, getting out to a 27-3 lead by the time two quarters were completed. They also racked up 363 of their 591 yards of offense in the first half.

The only bright spots for the Bears were that running back Mark Brus broke both the Golden Bear rushing record and the Western Intercollegiate Football League (WIFL) record as he rushed 143 yards. He finishes the season with a league high 1078 yards, the first U of A football player to rush for over 1000 yards in one season. Also, signal-caller Darren Brezden eclipsed the 5000-yard career pass-



The Bears Mark Brus (23) broke the WIFL rushing mark on Sunday.



ing mark. He had already set the record for career passing yards for a Golden Bear before this season started.

Donlevy and his charges were

disappointed with their performance.

"It comes down to one word — intensity. If you don't have focus and intensity, you get mistakes, which lead to doubt, which leads to hesitation, which leads to ineffective execution," Donlevy said.

The Bears have the last week of the season off, while UBC will bash it out with Saskatchewan, whose offence has dominated the past

two games. They have scored over 30 points in both of them, against Alberta and Manitoba.

The week after has the WIFL final, which will pit the Golden Bears against the UBC Thunderbirds. The T-Birds are the second ranked team in the country and are the defending Western and Canadian champs. They are a team that is loaded with experience.

"You have to give that to BC,"

Donlevy said, "although we have some players who know what championship football is all about."

It will take a perfect game for the Bears to defeat the Birds. "They make very few errors," Donlevy said, "we'll have to play error-free football to win."

**LATE HITS:** The Bears remain in the top ten despite the loss, as they fell to eighth place. Last year's Ontario champs, Western, are on top of the rankings this week.

A tough end to season for soccer Bears

by Alan Small

The Bear soccer club can sing the same blues tune as their Panda sisters, as a previous disappointing loss has kept them from post-season play for another year.

Another disappointment is that they just about did the unexpected in their last road trip of the season, the fearful trip to the coast to play

two of the top university soccer clubs in Canada.

The catch was that the Bears had to win both games to have a shot at the top spot, the only playoff spot for the nationals.

They had to afeer a heartbreaking 4-3 loss to the Victoria Vikings, a match they were leading 3-1 at halftime.

After the first game though, they know that their efforts would be futile. They lost to the defending national champions 1-0.

The T-Birds scored the lone goal on a corner, on a near post — far post — flick-on which eluded the Alberta defence and keeper Dwayne Lang. It was one of few scoring chances created all game, as both teams are strong defensively, especially UBC.

Victoria game was fast paced.

What resulted was a 3-2 victory for the Bears, making their final record 7 wins, two losses, and one draw.

Second year forward Dave Phillips scored twice for the Bears, once on a penalty kick. The single was scored by Rob Biro.

"They brought their big player Greg Kern up but Phillips and Biro's speed got them caught with no one back," Vickery said. "Phillips and Biro are two of the quickest players in Canada West."

It's a disappointing end for the soccer Bears as the win put them one point behind UBC and the playoff spot in Canada West.

"Sure, it's disheartening," Vickery said, "we'd be the team to beat in the division if we had a couple of players from last year, instead of battling it out for first or second place."

The players Vickery talks about are Burk Kaiser, who captained Canada's youth team at the Youth World Cup in Chile, as well as Hanjoo Kim, last year's leading Bear goalscorer, who went down to Calgary to school.

**FREE KICKS:** Captain Salvi Cammarata led the Bears in scoring with nine goals, second in Canada West to Victoria's Dallas Mohr. Dave Phillips was second in team scoring with six, which puts him fourth in the conference.



The soccer Bears came up one point short this season.



"Their two center backs are the strength of the team," Bear head coach Len Vickery said, "they're probably the best in the division."

Although the final game of the season was played just for pride, the Bears came up with an effort that Vickery said "was the best we played all season."

"You've got to give the credit to the players," Vickery said. "It was a must win for Victoria, while the boys realized we were out of it."

The difference between the UBC game and the game against UVic was light and day, as the