

Soccer Season opens

by Rod Campbell

The Golden Bear soccer team has not made the playoffs since 1981. On Saturday they open a new season, against the Saskatchewan Huskies at the Faculte St. Jean. This year the Bears can finally win a conference title, says coach Len Vickery.

Vickery's optimism comes from the Bear's weekend trip to Vancouver, where they beat Simon Fraser 1-0 and lost to the University of Victoria 2-1.

"I had my doubts about how the team was coming together. We did very well, there are good positive signs," said Vickery, Wednesday.

One of the positive signs was the play of veteran Rob Biro.

"He had an outstanding weekend," said Vickery.

Bears Soccer

Vickery attributes last year's fourth place finish to key players being injured early in the season.

Injuries have already become a factor. Both starting goalkeepers are hurt: Dave Hughes with a broken jaw and Duwayne Lang with a dislocated finger, which means rookie Sotos Michailides may start against Saskatchewan.

Six players have not returned from last year's squad.

A major loss will be Burk Kaiser who will captain the national youth team at the world cup in Chile in October. Kaiser started for the Calgary Kickers and also captained the Canadian squad at the Pan-Am games.

The services of all-star striker Hanjoo Kim will also be missed. Kim has decided to continue his studies in Calgary.

However, Vickery feels he has some talented rookies who will probably make the starting team.

The acquisition of first year students Victor D'Andrea, who spent the summer with the Brickmen, and Jim Loughlin, who captained the under eighteen provincial team, will add strength to the Golden Bears said Vickery.

D'Andrea is not the only Bear to receive experience in the fledgling Canadian Soccer League this summer.

Mid-fielder Dave Phillips has recovered from his broken leg and has had a successful season with the Calgary Kickers. Phillips will play for the Kickers in the CSL final Sunday against Hamilton and will miss the season's opener.

Bears team captain Sal Camarata spent his summer with the Winnipeg Fury.

Add veterans, Rob Biro, Louis Picco, Paul Walters, Danny McIntyre, and the return of former western all-star Frank Saporito after an absence of two years, and Vickery's squad definitely has experience and potential.

"We've a good mixture of depth and speed. Last year we matched up technically with the opposition. This year our approach is to cut down on their opportunities, and rely on pace and experience up front," said Vickery. "We'll be very competitive."

The Bears do have the ability to claw their way up from their annual third place finish, but the key to the season will be finding a replacement for Kim and Kaiser and staying healthy.



Danny McIntyre works out as coach Len Vickery looks on.

photo GARY MAKAR

Gateway Sports Trivia Quiz

- Who was the coach of Team Canada in the 1972 Summit Series?
- Who was the "Ordinary Superstar"?
- What was the original nickname of the Houston Astros?
- What major sporting event did Pierre de Coubertin revive in 1896?
- The first Winter Olympics was held in what city?
- Who was the coach of the Soviets in the 1972 Summit Series?
- When was the last time the U of A won the Vanier Cup?
- How many perfect 10's did Nadia Comaneci receive during the 1976 Olympics?
- In 1950, this man was declared the most outstanding hockey player of the first half of the twentieth century.
- Larry Robinson broke his leg this summer playing what sport?
- Who has skipped the last three American finalists in the America's Cup?
- Who was the last major leaguer to hit more than 50 home runs?
- What record did the Blue Jays set on Monday?
- Ben Johnson finished in what place in the 1984 Olympic 100m?
- Who were the three assistant coaches for Canada in this years Canada Cup?
- What team won last year's CIAU hockey championship?

TRIVIA - p.16

5th ranked Bears to tangle with Dogs.

by Alan Small

Coming off their biggest win in over a year, the Bears football squad have little time to celebrate, as they face the 1-1 Saskatchewan Huskies, Saturday at 1:00 in Varsity Stadium. The Bears will be sporting their new number five ranking into the game against the Huskies who are third in the WIFL.

The Huskies have split their first two games, the first one they lost 16-8 to the University of Calgary in McMahon Stadium, but in their second encounter, they defeated the University of Manitoba 19-8.

play with emotion," Towriss said.

The Huskies will be lead by running backs Rob Symchyck and Terry Eisler. Symchyck was third in WIFL rushing last year with nine catches out of the backfield. The Bears will also have to contend with a tough passing attack, which had the top three receivers in the WIFL last year.

"Any team in this league can jump up and do a number on you,"

Bears head coach Jim Donlevy said, "There are more three way ties for playoffs in this league than in any other league in Canada."

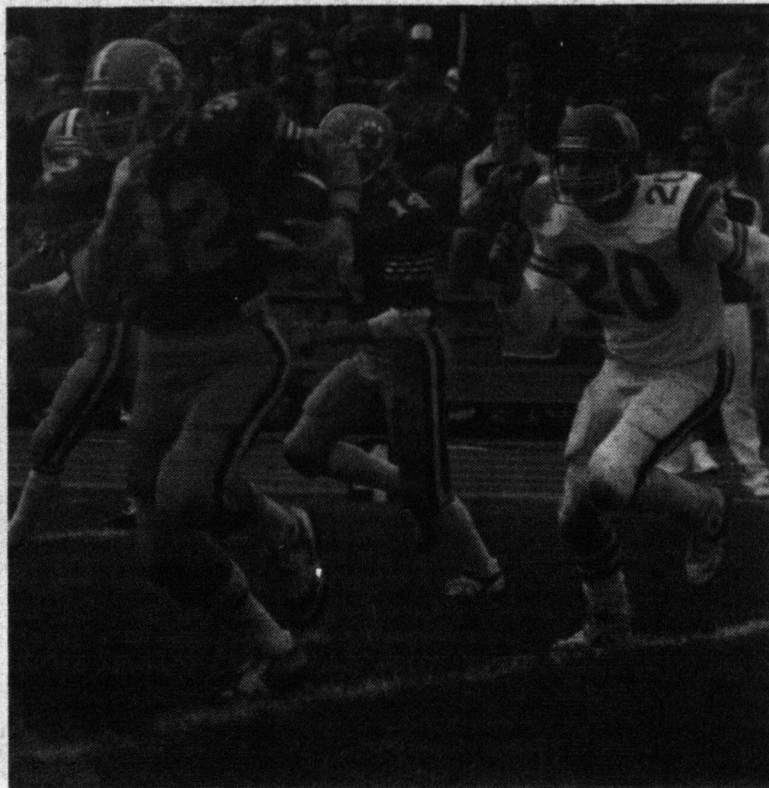
Defensively, the Huskies stack up well, as they have only given up 24 points in two games this year. In an exhibition game against the Bears earlier this year, Huskies were putting heat on Bear quarterbacks all game. Most of that could be attributed to the use of rookie personnel on the Bears offensive

line, but it also shows that the Huskies have the personnel to get the job done.

"It'll come down to who makes the fewest mistakes," Towriss said, "we can't give up turnovers like Manitoba and Calgary did to Alberta and expect to win."

Donlevy said that the offence will be going on the ground once again. "We have a very explosive running game," Donlevy said, and with the shape of Saskatchewan's defensive line, and secondary, they might be wise not to experiment with the passing game.

Bears Football



Bryan Lamb runs back an interception against Huskies

File photo



"We did some better things offensively," Huskies head coach Brian Towriss said about their game with Manitoba, "we weren't converting the 2nd and long situations against Calgary."

The Huskies must concern themselves with how pumped the Bears will be on Saturday, as the Bears are coming off the biggest upset of the year in the WIFL.

"They've won two games off the road, so I'm sure they are going to

WIFL Stats

CIAU TOP TENS

- Football - M**
- British Columbia
 - Bishop's
 - Western Ontario
 - Ottawa
 - Alberta
 - Saint Mary's
 - Concordia
 - York
 - Acadia
 - Calgary

STANDINGS	W	L	T	F	A	P
B.C.	2	0	0	62	26	4
Alberta	2	1	0	82	58	4
Sask.	1	1	0	27	24	2
Calgary	1	2	0	52	74	2
Manitoba	0	2	0	18	59	0

FUTURE GAMES

Sept. 19: Saskatchewan at Alberta; British Columbia at Manitoba.
 Sept. 26: Calgary at Manitoba; British Columbia at Saskatchewan



SCORING	TD	C	FG	S
Kasowski, Steve, A	0	9	4	7
Bellefontaine, M, BC	1	7	4	1
Matic, Brent, C	0	4	4	3
Petros, Mark, BC	2	0	0	0
Pearce, Matt, BC	2	0	0	0
Keller, Craig, BC	2	0	0	0
Funtasz, Jeff, A	2	0	0	0
Brus, Mark, A	2	0	0	0