

Bears maul Huskies

— even at soccer

The way things are going, the Bears soccer team are going to have a large debt owing to Father Michael Troy, coach of the St. Joe's Saints of the city High School soccer league. Last Saturday, in Saskatoon, Piscopo, Tassone, and back-up goalie Ed Staszuk, who'd be a starter for most other teams, were the mainstays in a 3-0 win, while Baretta's unselfish attitude towards seeing Staszuk play shows that the team-spirit that Father Troy fostered has survived into university. Ital-Canadians can also be proud, since Piscopo, Tassone, and winger Roland Leaute, along with Baretta, are from their first team.

The first goal came in the twelfth minute when the Huskies' keeper failed to take a ball in the air and Bobby Hrsak, whose presence had really confused the defence, pushed the ball in. For the next seventy minutes, the Bears pressed with no real penetration, and the defence, several times failing to pick up players, and getting caught square, had some shaky moments. Eventually, when we on the side line were despairing of seeing a more respectable score, another goal came, and it was a beauty. Glenn Murphy took the ball down to the goal line, on the edge of the penalty area, and sensibly held the ball, beat his man, and pushed a pass back to Dave Clayton. Clayton,

who played a good, constructive game at right back, in the second half, crossed the ball in the air, and it was headed out by the defence, but only to Matteo Piscopo, who coolly picked his spot and volleyed it home from the edge of the 18-yard box. Apart from the spectacular nature of this goal, what was especially gratifying about it was the way that both Piscopo and Murphy "thought" about what they were doing. Johann Cruyff would have been proud of it. Redmond is delighted with Piscopo's play, describing him as "the most mobile and dangerous forward, always making space." Two minutes before the end, George Lovell, picking the ball up from a corner, from about twenty-five yards out put the ball nicely beyond the goalie's reach. Earlier, alert play by Bird and Devlin at a corner, and good anticipation by Chris Kelly, deserved a goal.

Bears failed to impress in this game, although there were one or two outstanding performances, especially from Frank Tassone. Huskies employed spoiling tactics, aimed at breaking up Bear moves before they could really get going, strongly challenging the man on the ball, and tackling hard. A weak referee also contributed to the general untidiness. The Huskies' tactics were ideally suited to their strengths, and they did a good job, restricting the Bears to just



A moment of action when the Bears (light shirts) defeated Huskies 3-0.

one goal for eighty minutes. However, Bears didn't help the stagnation by failing to take full advantage of the space on the field, and by rushing things too much. Instead of using the full width of the field, often they played down the middle, and they seemed loath to pass the ball laterally; when a team passes the ball sideways, along their defensive line, apart from giving them time to think, such a show of confidence can unnerve opponents.

None of the Bears showed any cause for despair, and against more positive opposition they could really show what they're undoubtedly capable of. There's still a lack of organization and cohesion. These are all qualities that are attainable, and the team has to

have confidence in themselves to try things in an actual game that they can easily do in practice, such as taking their time and looking to see what they're doing. Also, few of the players are anything like fit enough yet.

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the ball from a wild goal mouth scramble.

Sunday's semifinal against the Alberta team was a disaster for the U of A. Only a few individuals looked sharp as Alberta kept the Pandas hemmed in their own end for most of the game. Alberta peppered Panda goalie Darien Anderson with shots while their own goalie was seldom tested.

In the afternoon game,

Pandas took on Saskatchewan again to determine third place in the tournament. The scoreless first half was highlighted by good play on the part of the Pandas. Once again, however, the girls were unable to put the ball in the net. In the second half Mary Jane Henning scored on a penalty bully and the Pandas appeared to be in control of the game. Two quick goals by Saskatchewan turned the tables, however, and Pandas were unable to even the score.

Next Panda field hockey action will be an exhibition game against the University of Winnipeg on October 12. The team will use the game as a warmup for the C.W.U.A.A. championships that will be held in Calgary the following weekend.

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