

SPORTS

World University Game July 1-11 1983 1-11 juillet 1983



Pandas show real potential

by John Algard
The University of Alberta
Pandas field hockey team opened
their 1982 season on Saturday and
lost both exhibition matches to
the University of Calgary Dinnies
by scores of 5-0 and 4-0.
Sophomore coach Dru
Marshall was encouraged by the
play of her squad, despite the
losses. Considering that the team
had practiced together only four
times this year, and that no player
on the team has more than two

years experience playing field further practice and experience in hockey, Coach Marshall's optimism is undoubtedly justified.

Overall, the effort of individual team members was good Most of the Pandas problems two ewckend games suggests that, were the result of inexperience in with hard work, this team should playing as a team. The failure of finish no worse than third in their the halfbacks to follow up on forcing plays made by the forwards, and a lack of communication between the halfbacks and fullbacks on defense were the most common errors. Only dedication and a good season.

Soccer anyone?

by Brent Jang

The World Cup Soccer tour-nament this summer helped to increase interest in the sport in North America, but its popularity has a long way to go, says Bears coach Bruce Twamley. Twamley is echoing the sentiments of soccer fans in general. While fans were treated to the skills of Rummenige, Zico, Socrates, and Maradona, the game of soccer still has not caught on in Canada or the United States.

"The improvement has to come from Canadian players," said third year coach Twamley, "the future lies with those players. Soccer's on the downswing because the professional game is poorly developed." The demise of the Edmonton Drillers is testimony to that remark.

Twamley, a former Ipswich player, says the sport will regain its popularity, but it will take time. If people have any doubs about the sport, they changed their minds with the World Cup. It's unquestionably the greatest sport in the world. It's fun to play and to watch."

Soccer needs a natural grow-ing period, despite efforts by marketing people to speed that period up. "People will show up not because of the halftime show, but because of the game," said Twamley.

The Golden Bears' soccer team will be taking their show on the road this weekend when they play Victoria on Friday and UBC on Saturday.

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The Pandas' field hockey team travels to Calgary this weekend as Canada West action returns with the games being played at Confederation Park. Coach Dru Marshall used Saturdar's games against the U of C to osperiment with new 'plays, positions,' and tactics.

Returnees for the team are Shona Schleppe & Joan Wahl at forward, Kathy Melnyk & Teunisie Harrison at haliback, Carla Cothett and Holly Pruden at fullback, and Donna Axani and Lorene Tamelin in goal.

Other teams in the league are UBC, UVic, U of C, and Manitoba.

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The Students' Union executive won a Sunday afternoon football contest as they withstood the Caleuwy's deceivingly effective hurry-up offense. SU's Brian Bechtel was the game's star in making a number of fine carches; Tom Wright also proved to be strong in his signal calling. However, the Gateway' came on strong at the end of the game. A successful onside kick by Editor Andrew Watts proved to be too little, too, late as time ran out before any offensive drive could be started.

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If you'd like to brush up on your writing, as well as take in some free 'ball games, then try your hand at writing sports. The U of A has a number of teams in various sports, so perhaps one of them will be to your liking. Even if you don't aspire to be a professional joulruflist, the experience of sports writing will be rewarding. You can view your favorite event from the press box if you wish. Some of the sports you may be interested in writing about include gymnastics, cross country, swimming, diving, wrestling, and ice hockey. So if you're interested the viture sports, or of they the Gateway in room 282 of SUB. Our Sports Editor can help you pick a story and our readers will enjoy your initiative.

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