

Good defense is good offense

by Karl Wilberg

On the West coast things happen throughout the year. Soccer is not limited, as it is in Alberta, to half the year. Consequently, the UBC and U of V soccer teams are tough to beat and have provided the Bears with an obstacle to the conference title.

Last weekend though, the Bears appear to have ended the coastal soccer domination. UBC lost 4-2 and Victoria was held to 1-1 tie. Needless to say, coach Esdale was excited. Esdale credited a capable defensive line-up for much of the Bear's success. Brian Wilson, Kent Fargey, Lorenzo Antonello and Pat Johnson "played remarkably" according to Esdale.

In addition, on short notice, goalkeeper Joel Cochrane replaced injured veteran Bill Akum on what Esdale terms "the toughest swing," in the travelling schedule. Cochrane came up with good saves and should be prominent in the future.

The Friday game against UBC started well for the Bears and Fullback Rob Kociansic. He scored with a high kick, but soon after was injured. The first half ended with a Bear's 3-0 lead. In the next half another Bear goal was scored in addition to two UBC goals. Esdale mentions that the team "had let down" in pace, and a questionable penalty



Defense stands still for a moment. L to R are Claudio Perusco, Brian Wilson, Rob Kociansic, Kent Fargey, Pat Johnson, and Lorenzo Antonello.

in explanation for the BC goals.

Saturday's game against Victoria was difficult because U of V had not played on Friday. More importantly, U of V has two world student games players, Peter Zachary and Dave Secco.

The game was scoreless

until 12 minutes into the second half. Rudy Bartholemew

collected the ball after Alberta's Phill Webb and Mark Olivieri tried to head it. Bartholemew pulled the goalkeeper and clouted

the ball into the Victoria goal. However, Joel Cochrane was

screened and unable to stop a U of V shot that evened the score.

According to Esdale, the Bears created many scoring opportunities near the game's end. Still, he pointed out the Bear's defense in previous games too, had enabled the Bears to remain competitive. In particular Victoria's Zachary was nullified by Phil Mosele and Steve Smith.

The Bear's record so far

points out their strong defense. In five games they have lost only two points, both in tied matches. In addition, in five games, the defense has given only five goals.

The remaining game against the coastal teams is this weekend on the 13th of October, at Varsity Stadium. This game could be the most important in the Bear's search for a conference title. It will be interesting to see if the Bears can maintain the same aggressive pace and hold on to first place in the West.

Never say boring

by Garnet DuGray

So now you think you are in good shape after entering the Turkey Trot, the jogging clinic, the "Stamp Around Alberta" jogging program and the noon hour fitness program. In that case, everyone from the Men's Intramural program is welcome to come out this Saturday, October 13, at 2:00 p.m. for the 'Tour-de-Campus' bike race. The race will take place around the campus and entry deadline is set for Wednesday, October 10 at 1:00 p.m. Bring out your bike and go for it.

In other men's news, Wednesday is the deadline for Team Handball and Racquetball Tournament. Both deadlines are at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 10.

The Team Handball will run from October 18-30 on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with a clinic on Tuesday, October 16 to explain the rules. All games will run from 7:30 - 10:30 p.m. The game of Team Handball is fast, exciting and catching on very rapidly so make sure you get your team in now.

Co-Rec rally drivers start your engines! Coming soon on Sunday, October 21 at 10:45 a.m. is the Co-Rec Car Rally, so be sure to get your entry in by October 19 at 1:00 p.m. in the Co-Rec Office. Each team is to supply its own car and must have at least one male and one female per car. However, the Co-Rec people feel that "the more the merrier." The course is designed for both novice and experienced drivers. In addition, there are prizes to be won.

The women's department would like to remind all women that Volleyball and innertube Water Polo begins play next week.



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