

## Soccers bears heading for first

Want to help the Bears retain their Western Canadian Championship? Want to see the best game of soccer played in town all year? If the answer is yes to either question, then come on down to Varsity Field (the football field) on Saturday morning when the Bears take on the Edmonton Selects at 11 am;

If the last twenty minutes of last Sunday's game is anything to go by, Bears are beginning to play to their potential. Their greatest need right now is confidence and inspiration and a big turnout on Saturday should spur them on. Next Wednesday they leave for Vancouver, where they'll have six games in three days.

The problems of the last few weeks are fading, and Gerry Redmond is confident that he'll be able to field his strongest team on the coast. John Devlin, Geoff Bird and Chris Kelly should all have recovered from their injuries by then. Also, the attack seems to be living up to its name once more and once Devlin returns to midfield, Piscopo will go back up front where he began the season in such spectacular fashion. Thanks

to the tender attentions of assistant coach Geoff Salmon, the squad is now in pretty good condition and it showed on Sunday. This could be invaluable in Vancouver which will be as much a test of endurance as of soccer skill.

The team is looking good too. The defence was impressive on Sunday, handling a tricky Winnipeg offence who were aided by the wind at their backs. Glenn Murphy played with consummate skill in the sweeper's position while Dave Clayton and Terry Whitney are as steady and reliable a pair of fullbacks as you could want. The only problem on Sunday was Rick KOROL's wanderlust which left the centre uncovered a few times. The last line of the defence just happens to be one of the best goalkeepers in Canada, John Baretta and it's really a nice feeling for the team to know that he's there.

In midfield, Frank Tassone is playing brilliantly right now. This year, he has added an extra dimension to his play - as well as the destroyer's role, he seems to be helping the attack more. Devlin and Bird, if they are fit, will add depth, experience and

strength to the nerve centre of the team and as cover for them there is Matteo Piscopo, who has found a new lease on life playing for Bears.

And so to the forwards. They seem to have gotten rid of their "Charge of the Light Brigade" syndrome at long last preferring to use imagination and flair instead. Phil Craig, after a needless display of petulance that earned him a caution on Sunday, started playing much more constructively and laid on the the second goal in splendid fashion. Also, Redmond gave Roland Leaute a much freer role in the second half which seemed more to the player's liking. With Piscopo operating on the left, these three shouldn't let the side down.

Tommy Schmidt also showed on Sunday that if called upon, he can give opposing fullbacks the runaround and Redmond has Chris Kelly and Bobby Hrsak in reserve if he decides he wants to strengthen the attack. Back-up goalie Ed Staszuk and utility defender George Lovell also add depth to the squad.

I feel more optimistic than I did a week ago, and Gerry



Redmond is eagerly polishing up his French for the National Finals in Montreal. So all you

people out there, please get out and give the boys a rousing send off on Saturday.

## Prospects good for Bears at U of M...

by Peter Best

The Golden Bear football team will be playing the University of Manitoba Bisons in Winnipeg this coming weekend. Going into the game Alberta is in first place in the Western Intercollegiate Football League with a 5-0 record. The Bisons are third with two wins and two losses.

If U of A wins their sixth game on Saturday they will

clinch the WIFL championship, while the Bisons have a chance to move up in the standings with a win.

The last time Alberta and Manitoba played, the Bears won 45-14. That was on September 14 in Varsity Stadium. In that game the Bisons' starting quarterback, Bud Harden, was injured but since then his replacement, Rick Koswin, has been doing a good job of

running the offense.

The Bisons have also produced a good running back, Wayne Wagner. Wagner, formerly a fullback with the Junior Winnipeg HHawkeyes, is second in the league in rushing with 369 yards in total gains, and a 4.7-yard average carry.

The Bisons' defense has been as physically tough as ever, so the Bears should have their work cut out for them.

## if they arent forced to forfeit their position

The Golden Bear football team was shaken last week when head coach Jim Donlevy recieved a letter from the registrar's office informing him that one of his players wasn't a student at the U of A.

The player, Don Kates, didn't register for the fall term, thus making him ineligible to play intercollegiate football. Kates was dropped from the team before the Bears played the University of Calgary last Saturday, but there is now a question about Alberta's first four games in which Kates played.

Technically speaking, the Bears were using an ineligible player, and according to the Western Intercollegiate Football League rules, they should forfeit those games. Kates played as running back and placekicker and had scored 65 points for the Bears, mostly with his kicking.

The league will decide today on the Bear's status. They may force Alberta to give up their first four wins, thus dropping from first place with a 5-0 record, to fourth with one win and four losses. The league could also decide to let the Bears retain their undefeated record on the basis that Alberta's first four victories were so convincing



(an average score of 53-10) Kates' play had no significant effect on the games.

The WIFL must also consider which team will best represent the league in the playoffs. So far the Bears have been far and away the best team in the West. If they are forced to give up four games the league title will be open to Calgary, Manitoba, and Saskatchewan. Even the Bears have a mathematical chance of finishing first.



Photo by Howard P. Snavely

## INTRAMURAL TEAMS

Our flag football schedule has concluded and the excitement of playoff time will begin very soon. Will Med "A" repeat as this year's Division I Champions?

All cycling enthusiasts are reminded of the Bike-A-Thon event this Saturday. The race commences at 2 pm and will follow a route within the confines of Windsor Park. The

Bike-A-Thon is a new event this year and should attract a fair crowd.

Also new this year is an activity session for individuals interested in orienteering. This event is open to anybody who has a flare for using a compass. The orienteering session will consist of an instructional clinic and an activity session to use your skills. Participants are

requested to meet in Room 104 SUB at 10 am on Sunday, October 20.

Co-Rec bridge, an activity for all you passive leisure seekers begins Tuesday, Oct 22 and continues on successive Tuesdays. Entry deadline for bridge is Friday, October 18. If you are really interested, entries will definitely be accepted at the Men's Intramural Office.

## WIFL Standings

	Won	Lost	For	Against	Pts.
Alberta	5	0	248	56	10
Calgary	3	2	76	134	6
Manitoba	2	2	80	76	4
Saskatchewan	2	3	102	92	4
British Columbia	0	5	50	198	0