

## the fifth quarter

Dave Pickett, last year's Hec Creighton award winner as most valuable player in Canadian College Football, was on hand last weekend as his former teammates dropped a 54-7 decision to the Bears on Varsity Field.

Pickett was the quarterback of the Huskies last year and led them to a 6-2 record in season play. This year, he is an assistant coach of the team.

Pickett's record last year was enviable. He masterminded the Huskies with a 60.2% completion average for 2251 yards and 16 touchdowns in 8 games.

Not too surprisingly, he was picked up by Calgary in the CFL College draft and invited to their camp in the spring. Calgary's reception for him was somewhat less than enthusiastic.

He was in camp for 3 practices and during the intersquad game and never threw a pass except on the sidelines. Joe Pisarcik, a joke from New Mexico State, who was Jim Wood's quarterback when he was coaching there, went the whole route in the intersquad game and, as it turned out, had already been signed to his 1974 contract. Pickett didn't have a chance from the start.

He was cut after that intersquad game and went to Saskatchewan Roughriders' camp but by that time, they had five quarterbacks in camp.

In bringing Pickett to camp under those terms, they wasted his time and helped to blow his chances with any other team.

Calgary is now boasting an enviable 2-7 record now in the CFL west. The team is in an uproar over the questionable attacks headed by Peter Liske and Pisarcik and the head coach, Jim Wood, is about as popular with the teams and fans alike as a cigarette girl in a cancer ward.

Somehow, in a roundabout way, the thing that I am getting at is that, generally speaking the CFL discriminates against Canadians on the team and as coaches as well. The biggest surprise about Russ Jackson's taking over as head coach of the Toronto Argonauts is the fact that he is a Canadian.

Jackson is one of the two Canadian quarterbacks who have performed in the CFL. The other is Ron Lancaster in Saskatchewan.

Rulings are such that a team is allowed no more than 15 Americans on their roster, one of whom is a 'bench-sitter' so that there are no more than 14 Americans in the game. It is more convenient to have an American quarterback sitting on the bench, and, should he have to enter the game, the team is replacing an American with an American so everything is even up.

When Lancaster comes off of a game and Mattingly is sent in, they have to take an American out of the game.

This is yet another aspect of the CFL game that makes us all wonder what they are trying to do...give followers of the game a good product or keep the unemployment lines in the US respectably clean of football players.

Until the CFL cleans their act up considerably with regard to their attitude toward Canadian ball players (for example the business with Calgary's blind faith in a quarterback who is so bad as to be dignified by the term incompetent), it will continue to be a multi-national joke regarded as bush by better and tighter leagues in the US and people who know anything at all about the game.

Right now, if Canadians want to see good football in Canada, they would do better to pay half a buck or whatever and go see a college game. All that the CFL has offered lately is a bunch of names that we've read in the papers.

Paul Cadogan

## Huskies' Adams holds Bears to 4-0 victory

by Rhys Davies

Bears 4 Huskies 0  
Fine goalkeeping by Huskies' Brian Adams denied the Bears their usual victory margin against the University of Saskatchewan soccer team on Saturday, confining the Bears to a 4-0 win. Bear coach Gerry Redmond described Adams' performance as "outstanding", especially in the second half, where the goalie repeatedly picked off threatening crosses from Roland Leaute, John Devlin, and Matteo Piscopo. The Bears scored three goals in the first half. After seven minutes, Phil Craig, at the far post, headed in a John Devlin cross from the left. About ten minutes later, Adams failed to hold a hard shot from the edge of the penalty area by Craig, and right winger Chris Kelly alertly netted the rebound. About five minutes before half-time, Matteo Piscopo scored the best goal of the game, when he picked up a loose ball about fifteen yards from the goal, and shipped it over the advancing keeper: the ability to react so quickly in a crowd of players is a sign of great skill. In the second half Geoff Bird despatched another Devlin cross from the left with a powerful header. Earlier, in the first half, Bird had put another powerful header against the crossbar, and the Australian, playing in midfield, had a couple of long shots that really had the keeper scrambling.

Overall, the Bears' performance was satisfactory, and Redmond and assistant Geoff Salmond were quite pleased with the day's work. Huskies' coach Cedric Gillott didn't think that the Bears were as strong as in earlier years, but agreed that it's early days... It took a while for the Bears to relax, and there were some anxious moments in the first ten minutes, but eventually they started playing with a surprising degree of cohesion for so early in the schedule. John Baretta was steady in goal, and it already is obvious that he has the confidence of the men in front of him. Redmond used both Tommy Schmidt and Hector Calista at right back, and Schmidt's experience in helping out the attack showed, although Calista also played well. As Redmond said, "Terry Whitney was Terry Whitney", and it looks as if his understanding with John Devlin and Matteo Piscopo is going to make the left side of the Bears very strong indeed. George Lovell adapted well to his new role as sweeper, although he had one or two

anxious moments, and Rick Korol played well at centre half.

In midfield, Frank Tassone played a fine game in the first half, in the role of 'destroyer', breaking up the Huskies' moves before they threatened the defence, and supporting the other two 'generals', Bird and Devlin.

In the second half, Glenn Murphy looked a little bit uncomfortable in this role, but it was a relatively new experience for him. Bird and Devlin played very well, Devlin especially after he started moving around more.

Up front, Roland Leaute did very well on the right wing, making some really fine crosses from the goal-line, while Phil Craig showed signs of the old fire, although married bliss seems to have affected his speed a bit. Bob Hrsak showed up well in the second half, although by this time Adams was making life hard for the Bears forwards. For me, however, the most outstanding Bear was Matteo Piscopo, who played on the left of the forward line. Piscopo is somewhat of a local soccer celebrity, having been an outstanding High School player for Father Michael Troy's Saint Joe's Saints, and a regular in Ital Canadians Senior first division team. He is also well thought of as a basketball player. Having played earlier this year for the Canadian national youth team,

Piscopo has been under something of a cloud recently with doubts expressed about his ability to play consistently well. However, his intelligent reading of the game and his sharpness on Saturday demonstrated otherwise. Playing on the same team as people like John Devlin, Geoff Bird, and Terry Whitney should help him attain the maturity he needs, and provide him with a strong challenge. This could have great benefits for Canada's team at the Montreal Olympics.

So a good beginning... Now, if the lads can get down to some real hard work, get into shape and work on cohesion, there should be an equally happy ending.

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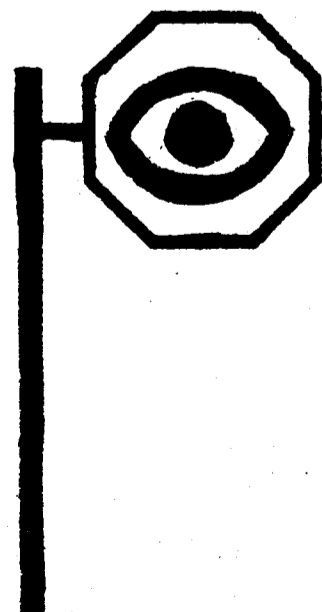
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