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Sportsmanship soccer issue

Gerry Redmond should perhaps take a child psychologist to Vancouver, as well as a team trainer, so that those of his players whose tender sensibilities are offended by criticism, or insist on throwing temper tantrums when things aren't going their way can have the advantage of professional attention. And perhaps they'd stay off the backs of their saner, more mature team-mates.

This is the principal impression after Saturday's game, where the Bears managed to beat a City Select team 2-1. A lot of hard work and fine soccer by most of the team was vitiated by the petulance and selfishness of a few. In case such a result seems to belie what I say, it was only a fine individual effort two minutes from the end by right back Dave Clayton that won the game; he made a run down, the right touchline, set up a shot for Geoff Bird from the edge of the penalty area, and was alert enough to net the rebound when Selects' goalie Neil Johnson couldn't hold the Australian's shot. This was fitting reward for Clayton who was one of the few players to come out of this game with his reputation at all enhanced.

The first goal came after sixteen minutes when Bobby Hrsak picked up a loose ball in midfield and ran tight into the heart of the Selects' defence before pushing it to Roland Leaute, who put it past the keeper. It was good to see this sort of positive approach from the forwards, and Hrsak, Leaute, Tommy Schmidt and Matteo Piscopo are showing more cohesion, confidence and penetration with every game. The defence was as strong as ever, although once or twice they seemed a little uncertain, but they are very much the backbone of the team. It was encouraging to see John Devlin back in action, although he has a long way to go before he will be match fit; even so, his skillful prompting and leadership made their mark.

Now we just sit and wait and bite our nails and wonder about what will happen in the next three days. There is more than enough talent in this squad for the Bears to win the West, and a lot of hard work has been put in by the players and coaches Redmond and Salmon. But, as is natural with any group of people, there are tensions in the squad. There can be no excuses, though, when only or two players start bitching and whining when a move breaks down, or refuse to pass the ball to someone they don't like. Soccer is a team game and private animosities should be left in the dressing room. As one player said, "some of the bleeping guys have got to bleeping learn that we're not bleeping professionals. Everybody makes mistakes some time."

Another thing that one or two individuals will have to beware is the refereeing in Vancouver, which is among the

best in North America. I thought that the Bears were lucky to finish with eleven players on the field on Saturday, and I fear that someone will get sent off for serious foul play, or abusive language. Apart from the team having to play a man short for the rest of the game, this will also bring an automatic suspension.

What Redmond and Salmon demand from their players, what they deserve, and what most of the squad give is one hundred per cent honest effort and a mature approach to criticism, instead of the pathetic attempts at making excuses or the infantile sulking that they have been getting from some quarters. It would be a pity, especially for the players who aren't too wrapped up in themselves to actually care about the team and the University that is paying their way to Vancouver, if they are defeated by themselves. Geoff Salmon summed it up

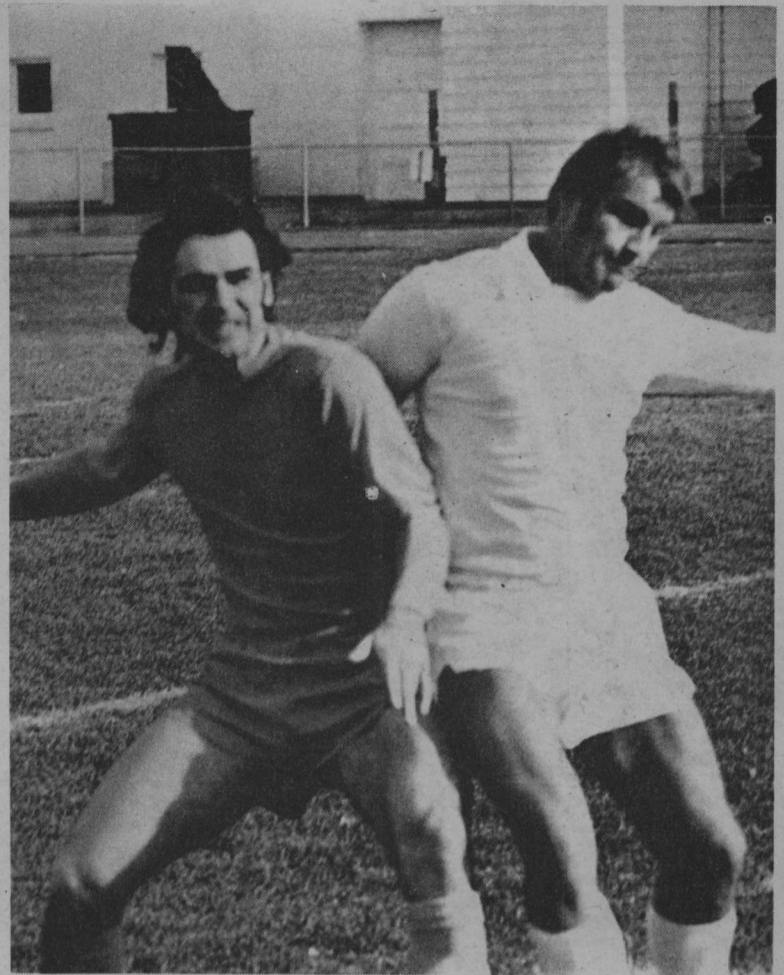
when he expressed the wish that some of the players who were cut had been preferred over some of the "veterans".

Although they might be less gifted soccer players, they would have more than made up for this in attitude and effort.

On Monday, Chris Kelly informed Gerry Redmond that he would be unable to get fit in time for the Western Championships. His place in the squad has been taken by Terry Kindrat. Redmond was very appreciative of Kelly's honesty,

and his experience and alertness will be missed. Redmond is also pleased to be able to call upon someone of Kindrat's skill and attitude; he was more or less the last player cut, and, as reported elsewhere, the coaches have been pondering the wisdom of some of their selections to the squad. Kindrat was a Bearcats' stalwart last winter, and will add much needed punch to the attack; he won't let the Bears down.

by Rhys Davies



Bears lose 3 games in a weekend

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It was a painful thing to see. The Golden Bears football team lost their first game of the season on Saturday, 10-9 to the University of Manitoba Bisons.

The loss combined with a league decision last Thursday requiring U of A to forfeit two of its previous wins dropped the Bears out of first place in the Western Intercollegiate Football League. Alberta must now win its last two games and count on the Universities of Calgary and Manitoba both to lose another game for the Bears to win the WIFL championship.

In a normal season one loss wouldn't place a WIFL team in such a bad spot. But this is not a normal season for the Bears.

Last week U of A's athletic department informed the league president, Jim Day, that they had discovered that one of the Bears' players, Don Kates, hadn't registered as a student. Kates was therefore ineligible to play intercollegiate football and the four games in which he participated, all U of A wins, came under question. On Thursday, Day announced the league's decision on Alberta's status.

The Bears had to forfeit two of their first four wins: a 54-7 victory over University of Saskatchewan, and a 53-10 win against University of British Columbia. The Bears' first two wins against Calgary and Manitoba stood because they were played before the registration deadline. While the Bears' victories were forfeited, they weren't given any losses and Saskatchewan and UBC didn't get credit for extra wins.

So going into last weekend U of A had a record of 3-0, not 5-0. Calgary was at 302, Manitoba was 2-2, Saskatchewan

was 2-3 and UBC was 0-5. Instead of having the league championship almost clinched the Bears were suddenly back in the midst of a tight race. One of the teams they wanted badly to beat was the Bisons.

But although the Bears controlled the play for most of Saturday's game they couldn't put the ball in the endzone. Time and again U of A's offense drove into Manitoba's end but failed to score a touchdown. They fumbled or threw an interception or committed a penalty at the wrong moment. When the Bears didn't make mistakes the Bisons picked the right times to make big defensive plays.

The Bears' first two offensive series exemplified the whole game. U of A returned the opening kickoff to their 33-yard line. Dalton Smarsh ran for two yards on the first play. Then Brian Adam gained 20 yards on a sweep, but the play was called back on a penalty. After an incomplete pass Gerald Kunyk had to punt.

Alberta's defense held and forced the Bisons to punt. The Bears' offense then drove 79 yards to a first down on the Bisons' three-yard line. Their next two plays were a seven-yard loss and an incomplete pass. They missed a field goal and got only a single point. The rest of the game followed the same pattern.

The only touchdown U of A scored came on a punt return. With 40 seconds left in the first half Smarsh caught a Bisons' punt, started to his left, handed off to Brian Fryer who the opposite way and Fryer went 75 yards for the score. Ken Luchkow's convert gave the Bears an 8-0 lead at halftime.

In the second half Manitoba scored twice. Jamie Thould

INTRAMURALS

by Stew Duncan

On Saturday, October 19, the first bike-a-thon event was held. The success of this new activity is directly attributed to some excellent organization by Russ Balmer, Gord Baumbach, Ron Coulombe and Bill Howard. The winner of our cycling championship will be announced later. Approximately forty cycling enthusiasts participated in this exciting event.

Co-Recreational volleyball is into full swing. A tournament involving co-rec volleyball teams will tentatively occur on November 20th. More information regarding this event will be forwarded at a later date. Co-rec bridge just commenced this week and will continue on successive Tuesdays. Co-Rec bridge just commenced this week and will continue on successive Tuesdays. A co-rec racquetball doubles tournament will occur on the weekend of November 2nd and 3rd. Deadline for entries is Wednesday, October 30th. A co-rec car rally will be operating on Saturday, Nov. 16th. This car rally is a great activity for

couples, who have trouble finding their way around on lonely back-roads.

Indoor soccer is currently operating at the Kinsmen Fieldhouse. Rumor has it that the defending champions, Chinese Students' Association, have been practising all summer for this competition. Dentistry should provide a threat to the hopes of the CSA. Our hockey schedule is being processed, while all units are earnestly preparing for their season openers. Approximately 120 teams will participate in four divisions that will operate concurrently, starting November 1st.

A reminder to racquet sports enthusiasts that various openings are available on our challenge leaders.

Aquatic activities highlight an integral part of our program in the upcoming weeks. If you can float, you're a definite plus to any team entered in water polo. Water polo will be a round robin-double elimination tournament this year.

Competition commences October 24th and will conclude on November 7th. Tuesday, October 29th is the deadline for our swimming and diving competition. This fun activity in the H2O will occur on Saturday, November 2nd. For all you clowns, novelty races and diving competitions will be provided.

Our Intramural Unit Manager of the Week is Jack Jervis of Arts and Sciences. Jack was a little late organizing activities for his fellow students this year. The Intramural program is pleased to have Jack Jervis, back with the program. Keep up the good work!

Tuesday, October 29th is an important date to remember. This is our deadline for basketball, which will feature competition from November 4th to December 3rd. A reminder to all you talented hoopsters, to keep this activity in mind!

If you require any information regarding our participant-oriented programs, contact the Men's Intramural Office in the basement of the physical education building.

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