

# Of armchair quarterbacks, pitchers, goalies. . .

By Patrick T. Maguire

There I sat in my Easy boy. A Saturday in a reclining position, sloshing back a beer is a common scene in my residence. Yet as I swished the cool amber liquid around my mouth, I felt concerned. Firstly, my stomach was creeping over my belt and the fridge was full. Not a good sign.

Also the television was too loud, but the volume button on my remote control doesn't work. Such are the makings of a Saturday.

The most distressing part of my day, however, was my night. The night before, and every night from Labour Day weekend to October I have problems sleeping.

This may be in direct result of my guilty conscience. September should be spent studying, winterizing the car and finding a ski bunny to curl up with for the upcoming winter nights.

For sports fans all this waits until November because right now we are afflicted with a serious illness.

Recently I have been waking up in the middle of the night with ringing in my ears. So as I lay there contemplating John McHales future these sounds melt into voices. Leo Cahill talking about the hit and run. Don Chevrier articulating Homer Jordan's assets. Faintly, Bob Cole speaks about the Canadian soccer team. Obviously, I'm delir-



ious. Leo Cahill and baseball?

Sympathy, please.

Consider these numbers:

- 20 players on 26 baseball teams.
- 40 players on 28 NFL teams.
- 35 players on 9 CFL teams.
- 25 players on 21 NHL teams.

This is just a start but already we

have 2,480 players.

I try, but to keep track is impossible.

Within one week the Canadian Soccer team advanced to the World Cup, Willie deWit pummeled another doughboy, the Esk's defence held up, the Jays sunk

the Yanks in The Apple, the Bears Football team blew another one while hockey and basketball teams made cuts, Victoria's Eli Pasquale was picked up by the NBA Chicago Bulls, the Houston Oilers dropped a close one, the NCAA rankings came out, and the Edmonton Oil-

ers went to training camp.

Even if you're a casual sports fan you must surely sympathize with me.

So what is the cure for my nightly acid-like trips through the television sports jungle?

Spoiled by expanded television schedules, cable and TSN, I have acquired a bad taste like that left by Ju-Jube overdose.

I am not talking about the psychological or physiological horrors of being a weekend couch potato, although they may be important. I am upset about the overlapping seasons of sports.

Baseball, football and hockey, both professional and amateur, all share the months of September and October. Add to this boxing, soccer, and other back page sports and you have the conditions for my illness.

The medicine for rehabilitation and prevention are far from being discovered. A league with a lucrative television contract moves like a professor on tenure.

However when symptoms like lack of viewers and lower ticket sales strike the pockets of the Ballards and Pocklington's things may change.

Until then I'll be on the couch keeping an eye on the pennant race and hoping winter holds off so I can find my ski bunny and winterize my car.

## Soccer Bears victorious on southern Alberta swing

by Rod Campbell

The Alberta Golden Bears soccer team began their season in almost perfect fashion last weekend, winning road games in both Calgary and Lethbridge.

If that was not enough for coach Len Vickery and his squad, the news from the coast was just as favourable. Main rivals UBC and Victoria ended up in a 1-1 tie with each other, and although these are early days yet, these combinations of results leave the Bears firmly

placed at the top of their division.

Perhaps it was opening day jitters. Friday afternoon in Calgary. Whatever the reason, neither team looked very impressive until the Dinos opened the scoring in the 30th minute. It was to be the only flash of inspiration in a half that might be described as lacking in the finer points of soccer etiquette.

The Bears came out after the break much more determined than their counterparts and almost immediately took control.

Within 15 minutes they got their just reward with striker Hanjoo Kim getting the all important tying goal. Kim was on the spot to knock in the rebound from a fierce Rob Biro volley.

The Bears defense also began to dominate.

Particularly impressive was substitute Louis Picco who aptly contained the threat of Calgary danger-man, striker Mike Scullion.

With just ten minutes to play, last seasons top goal scorer Wendell Zerb slotted home the game win-

ner from a set piece orchestrated by fullback Frank Saperito.

In the end the Bears got the result they deserved. They can take consolation in playing below par in this scrappy affair, while still managing to come away with the 2-1 win.

Saturday in Lethbridge was a different kettle of fish. The Bears took control from the opening kick-off and never really gave Lethbridge an opportunity to play for the rest of the game.

Two goals in the first 30 minutes

by Sal Cammerata and Hanjoo Kim had the Pronghorns beginning to feel like it was to be a long afternoon. Rob Biro capped a fine performance scoring the Bears' third goal 15 minutes from time. The shutout was recorded by keeper David Hughes.

With the win, their second in two days, the six hour drive back to Edmonton must have appeared favorable, giving the players plenty of time to pleasantly contemplate the season's prospects.

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