

SPORTS

Redskins check out Fryer

Come March and April you'll notice the sports page(s) seem to be dwindling. It's no optical illusion, sports copy at the University is almost as scarce as an Oiler win. That leaves me, the sports editor, with the undertaking of gathering enough copy to fill the pages. That's nearly as difficult as sitting through a complete performance of Edmonton's new mime group known as the Edmonton Oilers, it becomes very boring watching them go through the motions.

Speaking of the Oilers, it seems that some creative individual has been suspending some satirical cartoons in the Coliseum, poking fun at everyone including his latest victim Wayne Overland. Before we leave the sport of hockey we should all pause for one minute of silence for Calgary's loss at the CIAU finals in Toronto. The Dinos fell upon the same fate as the football and basketball teams before them, they lost. That's three finals in one year. Actually the hockey team never made it to the final game, losing in the semi-final to Guelph, who were completely outclassed in the final by Toronto.

The CIAU made a mistake in buckling under to the CBC in setting up a format so that one final game could be televised. The play by play coverage of Tom McKee was as worthless as a thousand wooden nickels. McKee failed to get the right player's name with the number of his sweater on numerous occasions and was apologising for his bumbling throughout the broadcast. Any "knowledgeable tidbit" that he supplied to us was strictly from a publicity sheet in front of his nose. Something any moron could tell us.

The injustice of the tournament format is evident to everyone. Each team opened the tournament by playing an exhibition game which one coach said is ridiculous at this point in the season. Finally, one game can never decide the true winner of any hockey league. It's about time the CBC improved their coverage of sports on the college level and the CIAU should provide a playoff format (similar to last season) to ensure at least a best of three final and if the CBC wants to provide coverage befitting the occasion they can televise the duration of the series. If the CBC wants the CIAU to set up it's format simply to please the network the college body should have the conviction to tell the CBC to take McKee and the rest of their flunkys and stuff them.

By the way, it seems that some representatives of the Washington Redskins of the NFL were down last week to talk to Brian Fryer. Fryer must be convinced they want him as bad as Bobby Orr wants a knee operation. Fryer doesn't stand a chance of playing for George Allen, he hasn't started to collect old age pension yet. Youngsters (under 35) don't get too much of a chance to play on any of Allen's teams. Just ask Joe Theisman when he threw his last pass in a game. He'll probably tell you it was sometime back in Toronto.

Finally a reminder to take in the Volleyball match between the Cuban men's national team and our Canadian squad March 17 at Varsity Gym. Advance tickets (\$2.50 students, \$3.50 adults) are available at Mikes and the General Office Rm. 116 of the Phys. Ed. building.

Darrell Semenuk

Soccer team travels south

The Golden Bears Soccer Team has received an invitation to take part in the Washington State University Invitational Soccer Tournament this Spring. The Tournament will be held during next April 23 - 25, 1976. Eight universities from the Northwest area will be participating, including the University of Washington, Seattle Pacific College, Seattle University, and the University of British Columbia.

The invitation has been accepted and Soccer Coach Gerry Redmond is delighted with the prospect of such good competition and fine soccer weather. "We'd rather use budget funds on this fixture than have it available later for a snow-bound game or two next October," he said. "We have a nucleus of about 10 or 12 good players who will be eligible for the Intercollegiate season next Fall. If they could all participate in this Tournament, it might do a great deal for team morale, as well as help decide a few positions in the team."



Coach Gerry Redmond will take his Golden Bear Soccer team to Washington in April to compete in an Invitational Tournament involving 8 other teams.



The squad for the Tournament is 16 players with unlimited substitutions allowed. The Golden Bears are playing in the seven-a-side Edmonton Indoor League at the present time, which operates in the Kinsmen Fieldhouse. The Bears record in the league to date is: 6 wins, 3 losses, and 1 tie.

The highlights have been two victories over League leaders Edmonton Scottish, by 3-0, and over Polonia, by 3-2. Goalscorers for the Bears have been: Rob Macaulay 4, Matt Piscopo 4, Geoff Bird 4, Terry Kindrat 3, Malcolm Allen 2, Ian Franks 3, Derek Baker 1, Hector Calista 1, and Glenn Murphy 1.

The Indoor Soccer Bears have also been training once a week in the West Gym. But Redmond feels that more training will be necessary before the Tournament, especially outdoors if at all possible. He hopes that all of the 12 players in the Indoor squad will be able to go to the Washington tournament, and then four more players will be invited to go in addition to make up the necessary total of sixteen players. The extra players will be approached during the next week to see if they can make the trip.

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