

Soccer Bears slowed by injury

By Karl Wilberg

Some people don't waste any time. Peter Esdale's Golden Bears soccer team started on August 13 with a week-long training camp. Soon after, he and John Milligan took 14 players to southern California where they played four exhibition games. Last year the Bears did well in their first year of intercollegiate competition. Similarly, the soccer Bears have also started their second season well with two wins, a tie and two close losses.

Both Esdale and Milligan feel that the tour was both a success and good experience for the young team. However, they mention that injuries caused losses that a healthy squad may have prevented.

Certainly the Bears' success seems to reflect injuries to key players. At first, the healthy team scored a 2-1 victory against USIU and were victorious over California State. Interestingly, Esdale points out that they won the California State game in spite of rather poor play. However, after some injuries, the Bears lost to U.S.C. and San Diego State. The final game against California State Fullerton was a tie.

John Milligan stated that the injuries were accentuated by

the Bears' small numbers and the California schools' ability to play a fresh squad each half. Esdale said for the "first three games we were healthy" but soon, the 14 man team was reduced by Brian Wilson's knee injury, and a thigh injury to co-captain Bill McKonkey.

In addition, leading scorer and striker, Graham Fishburne, injured his knee during the last game. To make the tour more difficult, Claudia Perusco was hampered by an ankle injury from last year that is still painful. Consequently, Esdale believes Perusco could not play to his full potential.

In spite of these problems, Esdale maintains that the tour was beneficial. He states that the Bears were forced to play "five games all out" in a short period of time. He says that the 30° C. weather added to the tour's challenge. When asked if the team members had conditioning problems early in the season, Esdale replied: "most are in good shape" because "they play in major leagues" throughout the summer.

Not surprisingly, after last year's success, coach Esdale and his assistant Milligan are hopeful for this season. In fact, Milligan

believes that the team is a better one than last year's. Still, Milligan admits that the West Coast teams will be, as usual, tough competitors. However, if the team can overcome injury problems, its youth will promise success for this season, and in the

future.

Moreover, the Bears' well-attended soccer practises are a sign of soccer's increasing popularity in Alberta. Soccer is an exciting sport and one hopes that this building popularity can reach the level that exists on

other continents. You have a chance to see this interesting game, a descendent of barbaric village war-sports, September 15 and 16 when the University of Winnipeg plays against the U of A at 9:00 p.m.

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Terry Jonestown

OH NO MISTER BILL! the phrase so often heard amongst campus intellectuals is being cried by the Bears' hockey staff. New coach Bill Moores is hard pressed to cover for the selfish opportunism of Clare Drake and veteran hockey Bears. These ingrates have defected to the National hockey team in preparation for the Lake Placid Olympics. I've seldom heard of a less worthy cause. However, all is not lost if Bill Moores can recruit new talent to replace the old rogues. Bill, the rumor goes, is scouting the curling rinks and figure skating schools. Bill states "anybody that can stand on the ice has a chance of making the team. If you can skate backwards you're on. If you can raise the puck you'll be a real hero!"

GARY PROUSE, SUN SPORTS WRITER, DOESN'T WASTE WORDS, in fact he doesn't bother using his own. He uses mine. I suppose he quoted my column because he knows the place to get the real stories. Namely, the *Gateway*. It's widely known that Gary got his impressive skills, and hard nosed investigative attitude when he wrote for the Macleods Hardware Sale flyer. Gary also got great experience with the Sears Catalogue. I asked him if that's where he got his sense of taste and originality. He replied, "Well, most people don't expect a sports writer to know about these things, but I can wear a streaky denim polyester leisure suit with the rest of them".

ANY WAY YOU LOOK AT IT there is nowhere for the U of A Zeppelin team to go but down. The ever-wary U.A.B. commented that, in spite of a fee increase last year, there is not enough federal grant money to send the Graf Zembrau to the National Zeppelin Champs in Hull, Quebec. The team's record lately was not too good, but over the summer, trick modifications were made to the Graf Z. Rumor is that it can fly the Pacific Rim in 24 days.

BUT THE RESOURCEFUL U.A.B. BOYS haven't given up looking for funds. According to a source in the U.A.B. "we'd like to try, but it's too soon for another referendum." However, he warned that if money gets really tight "we can sell part of the athletics program to the private sector." The plan reportedly involves selling low-profile deadwood like the sports clubs and intramurals in order to fund, what my source termed, "the glamor boys, the intercollegiate teams that bring home the real goodies."

Can you play intercollegiate level hockey?

If you don't know, this is your year to find out. Bill Moores, U of A hockey coach wants interested players to try out for the hockey Bears. This year veteran Bears have followed

Drake to the National team. Consequently, there will never be a better year for hopeful players to make the team. For information, contact Bill Moores in W1-39 on September 12 at 5:00 p.m.



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