

## Soccer team aiming for playoffs

Alan Small



If the commissioners of professional sporting leagues had the guts of their predecessors, there would be fewer problems in the world of professional sports.

Problems seemed to be easy to solve back when Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis was the commissioner of baseball in the '20's. If someone was a detriment to the game of baseball, just give him his walking papers and tell him to hit the road.

That is exactly what he did with the eight ball players who threw the 1919 World Series. Matter of fact, that is what he did to anyone who knew anything about throwing any baseball games.

Back when NFL commissioner Pete Rozelle was just starting at his post, he suspended football greats Paul Hornung and Alex Karras just for betting on their own teams. No games were thrown. Just for speculating on their team's ability as a player and it cost them one year.

The NFL now is having problems with players 'flunking' their drug tests and having to sit out 30 days. Many of these guys are repeat offenders (Lawrence Taylor) and are not giving a serious attempt at rehabilitating themselves. Heck, I doubt that anyone could totally quit smoking in 30 days.

The drug problem in all sports is surpassing the gambling problem that baseball and football had; yet both baseball and football leagues keep telling that the drug problem will go away. What is needed to solve the drug problem in sport is to start setting some firm examples. The Chicago Black Sox were just examples, and it cured baseball of corruption; Hornung and Karras were just examples, and there is no talk in the media of players phoning up their bookies (if they have any at all) and betting on themselves. Maybe if Rozelle can get his mind back on football, rather than how much money he can get the owners, he would do something constructive with the problem of drugs.

All the NFL is doing right now is a gesture. "Why go through the short term pain," they say, "when we can remain where we are and just get the odd shot taken at us by columnists around the country? Once the playoff races come around, no one will be talking drug tests. They'll be talking about whether the Giants and the Bears will make the NFC final."

Kenesaw Mountain Landis didn't have enough evidence to say that the Black Sox were guilty beyond a shadow of a doubt. It would be interesting what Judge Landis would do now when he has lab results from urine samples. Very interesting.

by Alan Small

The Golden Bears were just one half away from making the Canada West playoffs for the first time since 1981. This year may be the one that will break that string of third and fourth place finishes.

What the Bears will have on the field is a veteran club. Fourteen players return from last year's club, one that finished 7-2-1 in the Canada West conference. From those players returning, are the team's two top scorers from a year ago: Salvi Cammarata, who had eight goals, and Dave Phillips who had seven.

Other returnees from a year ago are midfielders Rob Biro, Victor D'Andrea, Kevin Murtagh, Joe Parrottino, and John Simon. Returning on the defence are Stephen Frank, Jim Loughlin, John Noble, and Gary Kern. Besides Cammarata and Phillips, another returnee for the forwards is Paul Walters. Dave Hughes

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returns for his third year in goal for the Bears.

Adding some more talent up front, after a layoff from university soccer is Norm Odinga. Odinga played with the 1984 Olympic squad that made the quarter-finals in Los Angeles.

"He has world class pace," says Bear head coach Len Vickery of the high-scoring Odinga, who was slated to play for the U of A

last fall, except a knee injury kept him on the sidelines.

Another Bear of the past joins the club in October. Defender Burk Kaiser, who in 1986 made the CIAU first all-star team as a freshman.

"He's a dominating figure on defence," said Vickery of Kaiser, who was the captain of the World Cup Youth team that played in Chile last fall and tied Brazil and Italy, but lost to the Nigerians. That was the reason Kaiser didn't play at the U of A last year. The Bears will have to do without Kaiser until October, because he will try out for Canada's World Cup team, who play Guatemala in the qualifying round.

The only players the Bears lose this season are defender Louis Picco and midfielder Craig McKinney. Of the two, the loss of Picco will hurt the Bears the most, because the lanky Picco, who graduated in April, provided the leadership to a young group of defenders. McKinney's loss is notable as well; he notched five goals in Canada West play last season to leave him third among Bear scorers last season.

Look for the Bears to remain with their fast style of game, the same style that they used to much success last season. Vickery recruits his players with pace in mind.

"Our team will have lots of pace," says Vickery, "it reflects in the recruiting I've done, Rob Biro, and Dave Phillips have great pace. Kaiser has great pace for a defender. Every team would like players with the pace we have. We're just fortunate to have lads with the physical asset."

The Bears practice and play all of their home games at the Faculte St. Jean field (8406 91 street). Of the five home games this year, the two to watch are against Victoria and UBC, who are perennially top teams in the country. Victoria

## Bears hoop coach recalls Japan tour

by Alan Small

One of the most often heard questions you hear in the coffee klatches early in the morning in the year is "What did you do this summer?"

Unless you want a big case of envy, don't ask a member of the Golden Bears basketball team or their coaching staff what they did.

"We spent 12 days in Japan. It was a super trip," said Bears head coach Don Horwood.

With a summer holiday like that, Horwood wasn't even all that upset with the 1-4 record on the road trip.

"They had a very good ball club. It was their national B team, but they had two or three A team members playing for them," Horwood said.

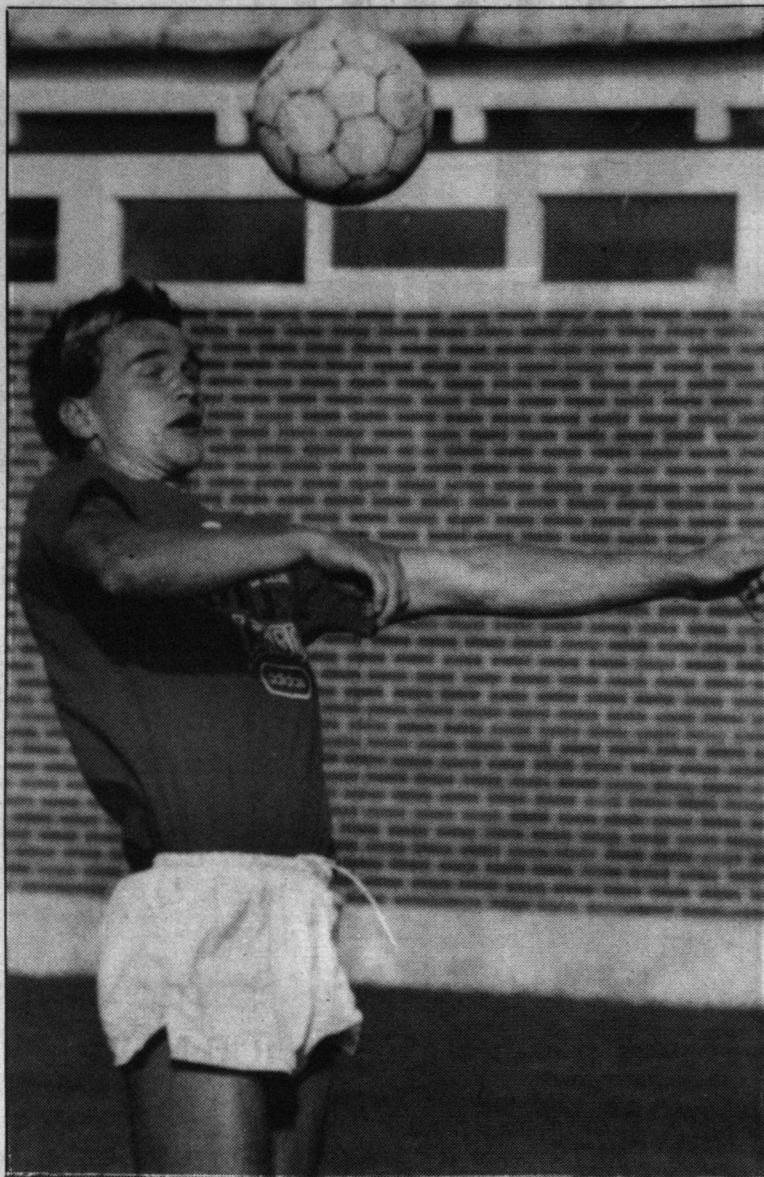
Rick Stanley led the Bears in game one, a loss, with 13 points as the Bears lost by four, 58-54. The Bears evened the score two

nights later with a 65-62 win, but then the Japanese won the next three 74-59, 75-73, and 89-71. Even the services of Bear alumni Mike Kornak didn't help.

"We were winning by three points at the half," said Horwood, of the final game, "but we were pretty tired. It was our fifth game in six nights. We were being tourists the whole time as well."

Horwood was surprised by the size that the Japanese put on the court. "You think of the stereotype of the short Japanese, but when you have 120 million people in a country, you can dig out some basketball players. They had a seven footer, a 6'9", a 6'8". They didn't have a player less than six feet," said Horwood.

Horwood has released the names of the seven other clubs that will be on hand for the Golden Bear Invitational basketball tourney between November 10-12. The big name is there defending CIAU champion Bran-



Golden Bear/Calgary Kicker Burk Kaiser heads the ball

won last year, but UBC grabbed three successive CIAU soccer titles before that. The Golden Bears know, that to get into the playoffs and get a chance at a western or a national title, they will have to beat those teams.

Last year, they tied BC at home but lost 1-0 in Vancouver. Victoria, a high scoring outfit, beat the Bears here last season in a heartbreaker. The Bears led 3-1 at the half, and a disastrous second half ended up costing the

don will be on the court.

"They're bringing their Tulane connection with them," said Horwood of the Bobcats, who are notorious for transferring basketball players from the New Orleans school. Their star player is CIAU player of the year Patrick Jebbison. Other teams arriving for the tourney are Manitoba,

Bears a playoff spot, as the Bears finished one point out of the playoffs and two points out of top spot. The Bears ended the season by beating the Vikes 3-2.

Those two teams come to town on September 30 (Victoria) and October 1 (UBC) for a double header of soccer nearly equal to CSL soccer. Those two games may very well mean the difference at a playoff spot for the Bears or another third place finish.

Western, Laurentian, Calgary, Regina, and UBC.

"UBC and Calgary will be very good," Horwood said. "Manitoba is a question mark however. Western's a perennial top ten club."

The Bears start their season on October 15, when they play their alumni in Varsity Gym.

## Bears knock off Oilers

by Ajay Bhardwaj  
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1,620 screaming fans greeted the U of A Golden Bears at their first game of the season. They defeated the Edmonton Oilers' rookies 5 - 2.

Stacey Wakabayshi opened the scoring for the Bears at 19:08 of the first period. Sid Cranston made it 2-0 14:12 of the second period. The Oilers narrowed it to 2-1 when Petro Koivunen beat Blair MacGregor just 36 seconds later.

Howie Draper surprised everyone by scoring the winning goal as he slid in a shot from the point that hit Oilers'

first round pick Francois Leroux and trickled into the net. But the Oilers refused to die. Martin Gelin, the forward who came over in the Gretzky trade, scored at 3:34 to make it 3 - 2.

Guy Paradis scored from the point on a hard slapshot with less than eight minutes to go. Sid Cranston scored his second with seven minutes to go to close out the scoring.

**IN THE CREASE:** Cranston had two goals and was first star, **Howie Draper** was second star and **Oiler Peter Soberlak** who had an assist was third star.

Rob Galbraith