



## Soccer Bears take two

by Harold Kuckertz

On their way to the Canada West Championship Tournament the Bears' soccer team won two more exhibition games over the last week. Last Wednesday night the Bears defeated the Edmonton All-Stars Select team in a close contest by a score of 2:1. On Saturday the team beat Calgary's First Division Champions Stoy United by a score of 2:0 in McMahon Stadium.

Both games indicated that the team is improving and, judging by Saturday's performance, coach Gerry Redmond should have a strong contender for the C.W.U.A. Soccer Tournament to be held here at the end of October.

Following a nervous start the Bears came to life in Wednesday's game after Matteo Piscopo had only hit the goal post with a questionable penalty shot in the 9th minute. While the Bears slightly dominated the game, their forwards missed numerous excellent opportunities to score. Similar to last year, inability to score seems to be the team's major problem.

The defence, also raised some concern because it sometimes tackled the opposition's forwards too late. Fortunately, the Bears could rely on goalkeeper Peter Dickie

who played a steady game just as the other Bear goalie Ed Staszuk did who played for the All Stars.

Both Bears' goals against the All Stars came in the second half; in the 54th minute Derek Baker connected on a pass from Doug Potiuk and Bob Hrsak netted the winner in the 70th minute.

The most beautiful goal of the game on a high shot by Bill McConkey into the right corner, was disallowed because one of his team-mates was off-side.

The All-Stars closed the score to 2:1 with eight minutes left in the game and put tremendous pressure on the Bears during the remaining minutes. The Select team came very close to the equalizer with three minutes left when Jim Fiorillo headed the ball off the goalline after Peter Dickie had already been beaten.

Saturday's game against Stoy United saw a vastly improved Bears team. The Bears success resulted primarily from their superiority in midfield where Ian Smith and Glenn Murphy outplayed their opposition. Hardworking and technically excellent, Ian Smith is definitely a welcome addition to this year's team.

Lead by Geoff Bird who played his best game so far this year, the defence tightened up

and played a very strong and aggressive game. The Bears' forwards still lacked poise in front of the opposition's goal but an improvement was also noticeable in this area.

The Bears' goals were scored by Doug Potiuk (27th minute) and by Terry Kindrat (77th minute), the latter capitalizing on a mistake of the Calgary defence when he intercepted a pass to their goalie to score the insurance marker.

The Bears might have scored another goal but Stoy United conceded the game with ten minutes left because another soccer game was scheduled to start in McMahon.

Coach Redmond was pleased with the performance of his team in both games. "I think we're getting better. We still need to score more goals, they're not taking all the chances." The coach hopes that this weakness can be ironed out before the big tournament.

Two tough tests await the Bears before they play the first tournament game in Saskatchewan on October 25. The team will play the national champions U.B.C. in Vancouver this afternoon, and they will meet the University of Victoria tomorrow. These two games will reveal the real potential of the Bears in respect to the C.W.U.A.A. Tournament.

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#### Football Autopsy

Granted, it's a bit early for a post-mortem on the football Bears - I mean, there ARE still three regular season games left, and I suppose locusts could kill off the entire population of Saskatchewan, and maybe Calgary running back Dan "The Franchise" Diduck might quit football, thereby leaving Bears with a battle for a playoff spot.

But Saskatchewan's NDP government has a deal with the Big Game: locusts, and Diduck has a shot at all the rushing records, so it appears likely that the Bears will soon be supplying fans with "Wait till next year" signs, in anticipation of better luck next time.

This will come as no surprise to anyone who has attended a Bears home game this season but, anyway:

The Green and Gold finished as also-rans this year because they lack a bonafide college quarterback WITH EXPERIENCE, and because of inconsistent defensive play. There. Now you know, and you don't have to ask. But wait.

Brian Larsen will be a good quarterback next year, if he's still around. And the defence, with only about 5 semi-regulars returning, couldn't have been expected to work miracles.

"Wait Till Next Year" is a fact of life for a rebuilding ball club.

It's a great pity that next year, when Larsen has matured and the defence has stabilized once again, Bears will have lost their (and possibly the league's) two finest offensive football players, Dalton Smarsh and Brian Fryer.

#### Women's Intramurals (!)

The second annual Women's Intramural Turkey Trot was held on Thurs. Oct. 9. The mile long steeple-chase type race saw twenty comically clad characters racewalking, running forwards, backwards, over, under and through numerous obstacles. First prize, appropriately enough, went to Penny Lightfoot from Rehab. Méd; second prize went to 2 turkeys - Aurora Hamilton and Sue Inglis from P.E. Grads (the Siamese turkeys); third prize went to Karen Daley also from Rehab. Méd.

Lacrosse Anyone? If you're interested in learning the game show up tonight at Lister Field (behind residence) at 5 p.m.

There will be instruction followed by some games.

Volleyball schedules are now posted. Check the schedule and avoid any defaults please!

The deadline for curling is Monday, Oct. 20. If you are interested in participating, but haven't got a team, sign up anyway - we'll put you on a team! Instruction will be provided for this event also, with bonspiel to follow:

The Phys. Ed. team emerged as the winners of the Inner-tube Water Polo finals on Wednesday night. They won the hard fight against Lower Kelsey in the last game.

## Grid Bears kiss playoff hopes goodbye

by Cam Cole

The Golden Bears' playoff aspirations, which were slim enough last week while the club had a 2-2 record, have all but vanished as the result of a 32-15 drubbing at the hands of the University of Saskatchewan Huskies on Saturday in Saskatoon.

A packed house at Griffiths Stadium watched as the Bears, playing gutsy if not exactly polished ball, held a 9-7-half-time lead.

But the Huskies, superior in size, strength, experience, and most important, quarterbacking, really rolled over the young Alberta team in the second half, as Barrie Fraser skillfully directed an overpowering Saskatchewan attack that notched 25 points in the closing thirty minutes.

The Bears, meanwhile, were having their problems handling the strong Huskie defence, and couldn't build up any momentum, particularly against Saskatchewan's front four, which averages 4 inches taller and 30 pounds heavier than the Bears' offensive line.

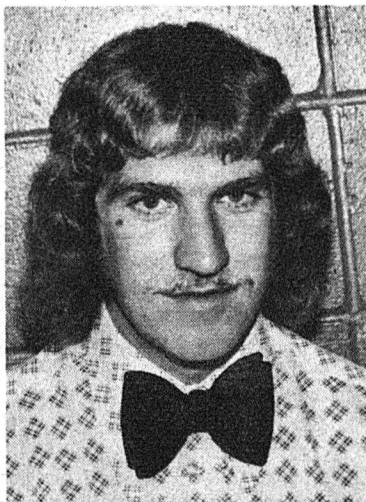
As well, the Albertans suffered a relapse of the same disease that has infected their ranks since the opening game - mistakes caused by inexperience.

Bears' kicking game, which had looked promising the week before, was only so-so again, with Brian Fryer kicking 9 times for a 35-yard average and Joe Poplawski having a field goal and a convert blocked at the line of scrimmage.

In other games, Alberta has squeezed out of jams by having The Big Play (usually a million mile pass to Fryer or Poplawski) to fall back on, but even the old standbys failed them Saturday.

Fryer's kickoff and punt return were eliminated by well-prepared Saskatchewan kick coverage teams, and Bears' few attempts at razzle-dazzle plays all went for nought, with the exception of a well-executed short kickoff by Poplawski, which Dennis Holowaychuk tipped out of bounds in the second quarter. (Other plays in Alberta's wow-'em playbook included a halfback option pass by Pat Barry which fell short, and three attempted passes by Fryer, lining up in shorgun formation, two of which were completed to Saskatchewan defenders.)

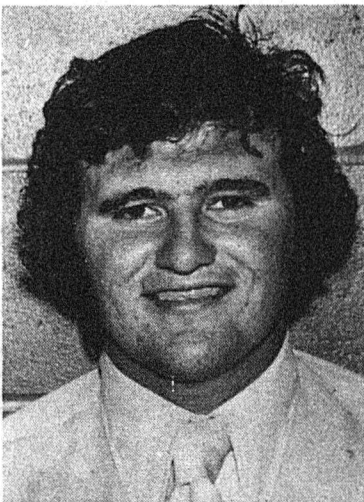
The game, which was close until midway through the third quarter, turned in the Huskies' favor when a shanked punt by Fryer gave Saskatchewan good field position, which they quickly converted into seven points on a 54-yard pass-and-run from



Brian Fryer

Fraser to fullback Tom Chad. Moments later, another punt by Fryer, this time a good one, was returned even farther, by Huskies' Tom Archibald, giving place kicker Dave Osiowy the chance to put Saskatchewan ahead 23-9, with his first of two field goals. That just about put the game out of sight of the Bears.

Other Saskatchewan major scores were by wide receiver Larry Giles, catching a 12-yard pass from Fraser, Chad again, on a 6-yard sweep in the first half, and the coup de grace by Ken Platz whom Fraser found wide open in the end zone to



Errol Moen

complete the Huskies' scoring.

Pat Barry gave the Bears their first six points, catching a swing pass and plowing 9 yards into the Saskatchewan end zone in the second quarter. Poplawski missed the convert, but kicked a 17-yard field goal before the half ended. Bears only other points came on a 32-yard run by Fryer after he had hauled in a Larsen pass late in the game. He finished up with 10 receptions for 160 yards, and is pulling away from the pack in the receptions department of the WIFL.

Bears' leading rusher was (guess who?) Dalton Smarsh

with 24 carries and 99 yards, the first time Smarsh has been held to less than 100 yards this season. Saskatchewan's leading ground gainer was Chad, carrying 15 times for 76 yards.

Giles caught only 5 passes, but got 121 yards from them, while Chad caught 2 for 69 yards.

The weekend's play did more than entrench the Golden Bears firmly in fourth spot - it also served to break up the standings nicely.

Saskatchewan is now all alone on top at 4 wins and 1 loss, with the idle Calgary Dinosaurs second at 3-1, and UBC in third at 3-2 by virtue of a 56-25 win over Manitoba Saturday. Bears are fourth at 2-3, and Manitoba, 0-5, were out of it long ago.

Bears picked up a couple of minor hurts in Saskatoon. Veteran defensive lineman Errol Moen suffered a mild concussion early in the game, and missed most of the contest as a result. Joe Poplawski was tackled out of bounds, directly on top of a manhole cover, but came back to kick when needed.

Saturday at Varsity Stadium, the Manitoba Bisons are here for the Bears' Homecoming weekend game. Game time is 2:00 p.m.