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SHAKING UP THE BACK END Quentin Zalazar (2) defends against the Fraser Valley attack during Sunday's game.

Cascades sneak in soccer draw

ROBIN COLLUM
Sports Editor

The Bears soccer team thought they had Sunday's match in the bag after a disappointing loss to Trinity Western on Saturday afternoon, but they hadn't counted on the University College of the Fraser Valley (3-5-2) getting a last-minute goal off a free kick in injury time. Alberta (4-3-3) had to make do with a 2-2 tie to go with their 2-1 loss to TWU (8-2-0).

It was the second time this season the Bears have faced TWU and UCFV after starting the season off with two losses while visiting the coastal squads.

"I'm a little disappointed," Alberta forward John Konye lamented after Sunday's tie. "I thought we had a win today, and we just lost it at the end. As compared to the first weekend, though, when we played the same teams, it was better. It's a positive that we've made improvements, but I think we can still play better."

The Bears got off to a slow start on Saturday, not able to respond to UCFV's 19th-minute goal until the second half, when forward Brett Colvin equalized in the 65th minute, having been set up on a pass from Junior Castrillon-Rendon. Four minutes later, Konye made it 2-1. The Bears' sole Saturday goal came from Erik Kuhn in the 17th minute.

"I'm glad we came out of here with

a tie," said Cascades forward Spencer Schmidt, who scored UCFV's first goal and took the free kick that prompted their injury-time goal by Brent Wantke. "We got kind of lucky scoring a goal in the last minute, but we'll take it. It's better than a loss, for sure."

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BEARS FORWARD

"It was a little bit disappointing there at the end, but it was better than [Saturday], so we'll take what we can," Colvin said, echoing Konye after Sunday's loss. "We definitely expected to beat Fraser Valley. Trinity we knew we were going to have a tough time with, and even though 2-1 is a lot better than last time, it's very disappointing. It wasn't what we were looking for out of the weekend."

Bears head coach Len Vickery agreed with his players' assessment of the games, saying he wasn't ecstatic about

the results, but was pleased with the commitment the squad showed on Sunday. In his opinion though, the match against Trinity was a slightly different story.

"I would have liked to have seen the players to get a little bit of success out of [Saturday's] game because we know we're not that far off," he said. "But we didn't start the game very strongly, and that's something we've got to learn: that we can't afford to wait until something happens, whether it's good or bad, before we start to play. Unfortunately, yesterday we decided to play after we hit 2-0 behind."

Though the teams were fortunate to have a sunny weekend rather than the snow that threatens many mid-October games, the strong wind was a factor on Sunday, affecting UCFV in particular as it blew from the south up the pitch.

"It's a funny thing. The wind was blowing against us in the first half, [and] normally when you've got the wind behind you, you're a bit stronger and can launch the ball forward, so something I said is that we've got to keep the ball down and pass the ball, and I thought we did that in the first half," Cascades head coach Alan Errington said. "In the second, I still wanted us to pass the ball, but when you get the wind the way it is, it's tempting to start launching missiles out front there."

hat trick, and along with goals from Cami Wooster and Leah Copeland, the Pandas won 5-2.

Field hockey puts Dinos in dirt

The U of A field hockey team (3-4-3) avenged their lacklustre performance—a pair of draws—against Calgary (0-8-2) two weeks ago by trouncing the Dinos on their home turf on the weekend. With goals from Jennifer Zwicker and Rachel Sanders, the Pandas posted a 2-0 victory on Saturday afternoon, and on Sunday they beat the Hockeysaurs 4-1 thanks to scoring by Erin Mason, Zwicker, Kelly Suto, and Julianna Cormier.

The Pandas are still ranked third of four teams in Canada West, but the weekend's victories have put them only six points behind second-place Victoria and are sure to have injected a welcome burst of confidence into the lineup.

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SPORTS SHORTS

By Robin Collum

Rams gore Bears, don't win Nobel

It was bad news for the Bears (2-5) this weekend, as they lost another game—this time 35-16 to the Regina Rams (5-1). The latest defeat puts the beleaguered team second-last in Canada West.

The major thorn in Alberta's paw on Saturday was Rams wide receiver Jason Sisco. He rushed for two touchdowns, and caught one, with his 228 receiving yards setting a school single-game record.

If the Bears want to make it to playoffs, they absolutely have to win next Saturday at home against Saskatchewan, and UBC has to beat Calgary.

Seven's heaven for soccer Pandas

The Pandas soccer team (5-5-0) split

the weekend, but at least they finished on a happy note, putting up a 7-0 score in Sunday's game against last-place Regina (0-8-2) after a 3-2 loss the day before at Manitoba (8-2-0). Goals that day came from Veronique Mayer and Lauren Kruper.

Sunday's scoring frenzy came courtesy of two from Danielle Stewart, as well as one each from Lyndsay Stewart, Laura Maternisz, Mayer, Lisa Jennings, and Christina Le.

Shouldn't it be a "helmet trick"?

While the Bears were enjoying a quick ride to Calgary and back, the Pandas hockey team was stuck on the long slog to Regina to play the Cougars. The trek paid off for them big time, luckily: they came back home with two big wins under their belt.

On Friday night, Jennifer Newton and Rayanne Reeve each put a pair in the net, making for a comfortable 4-2 victory. Saturday night's game saw an even more spectacular result: Mia Mucci notched a