

GATEWAY TO sports

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Alex Hardy Sports Chatter

The University of Alberta, nestled in the rich, southwest section of Edmonton, is rapidly becoming Canada's outstanding campus.

Pockmarked with modern architectural structures towering alongside rapidly-disappearing landmarks, the university has built a proud tradition of academic excellence since its foundation in 1906.

In the last two years, with the completion of a new Library for Advanced Study and Research, a new Education Building, a Structural Engineering Laboratory and a Nuclear Research Laboratory, among others, Alberta has blossomed in its intellectual attainments. Students now congregate on its campus from all parts of the world. In short, there is a great deal going on academically.

During the past five years, however, Alberta's progress in athletics has exploded at an even faster rate than its academic forward motion.

The athletic boom started in 1960, when a glossy, three-building Physical Education complex was completed. In the four years since, the new sports complex has been a primary force behind Alberta's emergence as the No. 1 sports university in the nation.

The Physical Education complex houses a swimming pool, an ice area, two gymnasiums, hand ball courts, wrestling room, weight-training room, and gymnastics and individual exercise rooms. Students are urged, especially during the physical education course compulsory for all freshmen, to take advantage of the outstanding set of facilities offered.

Results Were Quick To Come

Results of the increased emphasis on athletics were quick to come. The university's Golden Bear football team was the first to taste success, winning Canadian college football's Golden Bowl (unofficial national championship) in 1963. Last fall the Bears breezed to an undefeated eight-game season and No. 1 ranking in the country.



DR. VAN VLIET

Alberta's performance in intercollegiate athletes during the past few years is beginning to sound like a broken record. Success has been heaped upon success.

Alberta's athletic teams, both men's and women's, are well worth watching. No better chance exists than this Varsity Guest Weekend, the biggest sports weekend of the year.

Life for Golden Bear head coach Gino Fracas has been one win after another, with work in between. In his two years as head coach, his tough, spirited teams have lost only once.

The Golden Bear hockey team, coached by Clare Drake, brought more glory last spring by sweeping to the Canadian college title at Kingston, Ont. Key roles in the triumph were played by a pair of Eastern Canadian transfers, Howie Green and Rod "Butch" Hyde, attracted by Alberta's unequalled graduate study program.

A great deal of the credit for Alberta's amazing athletic upsurge has rightfully gone to Dr. M. L. Van Vliet, dean of the faculty of physical education.

Fourteen months ago the university board of governors, recognizing the upsurge, approved a change of the school of physical education to faculty status. The change became effective April 1, 1964, establishing at Alberta the first faculty of physical education in the British Commonwealth. The faculty at present has the largest number of specially-trained staff members of any university in Canada.

Golden Bears Meet Huskies In Twin Bill This Weekend

By Larry Duignan

The stage is set at Varsity Gym tonight for a basketball series that will likely decide western Canada's representatives in the dominion finals at Halifax in March.

The University of Saskatchewan Huskies, sporting a 4-4 record with two games in hand over the 6-4 Golden Bears, meet Alberta's Golden Bears.

The Sled Dogs, who twice defeated the UAC Dinosaurs last weekend, have put forth the possibility of a four-way tie for first place. However, in view of the fact that the Bears are undefeated at home this year, the possibility of the Huskies accomplishing a double triumph is dim.

As this is the final series of the regular schedule for the local five, an all-out effort may be anticipated, not only to win, but to tally as many points in as short a period as possible. Because there is a chance of a tie if the Bears drop one or both games, a good points-for-and-against average will be necessary if the Bears are to have the home court in a play-off. Game time is 8:30 p.m. Friday, 8:00 p.m. Saturday.

The standings in the 12-game season to date show UAC finished

with a 6-6 record and are presently tied for first place with Edmonton. Trailing them are the Huskies, who have two fewer losses than the Manitoba Bisons.

This weekend the players to watch in the white-and-green uniforms are guards Bob Babki and Trev Treen, as well as 6'6" center Robin Fry.

Treen and Babki have each had their best season to date, scoring over twenty points each in the previous loss they handed to the local cagers in Saskatoon. Fry who was the big gun for the Huskies last year has had a rather disappointing season so far but is certainly due for a hot weekend.

The hottest element on the Edmonton stove at the moment has to be Nestor Korchinsky, who recently has been jumping, shooting, rebounding and dunking the ball like no other center in the conference.

At the beginning of the season the 6'5" Vegreville product tended to be somewhat lax. However, since he captured the league one-game rebounding record only two weeks ago he has been averaging 18 points a game since.

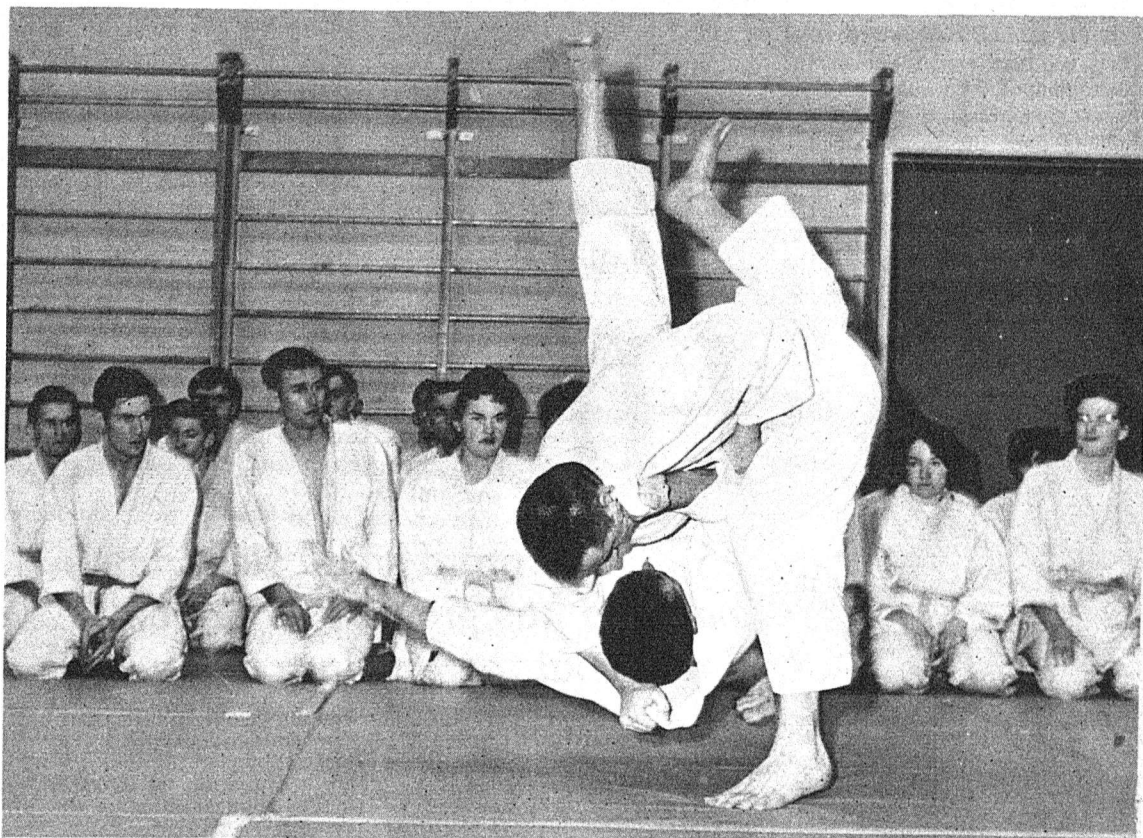
Big things are also expected from Darwin Semotiuk this weekend as well.

Darwin has accumulated more court time than any of his teammates and is the main playmaker for the U of A crew. Accompanying the Vic Comp grad in the rear court will be Fred Shandro, who is also the team captain.

On the forecourt are John Hennessy and Barry Mitchelson, both of whom have reaped their share of the laurels this season. Between the two of them they are good for at least 35 points on any given night. However Mitchelson has recently been neglecting to follow his shots to the boards and thus most of his rebounds are gathered from the defensive position.

Rumor also has it that the services of Jim Fisher are being sought for this series. Jim who has had three good seasons with the Bears dropped out this year due to studies and marriage. If Fisher does come out he will probably see much action in the relief role up front as will rookie Bruce Blumell in the backcourt.

All in all, the show appears to be a big one, and with a dance following each game, the crowd is expected to be in excess of 1,000 patrons on both nights.



UP AND OVER—Ken Shannon employs a tai-otoshi throw on Mike Demaine during a workout of the University of Alberta judo club. The sport is gaining steadily in popularity in Canada, and has a large following at U of A. The U of A club meets thrice weekly under the guidance of instructor Ray Kelly. Top members of the club will compete Saturday in the Jasper Place tournament. Scheduled for St. Francis Xavier Composite high school beginning at 5 p.m., the tourney will bring together judoists from throughout the province. The U of A club will hold its own tournament March 20.

Bruin Icers Fight To Repeat

By Gary Kiernan

All the teams that compete in men's intercollegiate sports from the University of Alberta go by the name of the Golden Bears.

This is confusing enough in its own right, but the situation becomes even worse when some of the men compete in two or more sports. Such is the case with Howie Green and Dick Wintermute, who don cleats in the autumn and skates in the winter.

With the likes of these two joining forces with men like Brian Harper, Ed Wahl, Duane Lungren and Ralph Jorstad, the U of A pucksters are indeed a formidable

crew. This is evident when consulting their record over the past two seasons.

Last year, led by captain Dick Wintermute, the Bruins travelled to Kingston and returned with the Intercollegiate Championship giving U of A two Dominion titles in one year. This year they are fighting to repeat.

In a league that is far superior to last year's, Bears are fighting to get the top honors, like they've never fought before. At present, they have 14 points on the strength of seven wins in ten games. This puts Bears on top, but the U of M Bisons are running a very close

second with 12 points and two games in hand on the Bruins. If Bears are to again take the WCIAA honors and represent the west in the Dominion Championships, they must win the rest of their games and the third place U of S Huskies must defeat the Bisons twice. If Bisons and Huskies split there weekend twin bill, a two way tie for first spot would result and if the Bisons defeat the Huskies in both games, the U of A squad will wind up in second spot.

The Dominion Intercollegiate Championships are slated for March and are to be played this season in Edmonton.