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-photo by Eric Seeman ALBERTA'S DON MEIKLE ... struts his stuff

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# **Basketballers continue to roll along** in search of WCIAA league title

By JOE CZAJKOWSKI Bears 70 Wesmen 53 Bears 105 Wesmen 57

WINNIPEG-When in Manitoba, play as the Manitobans do.

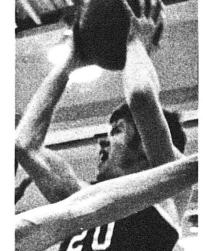
Alberta Golden Bears did just that in walking over the University of Winnipeg Wesmen 70-53 and 105-57. It took the better part of Fri-

day's squareoff, however, for the Bears to adjust to the matchbox sized gymnasium and a different interpretation of the rule book

here. "It's difficult to play on a court this size," said Bear coach Barry Mitchelson, "You just can't run the seams as well." Friday's contest was a dull, plod-ding affair largely controlled by the officials. The game stayed close as a result.

as a result. The Wesmen started strong and held a short lead in the early minutes of the encounter only to lose it when big, little Bob Morris come off the bench to light a fire under

the Bears. Warren Champion and Dick De-Klerk ran into foul trouble early and sat out most of the contest



BOUNCIN' BOB MORRIS ... puts one up

Second stringers closed the half at 30-26 for the Bears.

The second frame opened up a bit.

Wesmen again came out strong

### Rick Danielson all round champ as U of A, UBC dominate gymnastics

The University of British Co-lumbia and University of Alberta took top honors in the WCIAA Gymnastic Championships held on the weekend in Edmonton.

Alberta took the men's title while B.C. captured the women's crown. The hosts edged out Saskatchewan by nine points in the former, while the coast club held a 10 point margin over Saskatchewan in the latter event.

#### DANIELSON TOPS

Rick Danielson was the indi-vidual all round champion. The Alberta performer, who won top honors in the nation in intercol-legiate finals two years ago, nosed out Tim Sedgewick of Saskatchewan by .35 of a point. Third place went to Don Meikle of the host university.

The women's individual title

was captured by Sandra Hartley of UBC who held an eight point margin over second place finisher Patti Sebatsyen of Saskatchewan.

There were a total of 18 competitors in the male division, while 23 women registered for their events.

Coach Geoff Elliot of the Alberta squad plans to select three members of his team to journey to Seattle in two weeks time for the Pacific Northwest Championships. The competition there should give the Albertans their stiffest test of the season, as gymnasts from all over the United States and Canada will be in attendance.

The national intercollegiate championships this year are scheduled for the east, and by the looks of things Alberta will once again be fielding a strong contender.

in the opening minutes but couldn't match the Alberta bench strength. Morris led the winners with 19

points. DeKlerk added 18 and Lar-ry Nowak 13. Al Melnychuk also broke double figures with 10. Ron Unruh and Bill Irwin replied for the losers with 15 apiece

DIFFERENT STORY

Saturday's game was an entirely different story.

The Bears got rolling early and it was no contest. The visitors proceeded to run the Wesmen right out of the gym.

Oddly enough, even though the game was one-sided, it was a much better affair for the fans than Friday's. Action was end to end.

Another oddity was the large number of Alberta fans in attend-ance. Alberta students in Winnipeg for the Western Canada Physical Education Conference took in the game.

Mitchelson said after the game that their moral support had a lot to do with his team's breaking the century mark. "They sat behind our bench and yelled and yelled," he said. "The guys really appreci-ated it."

The Bears waltzed to an easy 44-29 halftime margin. Champion and DeKlerk came on strong in the second half and the game was as good as over.

DeKlerk netted 23 points, with Champion close behind as 20. Morris had 17 and Dave Swann came through with 10. Rich Macey was the big gun for the Wesmen with 22.

In other WCIAA league action, Manitoba Bisons topped Saskatchewan twice, 87-69 and 97-73. Regina Cougars took two from Calgary Dinosaurs 88-59 and 77-62.

Meanwhile in WCIAA judo finals here, alberta finished up on top as they upset all comers.

### **BASKETBALL STANDINGS**

	GP	W	L	Pct GBL	
Alberta	14	14	0	1.000	
Manitoba	14	11	3	.786	3
Sask.	16	8	8	.500	7
Regina	16	6	10	.375	9
Winnipeg	16	4	12	.250	11
Calgary	16	3	13	.188	12



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