

Panda swimmers open with a win

by Curtis Dumonceaux

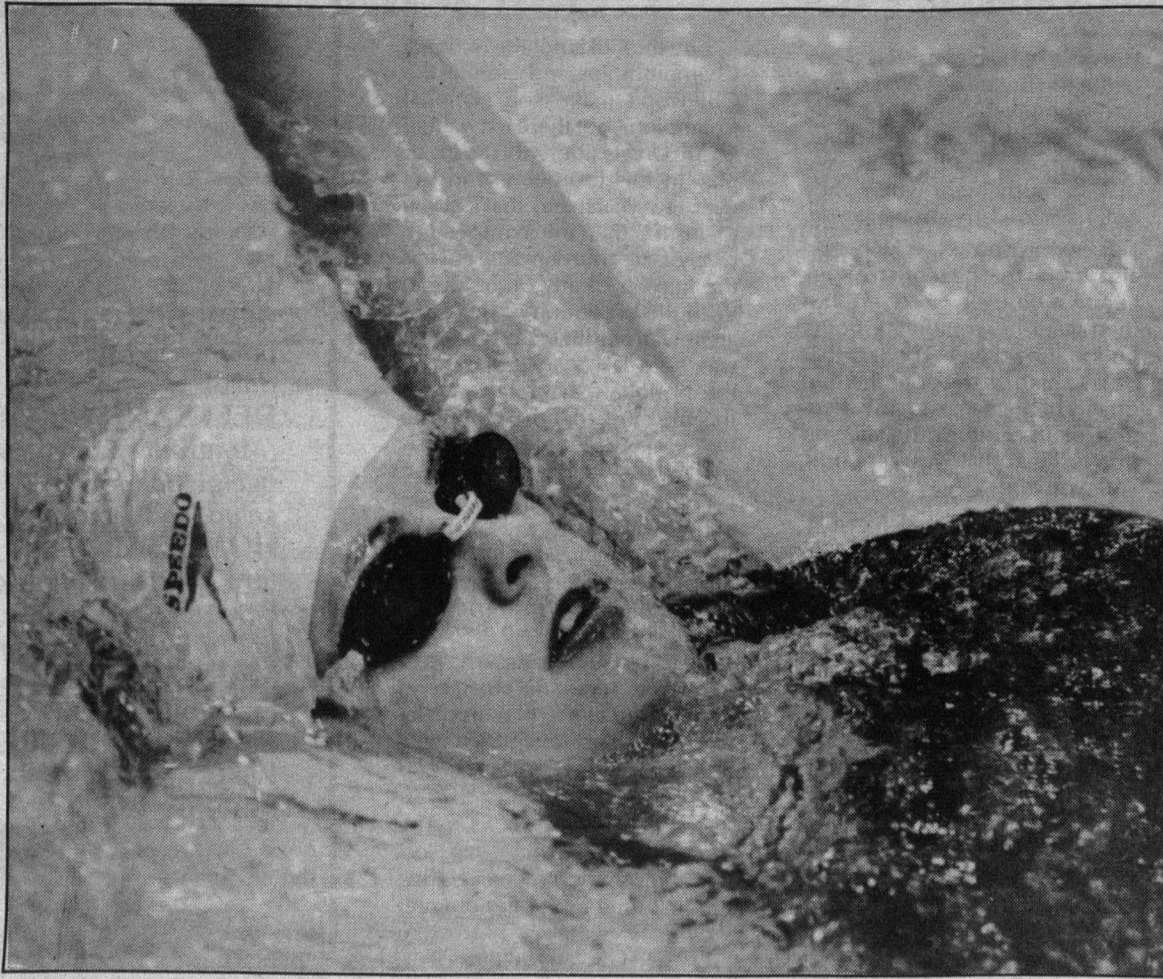
The University of Alberta Swim Team opened up the 1989-90 home season against the University of Calgary Dinosaurs. The Pandas had an impressive showing, totalling 66 points versus the U of C's 25. The Bears, however, were not as successful, only managing 38 points against Calgary's 56.

Head Coach Dave Johnson was optimistic about the team's performance. "The women performed exceptionally well. The men were competing against the CIAU champions, and with a few top nationally ranked swimmers. They were tough. I think they did pretty well, but they have some improving to do."

On the women's side, Johnson was most impressed with Debbie Gaudin and Anne Taylor. "They had very good times today," he said. Gaudin had a first place finish in the 200m freestyle and a first in the 100m freestyle. Taylor had a first in the 200m butterfly and a second in 200m individual medley. Johnson was also pleased with the women's 400m freestyle relay. "They were very strong and had a good time," he said.

Among the exceptional performances of the men were Chris Bowie who had firsts in the 800m freestyle and the 400m freestyle. Also, John Mohr had a first in the 200m butterfly and a second in the 200m backstroke. Johnson was pleased with these two men's performances plus Dave Goodkey who clocked 57.99 seconds for the 100m freestyle.

"I had a better time than last week in Washington. when you can improve your time within a week, you know you're doing well,"



The Panda swim team defeated the U of C Dinosaurs 66-25, while the Bears lost to Calgary 56-38 on the weekend.

Goodkey said. He also stated that one of his goals this season is to better his U of A record of 50.73 seconds (for the 100 free), as well as to be ranked in the top 50 in the world. "My coach and I are pretty confident that I can do it," he said. "Right now we're tapering, doing

more quality training to prepare for meets."

Johnson thinks that the team is doing well in practise. "We're well ahead of where we were last year. Some of the swimmers are now preparing for the Commonwealth trials and they will certainly be

missed when they are gone."

"This year is going to be challenging. Hopefully we'll try to do the same as last year and maybe a little more. The University of British Columbia will be a challenge, and the U of C Dinosaurs are always going to be tough."

UofC looks strong

by Peter McKiernan

The University of Calgary Dinosaurs Men's swimming team demonstrated once again, why they were last year's CIAU swimming champions. The Dinos soundly defeated their Golden Bear rivals in last Friday's swim meet at the West Pool.

Just back from training camp in Arizona, the Dinosaurs looked very impressive against a strong Golden Bear swim team. Dino Mike Woolhouse proved to be



in excellent form, winning the men's 200m freestyle, 200m backstroke, and anchoring the winning men's 400m freestyle relay team.

Assistant coach Mike Blondal predicts his Dino team will "win the men's CIAU swimming title again." Blondal also hopes to place at least nine members of the men's and women's teams on Canada's national team for the Commonwealth Games.

The Dinosaurs' female counterparts, faced the defending champion Pandas and like in the past didn't fare too well. The Dinosaurs won only three of eleven events. A bright spot for the Dinosaurs though, was the excellent performance of possible future swim team members who competed in exhibition events.

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Thibodeau returns favor

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Thibodeau's and the Department of Athletics' way of saying "Thanks" to these staff members for their help and support that has allowed Thibodeau to come back and play with the Bears again this season. In mid-August, Thibodeau approached Dale Schulha about the possibility of the Department doing something that would recognize this contribution. The result is the proceedings that are going on tonight.

Proceeds from the sale of tickets will be going to the Cross Cancer

Institute, on behalf of the Department of Athletics, to purchase a new computer for the department of Medicine at the Institute. In addition to the involvement of the Department a couple of other groups have decided to show their support for this fine Edmonton facility. FM88/CJSR, campus radio, had a raffle for some season passes to all Golden Bear and Panda events. Half of the proceeds from this raffle will be donated to the Cross on behalf of the Department and the other half will go towards CJSR's Drive for 500 (watts).

As well, the Arts Students' Association donated \$50.00 and challenged all other groups in Friday's Cheer Challenge and on the rest of campus to match or beat this donation.

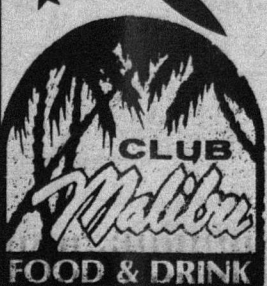
Friday was Thib's night to say thanks to the Cross Cancer Institute for allowing us to see a fine hockey player like Gord Thibodeau win the biggest battle that he has faced so far. Hopefully, with the help of you fans and other groups on campus, the will be able to help other individuals, like Thibodeau, realize their goal of complete recovery.

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Baudin said. Many of the Bears have played with Edwards and they know him well too.

Although Calgary did lose some key players, they have tried to replace them more than adequately. Their biggest acquisition may have been setter Jeff Wenzel, who was courted by many Canada West schools. He's played on the Canada Summer Games team for two seasons.

"We'll have to serve tactically to stop him from making fancy plays." Furthermore, Baudin believes that Wenzel will have a difficult time playing in the main gym. "It's tough to pass in our gym. We have old fashion ventilation which makes it hard to run a fancy offence."

Wenzel's size may also help the Bears. "He isn't very big," Baudin said. "He's not a great blocker so we'll pick on that. If we're successful, we'll have a chance. I predict a pretty close match."

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