

U of A leaves BC in bubbles

by Karl Wilberg

The U of A sunk a highly rated UBC swim squad by a narrow 144-141 margin. Coach John Hogg was pleased with the upset and in particular mentioned good swims from Brant DeBrisay. The womens team lost 142-125 to UBC, but still managed "steady performances" according to Hogg.

Although the U of A's strength lies in long distance events, DeBrisay picked up firsts in the 200m and 400m freestyle. In fact DeBrisay set a new club record for the 200 with a 1:45.4 time.

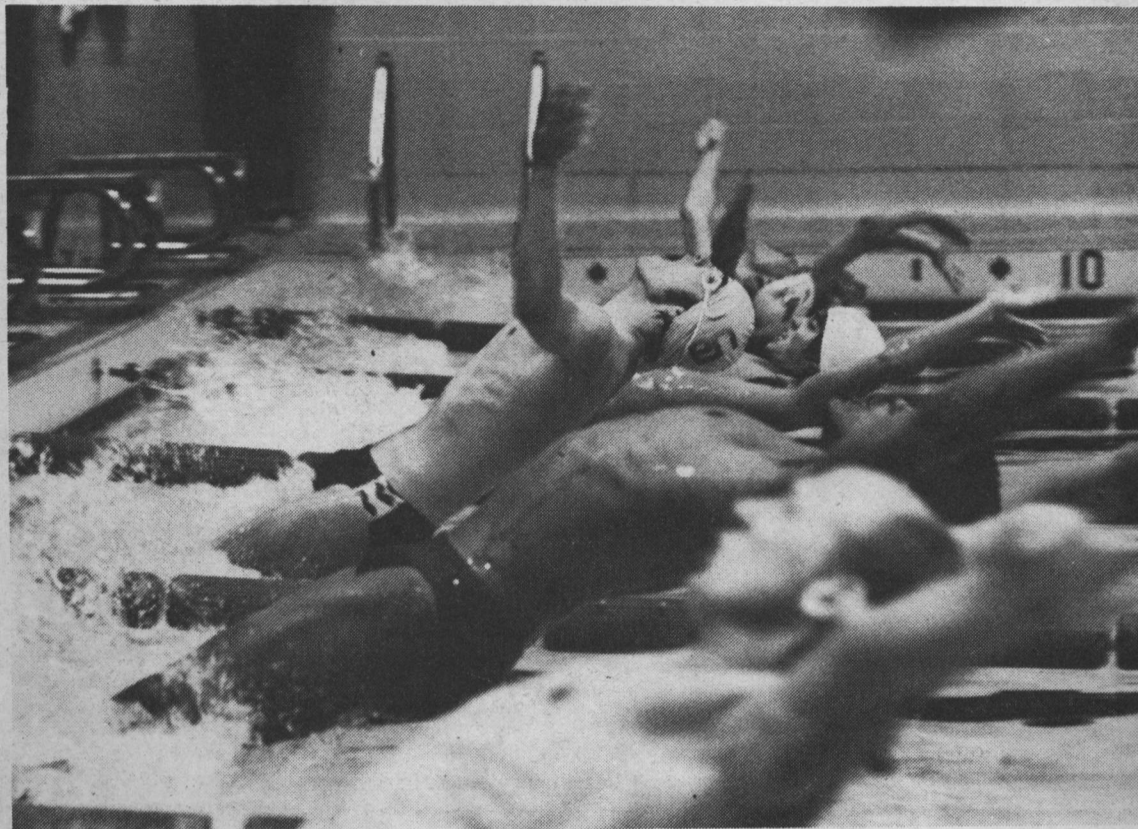
Hogg states the "U of A excelled in distance events" and mentions Dwight Manning and Bruce Lecky placed first and second respectively, in the 1600m freestyle. However, the U of states Hogg, surprised UBC by winning the 200m relay and the 400IM relay. The U of A men also won the 800m relay that proved to be the meet's determining race. Hogg point out that before the 800 the U of A's lead was one point, 142 to UBC's 141.

Other Alberta swimmers did well, Dave Long placed second in the 200 butterfly and the 200m freestyle. D. Cathro also placed second in the breaststroke and the 50m freestyle.

The womens team swam well too and Hogg states many put in best personal performances. He adds UBC is known for a strong team and emphasizes the U of A "obviously had strong opposition."

As usual Sandy Slavin swam well winning the 800m freestyle, the 400m IM and the 200m backstroke. Hogg adds the "girls narrowly missed in the relay events, but were not outclassed." The U of A women in fact won the 800m freestyle.

In total, the team is preparing for the Western finals and can look at last weekend as a warm up for the finals. It is expected UBC on home ground, will be tough at the conference finals and the U of A will have another difficult meet, but not one without an encouraging precedent.



UBC and U of A swimmers were almost this close at the finish.

Photo: Brad Keith

Round and round



Photo: Russ Sampson

The abuse some balls take.

When the Victoria CWUAA volleyball tournament was over last weekend, Hugh Hoyle's and Brian Watson's Bears were still in the same place. The Bears went into the meet tied, in the standings, with UBC. However, the Bear's third place in Victoria failed to change their rankings.

Hoyles was not too surprised with the results and points out the team's problems have not changed much either. Hoyles credits the second place UBC squad with being "a good tall club" and says UBC's 3-0 win over the Bears evens the two teams in tournament play this season.

Before their defeat the Bears swept Friday's series by defeating the U of Lethbridge, and the U of Calgary. Saturday the U of Victoria was their next and final victim.

The Bears' winning streak ended with the next two matches, the first against the T-Birds and the second with the Huskies. Hoyles believes UBC knew "they were in a situation where they had to beat us, to hold second place. Consequently, their backs were up against the wall and the BC squad "got to us in a basic area".

The basic area was serve reception, and Hoyles adds "our

serve reception went for a walk". In turn, the Bears were forced to a high outside type of game that prevents a quick attack relied on by the Alberta club.

The Bears lost the match 3-0 and proceeded to play the U of S where their serve reception problems reappeared. Again the Bears were forced high outside and could not run a quick attack.

Still the league leading Huskie's margin of victory was small, usually four points. In addition, according to Hoyles, the Bear's Curt Blair played his best tournament and lead the squad in hitting, stuff blocks, and serve reception. Blair a third year man maintained a kill average of 57%.

The next CIAU meet is in Calgary and will, Hoyles believes, be a fight for the league first place. This year the conference winner and runner-up will go to the national finals in Saskatoon, but Hoyles is convinced second place will not be enough for any team.

Before a February 22 and 23 CWUAA Calgary meet the Bears will host an Alberta Volleyball Association meet here. The team is in good shape and will be drilling more on its serve reception. Without a doubt the Bears are close to success but in volleyball close can be a long way.

Bink Boink Bonk

by Dick Hancock

"The gang that couldn't shoot straight."

It used to apply to the other hockey team in town. However, since the Oilers have come around, the bug appears to have found a home with the Golden Bears hockey squad.

The Bears dropped a home game to the Saskatchewan Huskies on Sunday afternoon by a 5-3 score even though the Bears had the edge in both plays and shots and could have wrapped it up after forty minutes.

For the second Sunday in a row the Bears puck luck was all bad as they hit numerous goalposts and missed open net shots. Last weekend they had six posts in a narrow 2-1 loss to UBC while this Sunday three blasts hit metal.

Bears' coach Bill Moores summed up the situation by saying, "You only get so many chances to score and if you miss them it's only a matter of time before the other team capitalizes." He said, "The loss would have been easier to take if we hadn't played so well."

It was not all bad news for the Bears on the weekend however as their 6-3 victory Saturday afternoon combined with Calgary's split in their games against UBC kept the Green and Gold in a tie for the first place with the Dinosaurs.

In Saturday's game the Bears were trailing 3-2 after forty minutes but a three goal outburst in a span of 37 seconds gave them the edge they needed to win.

The individual star for the Bears on Saturday was veteran defenseman Bruce Rolin. As well as playing a strong game in the Bears' end of the rink he also scored a pair of goals to lead them offensively.

Rolin's second goal of the game at 13:42 of the third period started the Bears sudden outburst. He drove around the Huskies' defense and lifted a backhand over sprawling Saskatchewan goaltender Doug

Senyk to tie the game at 3-3.

Just fifteen seconds later, rookie Brad Schneider banged in a rebound and then captain Larry Riggan scored an insurance marker as he drilled a screened point shot past Senyk at the 14:19 mark. Danny Ardnt rounded out the scoring with a pair of goals, the second into an empty net with just 23 seconds to play.

Huskies coach Dave King said, "It was building," in reference to the three quick goals. "The roof fell in at that point although I didn't think we controlled enough of the game to deserve to win anyway."

Moores said that the play of Schneider was one of the key points of the victory. "It's very tough for a player, especially a rookie, to move to a strange position (from center to right

wing) and play well."

All around the entire team played a solid game right from goaltender Ted Poplawski on out.

Saskatchewan got goals from Desjardins, Allison and Hlynysky. On Sunday the Bears' scorers were Terry Sydoryk, Terry Lescisin and Joel Elliott while Hlynysky (with two) Hudson, Desjardins and Bradshaw tallied for the Huskies.

BEAR FACTS

The Bears were missing the services of Ace Brimacombe on Sunday as he dislocated a finger in the Saturday game. He suited up but didn't see any action.

Next action for the Bears is this weekend in Calgary. The two game series may go a long ways towards deciding first place.



Terry Jonestown

HI THERE. DO YOU KNOW WHO I AM? I'm Mr. Crude and I've broken into the Gateway type-setting machine. I want to teach you something new and fun, that can help you go places. So read carefully because Terry Jonestown could wake up any minutes. Frist of all you need to know how to behave on a first date. Drive over to your girl's house and spit on the sidewalk. Then bang on her bathroom window and sing "Raindrops falling on my head". Open the front door, don't knock, and wipe your shoes on the rug. Then kick their dog. Next, you greet the parents. First of all leer at her mom. I mean leer and stare up and down. If you can open the liquor cabinet do so and knock back any expensive whiskey. So far so good. Before you leave, snap your date's bra-strap or find the dirty laundry and make the dog fetch some lingerie. Oh oh, Jonestown is awake, gotta go now.

A MAN OF ACTION, STRICKEN DOWN in his prime and ever so untimely. Joe, Houdini Clark, has been left paralysed. Two recent exploits of the doughty PM have left him at loose ends. His show of support for our big southern brother led Joe to exhaustion and a bizarre paralysis. No sooner had he smuggled US diplomats out of Iran and later plaged an Olympic boycott to match a US threat, than Jumpin' Joe's limbs went slack. His head tilted to one side, reports say, and he clattered to the ground. Reports mention several strings and wires were found attached to the silent form and add an aging French Canadian was seen running away with scissors in hand.