



**Hands up.**  
Bruce Wasylik of the Bears works hard in an effort to put a spike past the hands of two players from the Calgary Volleyball club.

photo Don Truckey.

## Bears try harder but still finish 2nd best

36 athletes on 28 different teams played a total of 96 volleyball matches this past weekend in what had to be one of the most successful U of A national tournaments ever. The Golden Bears played 8 of these matches and lost a very important one — the final one, to the Calgary Volleyball Club. However, the young squad has nothing to be ashamed of as all members played well during the tournament, and lost a "breaker" to a good team that defeated 2 national men's team players.

The tournament started on Friday evening with teams from four sections — Men's "AA", Men's "A", Men's "A", and Men's "A" — seeing action in Main Gym. The Pandas had

some tough luck and went home that night with no wins but promised better things on Saturday. Things were fairly rosy for the Bears as they had defeated both teams they met — the U of Calgary Dinosaurs and the Edmonton Fox Volleyball Club.

On Saturday action resumed and by late Saturday night all titles had been decided. In Men's "AA", as mentioned above, the Calgary Volleyball Club defeated the Golden Bears 2-0, (15-13; 15-12) and took home the gold medals for the second consecutive year. Edmonton Phoenix was third and U of Saskatchewan Huskies fourth.

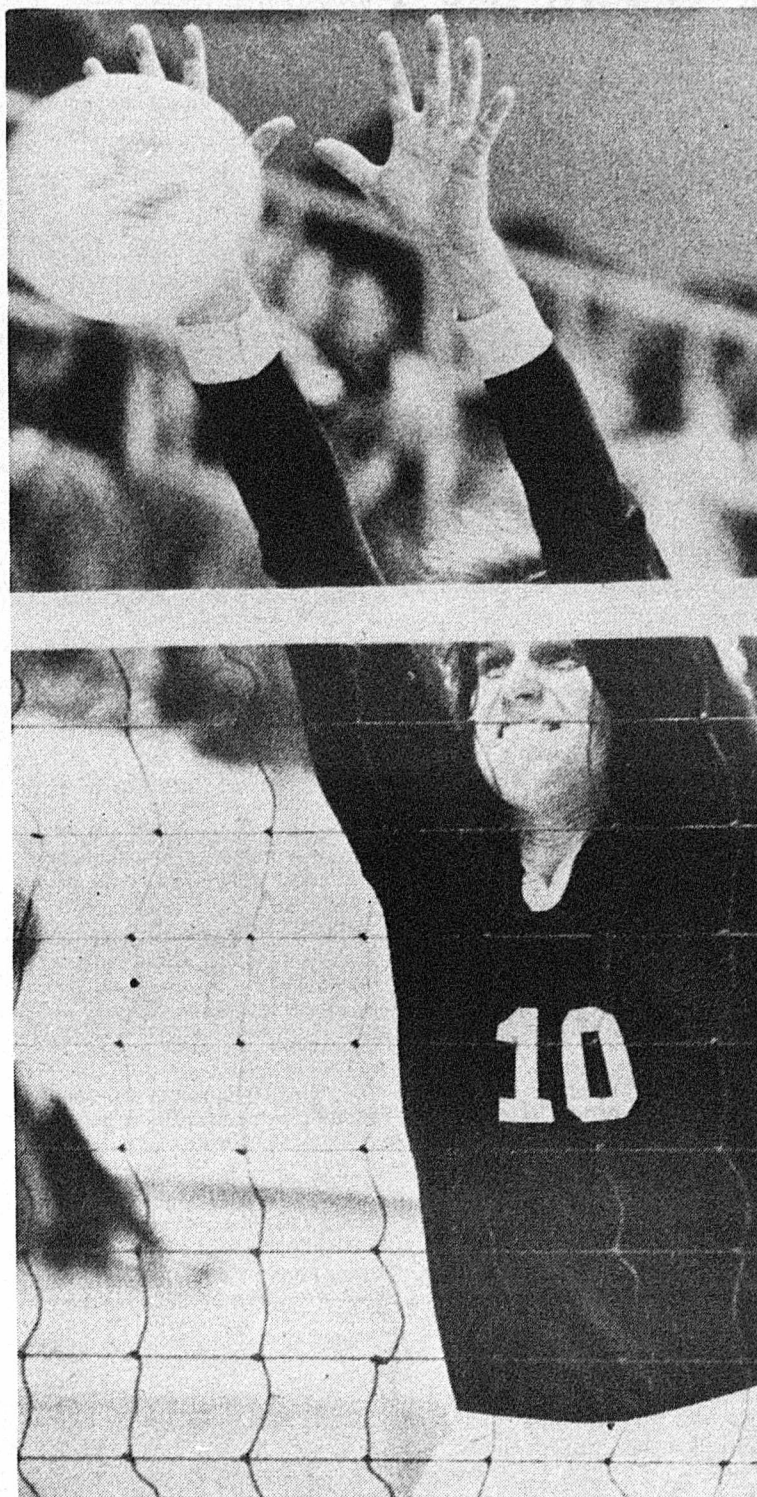
In women's "AA", the U of Winnipeg Wesmenettes took the U of Calgary Dinnies in two straight, (15-9, 15-9). The

Huskiettes from Saskatoon were third and Edmonton Phoenix fourth.

Grande Prairie College, coached by a U of A graduate, Leigh Goldie, walked off with the honours in Men's "A" by defeating the Calgary Volleyball Club 2nd team.

Our own Junior Pandas, coached by Jane Watkinson, won the gold in Women's "A", by outlasting a club team from Edmonton, the Macaques.

For the Golden Bears it was another step forward to the big showdown in January in the Canada West loop. Improved blocking and back court defence led to a lot of points for the hosts. The spiking of Hans Klohn and Robb Hornland in the front right position caught a lot of teams off



The Golden Bears' Hans Klohn goes airborne in an attempt to block an opposing player's spike.

photo Brian Gavriloff

guard. These two lefthanders have unique styles that make it difficult for opposing blockers. Rookie Kevin Speer and veteran Reg Van Drecht both set well and got some very important "kills"

when they were spiking. The key was defence though, and some great diving saves in the back court have put the Bears in the right frame of mind for the post-Christmas season.

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