

# SPORTS

## Five U of A runners on Alberta team

Five members of University of Alberta cross country squad have been selected to the Alberta team that will compete for the Canadian championships in Toronto November 18.

The runners, Bill McBlain, Bob Baxendale, Henry Vlasonek, Shawna Miller and Sue Hoffart, were selected to the 15-member Alberta team of nine men and six women, on the basis of their year's performance, stressing the provincial meet held last weekend in Edmonton's Kinsmen Park.

Currently, they are preparing for the western intercollegiate cross country meet championships to be held Saturday in Vancouver. Bear Coach Brian McCalder will take seven other runners with him, three of them women, to compete against the University of Victoria, University of Saskatchewan, University of British Columbia, and last year's champions. Top competitors will represent the conference at the Canadian Intercollegiate

Athletic Union meet the following weekend in Kingston.

Coach McCalder isn't predicting a Bear victory at the meet. "We expect both UBC and Victoria to be as strong as last year when UBC won the title and Victoria finished third. We will probably be fighting for second place."

McCalder was pleased but not surprised with the selection of five of his athletes to the provincial team.

It was the second consecutive year McBlain was

named to the team. He won five of the six races Bears entered this season, including the 12,000 metre event for the provincial title. A bout with the flu hurt Bill's prospects of making the Olympic cross country squad for the Munich Games.

McCalder felt Baxendale earned his spot on the team after being out of the running last year. "He's been a tremendous asset to our squad this year because he has worked so hard," says McCalder.

Ulaszonek ran his best race this season when it counted the most, finishing fourth behind McBlain and two Calgary runners, Murray Hunt and Richard Nicoud, at the provincial meet. "The race meant a lot to him," notes McCalder, "because he's been out of serious competition for two years."

Miss Miller returns to U of A after a two year's absence to lead the Pandas' cross country squad. "She attended Central Connecticut where she didn't run much." She's a very strong runner.

Miss Hoffart, the only freshman to make his squad this year, was tutored by coach Ray Gauche at Victoria Composite High School last year. She placed fifth in the open women's 4,000 metre event last weekend.

Other Bear runners making the trip to Vancouver are Darryl Menard, Dennis Proctor, Jim Young and Dan Penzer, and three women competitors, Liz Vanderstam, Arlette Jheroux and Inez Robinson.

"We'll be fighting for second place with an outside chance at first," concludes McCalder.

## New look for Bear cagers

The 1972-73 University of Alberta Golden Bear basketball team should be a big money-maker for the program business. It'll be difficult to follow them without one.

Seven players including two starters are missing from last year's squad that finished second in the western intercollegiate conference with an 11-5 win-loss record. Even the coach Barry Mitchelson, has gone on a year's leave-of-absence.

Bob Bain, former Bear great, has taken over the coaching reins from Mitchelson and is faced with replacing two all star performers, Bob Morris and Marty Lyons.

Morris, who led Bear hoopsters in scoring a year ago, is working in the parks and recreation department in Calgary.

Meanwhile, Lyons, a sound defensive player and a good scorer, will tutor the junior varsity Bearcats this season.

To make Bain's task more difficult, the other teams in the conference have bolstered their line ups with the bigger players Bears seem to lack.

Doormats of the league last year, University of Lethbridge have recruited Phil Tollestrup-the Tollestrup clan includes two Bears of the past and present, Tim and Wallace, from Brigham Young.

Phil a six foot-six guard, has played on the Canadian National basketball squad and is considered by Bain "the best player in Canada."

University of British Columbia are strongly favoured to repeat as league champions, losing only one starter, Ron Thorsen. Huskies meanwhile should change their names to Giants with four players on their roster over six-foot-five inches in height.

We'll have to move the ball quickly to compensate for our lack of height," predicts Bain.

But there is no sense in shedding tears over Bear's prospects, Big Mike Frisby, Wallace Tollestrup and Tom

Solyom are all back to fill positions in the Bears' starting lineup that was voted on by the players themselves. Brian Hart and Doug Nicholls were named as the other starters.

Bain plans to play Frisby and Tollestrup in the two post or centre positions. At six-foot-eight, Frisby will anchor Bears' inside game, collecting rebounds off opponents backboards. A year ago, Frisby averaged 12.8 points a game and grabbed 278 rebounds.

"Mike is a good jumper," says Bain. "Without him, we're in trouble."

Tollestrup, a tremendously versatile athlete, will play high post just outside the defenders key. His team-mates acknowledged his leadership qualities by naming him their captain.

Backing these two positions is Dave Holland, a six-foot-five centre with Bearcats in 1971.

Bain will utilize the outside shooting of Hart and Solyom in the two forward positions. "Tom is a good offensive player (9.2 points a game last year) who will work on his defensive skills."

Art Uhl, Bain McMillan, and Steve Panteluk are other forwards on roster.

Panteluk, a graduate of Ross Shepherd high school, is the only freshman to make the squad. Bain adds, "He

should see a lot of action for a rookie."

Hard work in training camp earned Nicholls the right to start in the lone guard position. Leigh Goldie, Allan Price and Terry Valeriotte are in reserve.

A transfer from Waterloo Lutheran University, Goldie is a good shooter who will score at least six or seven points a game, while Price and Valeriotte have both been injured in training camp.

One immediate concern of Bain is to improve the defence. "We'll have to work on it. There are too many free people running around."

Bears see their first action this weekend in Lethbridge in the Tri-University Classic. The tournament involves three other teams, University of Saskatchewan Huskies, University of Calgary Dinosaurs and University of Lethbridge.

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## Women's curling starts Saturday

Women's Intramural curling starts Saturday, Nov. 4, at 10 a.m. at the SUB Rink . . . Squash and Racquetball ladders are located outside the Women's Intramural office in the Phys. Ed. Centre. Reservations for courts are made in the equipment room between 7 and 8 a.m., and 12 to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday. Five games must be played before Dec. 1, as a tournament of top level players is scheduled for early Dec. . . . Lower Kelsey leads the unit standings with 60 points, Apathy is in second place with 50 points, followed by Agriculture, 42; Upper Kelsey, 41; Recreation, 38; and Kappa Alpha Theta, 31.

## Law steals three wins

Last Saturday Law teams captured titles in all three divisions of men's intramural flag football. Law "A" took Deke "A" in a 21-12 match, with Law "B" over Commerce "B" 23-8. Law "H" trounced Law "E" 32-7.

In squash finals held here last Friday, Don Morrow of Phys. Ed. upset Ken Bryan of Dentistry 15-10 twice.

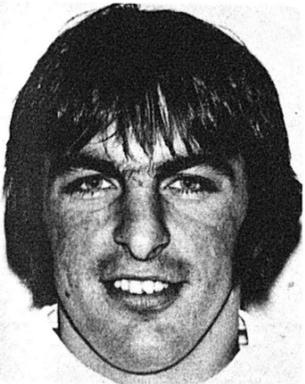
The annual Basketball, Golf and Freethrow Tournament will be held Wednesday, November 7, from 7-11 p.m. in the Main Gym. No pre-registration is required.

## Pucksters leave for H.C. tourney

Clare Drake's hockey squad will journey to Vancouver this weekend to meet with five other university teams in a Hockey Canada tournament. U of A will meet Lakehead University Saturday night. Coach Drake stated that Lakehead has always had a strong team, but he remains optimistic about the Bears' chances. Barry Richardson will likely start in goal, and Drake also plans to stay with the so far productive line of Wyrozub, Couves and LeGrandeur. He added that he is still experimenting with his other two lines. Other teams competing are University of Victoria, University of Calgary, and University of British Columbia.

Junior Bears, coached by Dick Wintermute will be at home this weekend at Sherwood Park on Friday at 8 p.m. Saturday at 8:30 p.m. they will host the St. Albert Bruins in Varsity Arena.

## Golden Bear players of the week



After watching Dalton Smarsh burst up the middle, it would be easy to delete the 'r' from his name. Since replacing Mark Baldasaro in the Bears' second game, Smarsh has gained the reputation of an "alley fighter", a strong ball carrier who almost refuses to be tackled. Smarsh ran for 106 yards against the Thunderbirds to bring his rushing total to

425 yards, third best in the league. Smarsh played three seasons with Edmonton Wildcats before joining Bears this year. Solidly built at five-foot-ten and 185 pounds, Dalton is a 22-year-old commerce student.



Despite having had an excellent training camp, only an injury allowed Bill Evans to crack Bears' veteran linebacking crew. Evans got his chance in the Thunderbird game and used his speed and strength to capably replace an injured Harv Clendenning. Bill is gradually adjusting to the new position after having played roverbak the past few seasons with the Edmonton Huskies. In addition to his playing on defence, Evans "has made a big contribution to the punt and kick-off teams," comments defensive coach Gary "King" Smith. "He's a hard-hitting individual who is just coming into his own." A commerce student, Bill is six-foot tall and weighs 180 pounds.

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