

Forty grunt and groaners competing for berth on Bear wrestling team

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Dr. Bert Taylor, coach of the Golden Bears wrestling team, is looking towards a championship season.

Coach Taylor is hard pressed for time. With the first meet on Dec. 1 against UBC and Western Washington State at UBC, Taylor has less than one month to pick his varsity team. With forty men out he has a big job before him.

"No coach can produce a winner if he doesn't have the horses," said Taylor. This being the case, Taylor's got a stable full of thoroughbreds.

Among those fighting for the ten

positions on the varsity team are Bill Smith, John Marchand and Bill Jensen; all are WCIAA champions. In addition, Henry Rosychuk, Mas Kinoshita, Tom Taylor and Robert Ransum have all won their letter in wrestling and all are

returning. Don Watts, a fine wrestler from Western Ontario is expected to join the club soon. Coach Taylor is expecting championship performances from these men.

Mr. Doug Sturrock, the manager for the team, pointed out that the University of Alberta has one of the highest, if not the highest standard of wrestling in western Canada. This year, the men are out to show they are the best in Canada.

This year the University of Alberta has decided to field a junior varsity team as well as the inter-varsity team. This is a unique situation in Western Canada.

GAIN EXPERIENCE

The purpose behind the creation of the junior varsity team is to provide competition for the many good wrestlers who would be otherwise unable to compete. It also provides an opportunity for new wrestlers to develop and to gain valuable experience.

The junior varsity team will compete in six meets. They are: two invitational meets, the Northern Alberta and Alberta open championships, one meet against the Edmonton YMCA and the Edmonton AAU and one meet against Calgary, Lethbridge and Red Deer Junior College.



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Thunderbirds eliminate Dinosaurs

CALGARY (CUP)—A last minute touchdown by Dave Corcoran gave UBC Thunderbirds an upset victory over University of Calgary Dinosaurs in the weekend's only WCIAA action.

The 16-11 victory destroyed Calgary's faint hopes of tying the Golden Bears for the league championship. Next week the last place 'Birds take on the Bears in what now amounts to a nothing game.

UBC came from behind to win a tough defensive struggle before 800 chilly Calgary fans. Calgary led 8-0 at the half on the strength of a 12 yard end run for a touchdown by halfback Don Maxwell, a convert by Bill Mucklow, and a 66 yard single by Jim Smith.

STEADY MARCH

In the third quarter a steady downfield march by UBC ended in a TD plunge by Corcoran. A 34 yard field goal by Jim Blair gave UBC the lead. Early in the fourth quarter Calgary regained the lead when Norm Minor dropped quarterback Kent Yaniw in the UBC end zone for two points and Smith picked up another single.

UBC then marched from their own 23 for Corcoran's second touchdown. The march was highlighted by a brilliant 40 yard run by halfback Bernie Fandrick. Blair converted the TD and UBC recovered a short kickoff to wipe out any possible Calgary threat.

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