

Bears open national puck finals against X-men

By **BILL KANKEWITT**

If Clare Drake's Golden Bear pucksters are to win the Canadian crown, they're going to have to do it the hard way.

As the luck of the draw would have it, all the breaks have gone to

the defending champion Toronto Blues.

With five conferences taking part in the championships, it has been difficult to work out an equitable play-off set-up in the single-elimination tourney.

Bears opened the tourney Thursday by taking on the highly-rated St. Francis Xavier X-Men from Antigonish. The winner advances Friday to play the Laurentian Voyageurs who drew a first round bye.

In another bracket, the all-powerful Blues play the underdog Loyola Warriors with the winner drawing a bye into Sunday's finals.

A consolation tourney will be held for the losers of the first round matches.

All games, with the exception of the Bears, X-Men contest, will be played in the Montreal Forum.

The Bears are relatively healthy for the eastern encounters with rookie winger Barry Robinson being the only doubtful starter. He pulled a groin muscle in last Saturday's 6-1 victory over the UBC T'Birds.

Wayne Wiste, who missed the UBC series through an academic conflict, will be back in the line-up for the championship encounters.

Coach Drake is optimistic over the team's chances largely due to the recent improvement of certain key players.

Red Deer's Don Manning showed up well in the Vancouver series when Drake was forced to move him to a wing position because of Robinson's injury. Manning made good use of his size in the corners and as a result set up two key goals.

Milt Hohol and former Kelowna Buckeroo Dave Couves are starting to score with a degree of consistency now to give the team better balance.

Ron Cebryk finally rounded into form in the Vancouver series by popping in three goals.

While in Montreal, the team will be making their headquarters at the Laurentian Hotel. They will be returning to Edmonton either Sunday evening or Monday morning depending on whether or not they make the finals.



DAVE COUVES
... improved scorer



DON MANNING
... set up goals

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... after 18-9 total point win over UBC

Golden Bear swimmers and divers take WCIAA title

Second place finishes add up to team victory at championship swim meet held last week

By **STEVE RYBAK**

Depth brought the WCIAA men's swimming and diving championships to the U of A last weekend.

Placing as many as three men in a number of events and an outstanding diving performance gave the Golden Bears the team title with 129 points. UBC was second with 103 points and defending champion Saskatchewan third with 77, followed by Manitoba (63) and the U of S (Regina) with 16.

Despite not winning a single event, except for the diving, the Bears piled up an unbeatable lead by finishing second in almost every final and having at least two others in the final. The scoring was on a 7-5-4-3-2-1 basis.

Bill Coke, U of M, won the 100 yard butterfly in a time of :57.5 seconds. The Bears' Murray McFadden finished second, Bernie Luttmer fifth and Norgrove Penny sixth.

Manitoba's Angus Edgehill won the 100 yard freestyle in :50.3. Earlier in one of the heats Edgehill broke his own record of :50.9 for the distance with a time of :50.2. The Bears placed another three in the top six finalists—Jim Barton, second, Mike Morrow, third, and Pat Pierce, sixth.

Phil Dockerill (UBC) broke the meet record for the 100 yard breaststroke with a time of 1:06.8 in a heat. He went on to win the final in 1:05.6. The Bears' Bruce Cameron was third.

John Pollock from the U of S (Saska-

toon) took the 100 yard backstroke while Bears finished second, fourth and sixth.

UBC's Phil Winch won the 500 yard freestyle but the Bears again placed four men in the final. Morrow set a new Alberta Open record when he finished second in 5:19.4. Mike Coleman was third, Penny fourth and Andy Maclure fifth.

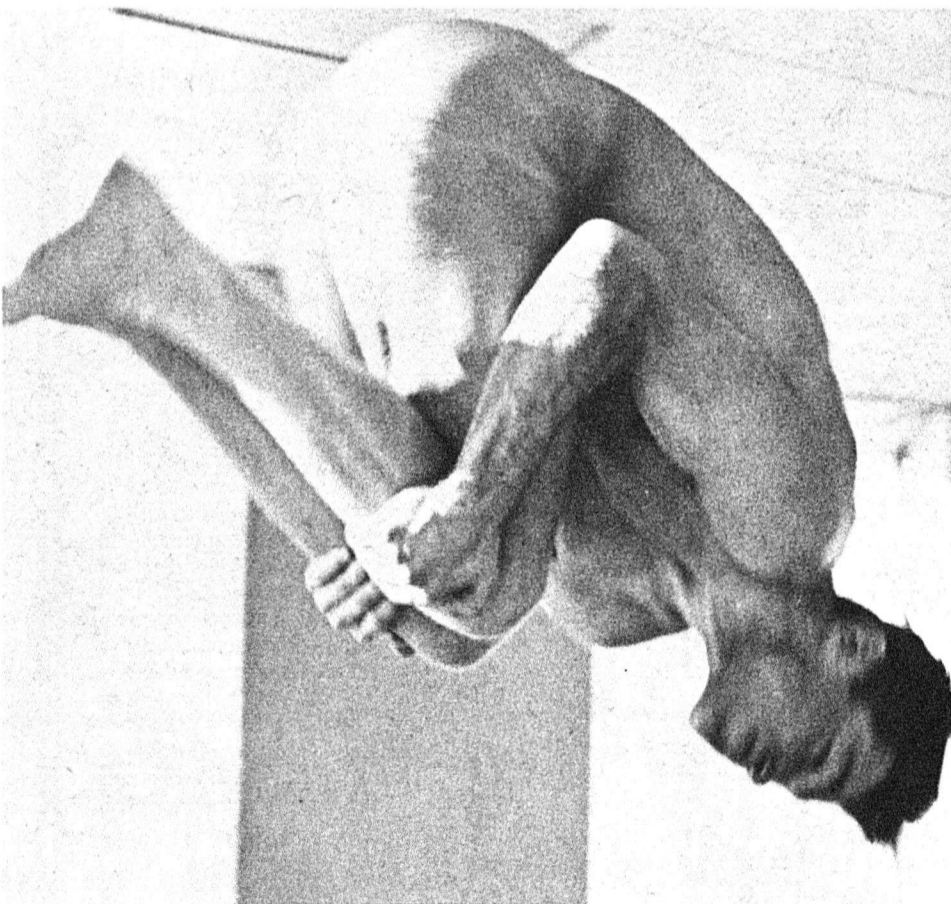
Jim Maddin (UBC) broke his own record for the 400 yard individual medley by swimming the final in 4:44.6. Maddin's old clocking was 4:48.1. U of A's Pierce was second and Bruce Cameron fifth.

UBC also won the 400 yard medley relay. The U of A was second, the U of S (S) third, U of M fourth and U of S (R) fifth. Scoring for the race was 14-10-0.

The big surprise of the whole meet was Golden Bear diver Mike Hawkes. In second place after the three metre preliminaries, Hawkes put on his best performance ever to win the event. Hawkes beat out Antal Schild, U of S (S), and former Pan-Am competitor Tom Dinsley, UBC, for the first place finish. U of A's Jeff Thomas finished out of the points with a fourth place finish. Scoring was on a 14-10-0 basis.

Seven of the Golden Bears have been named to the WCIAA swimming team. The team is in Hamilton this weekend for the CIAU championships. Hawkes, McFadden, Morrow, Pierce, Cameron and both Bartons were named to the squad.

Defending champion U of T is heavily favored to take the intercollegiate crown again.



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ALBERTA DIVER MIKE HAWKES
... surprise winner of three metre event