

Golden ones hit road for series against Wesmen

One might excuse hockey coach Clare Drake for breathing a little easier these days.

With the toughest part of their WCIHL schedule behind them, the Golden Bears head down the home stretch toward their second consecutive league pennant in relatively good shape. Bears are currently tied for top place with Calgary's Dinosaurs, but have four games in hand over the southerners.

There are no playoffs after the schedule is finished, with only the first place club going on to contest the national championships, which this year are slated for the home of the WCIHL winners. And in order for a team to finish first, it's generally conceded that it can only lose five games at the most. The Bears have now lost three, the Dinosaurs six, UBC four, and Saskatchewan five.

But the Bears appear to have the easiest schedule of the other clubs. The locals have four games remaining against the last place Winnipeg Wesmen, and four against UBC.

OFF TO WINNIPEG

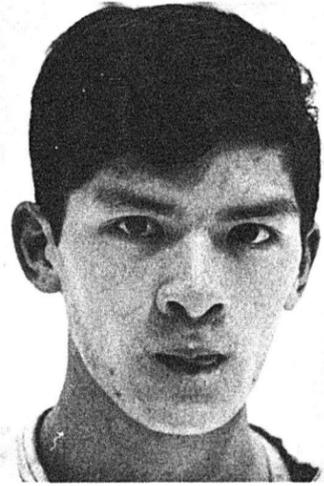
The Albertans travel to Winnipeg this weekend, to meet the Wesmen in a two game series. The Winnipeggers are currently mired in last place and are winless in 10 starts, in their first season of serious competition. The Wesmen played only an exhibition schedule last year.

"We should pick up an easy four points, all things being equal," muses Drake. "But on the other hand, those Wesmen have to win a game sometime this year, and they'll be up for us." Just to be on the safe side of things, Drake has been working his boys hard in practice this week.

The Golden Ones figure to be at almost full strength for the series, with only Don Darling staying at home. Darling is still nursing a sore leg picked up in the Calgary series two weeks ago and isn't expected back for at least another week.

Harvey Poon has taken over Darling's spot on the line which also includes Bill Clarke and Milt Hohol, and has performed well. Gerry Hornby, Don Falkenberg and Tom Devaney will make up the second attacking unit, with Wayne Wiste, Jack Gibson and Oliver Morris forming the other combo. Devaney has picked up in recent games, and scored his first two goals of the season last week against Saskatchewan.

The Wesmen are an unknown



HARVEY POON
... up and coming

quantity as far as the Bears are concerned. Their goaltender, Grant Clay, despite allowing 71 goals so far, has performed well, considering that he faces an average of 50 shots a game. The club is coached by ex-NHLer Bill Juzda, who figures to have just a few problems in the next four or five seasons. Calgary Dinosaurs were the last club to enter the WCIHL and it has taken them the better part of five years to ice a contending club.

Drake will likely continue to platoon his two fine twinnetenders, Dale Halterman and Bob Wolfe. The two have combined for a league-leading 2.50 goals against average in twelve games, a far cry from Winnipeg's 7.1.

BEAR FACTS

Bears leave for the Manitoba capital early Friday morning by air and will return Saturday night. . . . Only four more home games remain on the schedule, two each against the Wesmen and UBC T'Birds. . . . With any luck, local fans will be able to witness top flight action when the Canadian championships are staged here March 6, 7 and 8. . . . that is, provided the Bears hang on to first place.

WCIHL STANDINGS

	GP	W	L	F	A	Pts.
Alberta	12	9	3	64	30	18
Calgary	15	9	6	54	47	18
UBC	10	6	4	65	38	12
Manitoba	14	6	7	49	60	12
Sask.	10	5	5	42	43	10
Winnipeg	10	0	10	15	71	0

Synchronized swimming

By ALISA LENDRUM

It is not bulging muscles and broad shoulders that the 15 synchronized swimmers are aiming for—rather grace and co-ordination in the water. And that's exactly what these co-eds are getting.

Enthusiasm and persistence have been the keynotes of this club during the past three months. Every Tuesday and Thursday for one and one-half hours, hair-dos have been forgotten and bathing suits have been donned so that many impossible-looking feats of the water may be executed. All activities are included—from endurance training and simple sculling to complicated competition figures.

The unique quality of synchronized swimming at U of A is that all abilities are recognized and all (female) enthusiasts welcomed. Under the coaching of Roy Wilman and the managing of Lynn Sadnik, the girls have progressed rapidly.

A team of eight has been picked to represent this university in the WCIAA finals next month in Saskatoon. The squad includes Marnie Pardie, Lorry Mair, Nadine Moyer, Barb Grose, Carl Gunn, Cathrine Stacey, Penny Williams and Lorraine Cooke. All of the members



GIRLS WORKING HARD IN
... preparation for first meet

have had varying amounts of experience ranging from novice to competition in past Winter Games.

By all reports it looks as though U of A will be proud of its team in 1969, both at Saskatoon and at

the Provincials in Red Deer. So until February, when glory will hopefully come to Edmonton, the swimmers will be out in full force complete with cramped toes, plugged noses and wet hair!

Track and field springs to life

By DALE ROGERS

In the past, track and field at the U of A has existed but hardly flourished. One of the major problems has been a lack of active and vocal participation by the student body at large.

Support for football, basketball

Pandas finish high at Regina tourney

The Pandas and the U of C Dinies shared third place at the Regina Invitational Volleyball Tournament.

Calgary Cals defeated the U of M Bisonettes, defending champions of this tourney, to take top spot.

Coach Neil was pleased with the way the squad played and feels her

and hockey has been outstanding this year. Why can't this carry over into the sport of track and field? Ray Haswell and Nancy Robertson, athletes of national fame, rest in relative obscurity. Why?

Attempts are underway to introduce a university intramural track and field championship meet early in the first term next year. This will be held in order to select a team which can then represent the university in intervarsity (WCIAA) competition.

Competitions involving Alberta's track stars are to be held during the half time interval of football games next season.

Regular training is now well under way, the nucleus of both a men's and women's team is formed and meets are scheduled. Geoff Watson coaches the track and field operation. John Reeves

and Brenda Shedaw are managing the teams.

All those interested in joining the track and field team are urged to come out to the practices. They are held Monday through Friday from 5-7 p.m. in the Kinsmen Field House and on Saturdays at 10 a.m. in Varsity Arena.

There is a need for co-operation of the general student body. An awareness by the present team members of constant dedication to regular intensive training is already present. More contact with other universities is needed. Then it is hoped that U of A track and field can come of age.

UPCOMING MEETS

- Jan. 25 Field House Alta. Junior titles.
- Feb. 1 Lethbridge Alta. Senior titles
- Mar. 1 Winnipeg WCIAA meet
- Mar. 20 Grande Prairie Open

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