

Bears take swim meet

The University of Alberta swim team came out on top of the Alberta All-Star swim meet here at the weekend.

Second in the event went to the Edmonton South Side Swim Club, with the Calgary Barracudas taking third spot.

The only new record of the meet went to Scona high-schooler, George Smith, who broke ex-U of A student Larry Maloney's 100-yard freestyle record by two-tenths of a second, setting the new mark at 52.6.

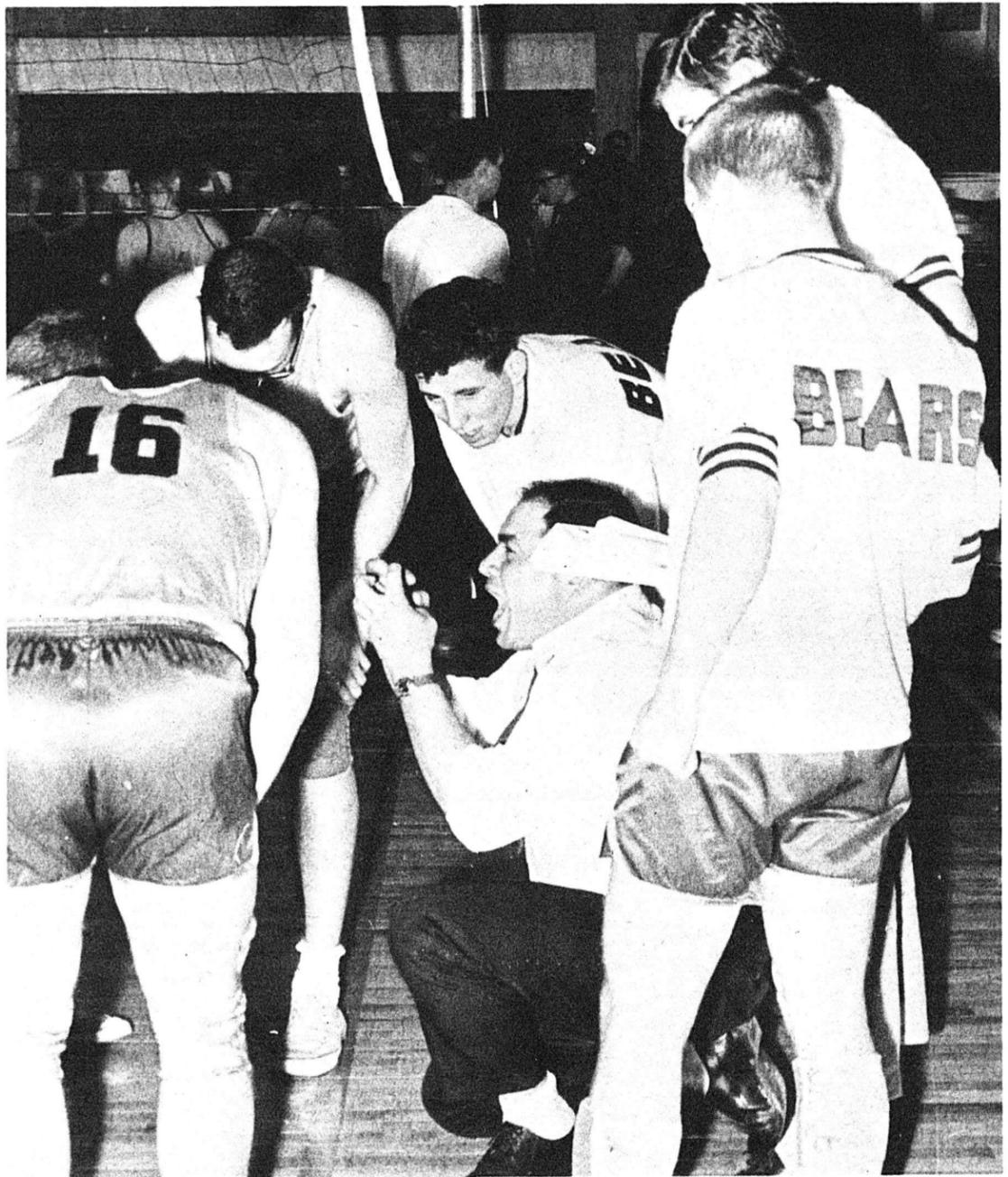
Smith's record marks the start of a comeback for the young swimmer—he broke his arm at the Canadian Championships in Red Deer last summer, and the record establishes him as a national contender once again.

Eric Thomson, in his first year on the Bear swim team, tied Eric Haites breaststroke record with a time of 2:30.5. Haites is another ex-star who graduated from the Bear torpedoes with Larry Maloney last year.



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Volleyball Bears capture WCIAA title from Bisons

Another prize was added to the impressive array in the University of Alberta trophy case this past weekend.

The rookie laden Golden Bear volleyball squad upset the highly-

touted defending champion University of Manitoba Bisons to regain the WCIAA trophy. The Bears had not won the award in three years.

In what could only be described

as team effort, the Bears overcame a one game deficit and smothered the surprised Bisons 15-1 in the final game.

Bisons finished second followed by Calgary and the University of Saskatchewan at Regina.

The Bears finished the two-day tournament with a sparkling 11-3 record. It brought coach Costa Chrysanthou his fourth title in seven years.

Manitoba won it in '64 and '65. UBC were victorious in '63. The Bears had won the trophy an unprecedented three consecutive times before UBC's win.

The Pandas were not so fortunate. In a gruelling three-game set with the Bisonettes, the Pandas lost a heartbreaking 15-11 squeaker after overcoming a 10-5 lead in the semi-finals.

The Bisonettes went on to defeat Calgary in the finals and take home their first title in seven years.

The Pandas managed third place with defending champs UBC fourth. Saskatchewan (Saskatoon), Brandon College and Saskatchewan (Regina) took the last three positions in that order.

The tournament was a three-day double round robin affair with five teams being tied for first and second place after the first round robin.

Next stop for both Bears and Pandas is the Western Canada Open Championships to be held in Edmonton March 12-14.

Figure-skating Pandas place third at Saskatoon

The University of Alberta Pandas finished third in the WCIAA Figure Skating Championships at Saskatoon Feb. 11-12.

UBC won the competition with a sparkling team performance, especially from Louise Lind who swept the senior singles.

U of S finished second.

The Pandas' effort was highlighted by a second-place finish by Sharilyn Ingram and Sally Campbell in the senior pairs event.

In the singles event Judy Rognovaldson and Judy Arnold finished fourth and sixth respectively in the novice category. Lynn Paton and Sally Campbell finished third and fourth.

All entries in the categories of the dance event finished third—Norma Lyons and Joan Woodman in the novice, Judy Rognovaldson and Judy Arnold in the junior, and

Gail and Lynn Paton in the senior category.

Team manager Wendy Currie, commenting on the calibre of skating, said the UBC team had good strength in all events.

In her general comments on the trip, she noted that the Pandas received many compliments on their new green-and-gold uniforms.

The Pandas future in intercollegiate skating looks bright. Nearly all the team members are in either first or second years.

The Pandas hope to give demonstrations at city high schools and at UAC sometime this year. Calgary does not have an intercollegiate figure skating club and it is hoped the Edmonton skaters can stir up some interest down there.

Members of the figure skating club are reminded of ice times: 6:30 to 7:30 tonight and 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 6.