

## Gymnastics

# Pandas claim Canada West title

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Listening to all the pre-meet predictions, one would have thought the University of Alberta Pandas would be red-hot and the Canada West title for the seventh consecutive year with no difficulty whatsoever. That wasn't the way it turned out, as the Pandas came in with a lukewarm (for them) performance to win the Canada West title for the seventh consecutive year, Saturday night at the University gym. The winning team was only (?) 19 points, the second place University of Calgary Dinners.

Another surprise was the winner of the all-round title. Lori Maxwell from U of C surprised the Pandas by winning the all-around championship, winning the title with a score of 33.1. First-year Panda Kathy Mattock tied for second with Peggy.

"We have had much better luck," Panda coach Sandy O'Brien admitted later. "I think it's a combination of us having a bit of bad luck and the girls from other teams having some better performances."

As predicted, the Pandas dominated the top ten. Patricia McMillan was fourth (30.85); Sandra Farley, fifth (30.80); and Lori Maxwell, eighth (28.9).

Several outstanding individual performances were turned in on Saturday night. Peggy Bureaud won the uneven bars with a 9.2, Kathy Mattock won the beam with an 8.8 mark, and Trish McMillan and Peggy Bureaud wowed the small crowd in attendance with excellent floor routines. Peggy's routine scored 9.1, while Patricia's brought her an 8.7 score. The vault event was dominated by Calgary. Lori Maxwell won the event with an 8.4. Marie Love finished a close second with an 8.35 score. Panda Sandra Farley tied for third with 7.95 score.

The depth of the Panda squad became evident when regular Carol Brinkhurst injured her ankle during the vault competition, then reinjured it in the floor exercises, leaving only five Pandas to carry the load into the final event. Most other teams would have had trouble replacing a gymnast of Carol's caliber, but the Pandas took the injury in stride. "That really shows the quality of the program we have here when Carol gets injured and it doesn't really slow us down," commented O'Brien later "It rattled us a bit but by then, we were so far ahead no one could catch us."

The Pandas cleaned up on the individual awards competed

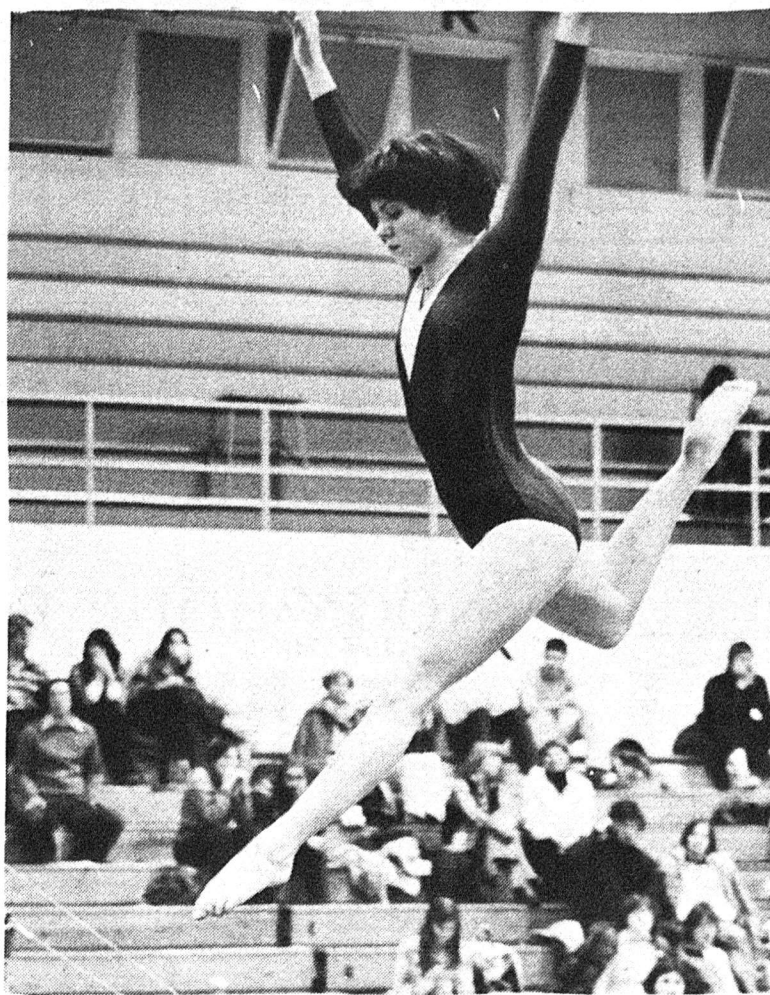
for on Sunday. Before injuring herself in a nasty fall in the uneven bar competition, Sandra Farley won third place in the vault competition. Peggy Bureaud won first place in uneven bars with a two-day combined score of 17.9; first place in floor exercise (17.6) and a third place finish in beam (14.75).

Kathy Mattock garnered a first place in the beam (17.5) and a second in the uneven bars (16.45). Patricia McMillan placed third in the uneven bars (16.9) and second in the floor exercise (17.35).

### PANDA PATTERN

The seventh consecutive Canada West title is a credit to the fine coaching job done by Sandy O'Brien, who has built a real dynasty. It's a shame more people don't come out to watch this 'machine' she has put together. Even the judges were complimenting the Pandas after the meet for the way they carried themselves on and off the floor — one judge was even overheard to say she marked a Panda higher than another competitor because she liked her haircut!

The University of Manitoba women finished an unofficial third in the all-round standings, but were competing on an exhibition basis only.



Pandas' Kathy Mattock scored an 8.8 with this routine. Photo by Jim Connell.

...m, Newhouse led the way

## Bear tracksters gain second consecutive trophy

**John Stewart**  
For Gerry Swan it must have been, at least in some sense, a good-bye. After several years of competing in interuniversity track and field for the U of A Golden Bears (a native Berens Bay formally retired from the University track scene last year. But not without fan-

was awarded a total of 134 points, followed at some distance by the University of Saskatchewan Huskies (81), UBC (54), Calgary (53), and Victoria (6).

Swan, victorious in the triple jump (with a leap of 15.32 metres, a new conference record), the long jump (with a 7.0 metre performance) and a member of the record setting 4x100 metre relay team (along with Sean Kehoe, Frank Van Doorn, and Dan Biocchi: 43.2 seconds) also won the performer of the meet award in 1978.

"Gerry has been the inspiration and the heart and soul of the team with his gentlemanly and genuinely friendly personality; with his unassuming and truly modest character," U of A coach Gabor Simonyi said. "Without him the team would have been a lot poorer. We are not looking forward to the day he leaves (at the end of this term). He will be missed by everyone."

Newhouse's performance, judged equally outstanding, included two record setting runs; one in the 400 metres (48.5 seconds) and one in the 800 metres (1:52.9). Newhouse also anchored the winning 4x400 metre relay team with a 48.8 second split. The relay team included Bears Jim Kellner, Helgi Eyford and Scott Garvey.

The meet featured several other record performances. Those registered by Golden Bear athletes other than Newhouse, Swan and the relay team are: Sean Kehoe (the eventual winner of the event) and Frank Van Doorn, 60 metres, 6.7 seconds; Van Doorn, 200 metres (a new event this year), 22.0 seconds (also a victorious effort).

Outstanding performances

included those by Calgary's Peter Butler, who took both the 1500 and 3000 metre events with record runs (3:52.5 in the former, and 8:16.6, 14 seconds better than the previous mark, in the latter).

In the 60 metre hurdles, an event in which U of A's Pierre Desrochers finished third, Calgary's Carson Patterson tied the existing record of 8.3 seconds.

UBC's Dean Bauck, a

### First CWUAA title

## Pandas make history on track

by John Stewart

Janet Shulha probably did not envision her diversification being the attribute that would lead her to stardom. But such was the case during the Canada West conference track and field championships, held last Friday and Saturday evenings at the Kinsmen Field House.

Shulha, who was named co-outstanding female athlete of the meet (along with 1978 winner Joanne Jones-Anderson, who achieved the same point total), anchored the University of Alberta Pandas' conference winning track team by collecting two first place ribbons, finishing third in another event and being part of a second place relay team.

The Pandas overall total, leading to their first-ever Canada West championship in track, was 99 points. Saskatchewan, last year's winning team finished second with 74 points, followed by Calgary (40 points), Victoria (29) and UBC (17).

Shulha won the long jump with a leap of 5.63 metres and then took the high jump with a 1.68 metre performance. She

member of the Canadian Commonwealth games team, established a new high jump record of 2.15 metres in only his third attempt of the meet. The Bears' Wally Dixon turned in a credible performance finishing second to Bauck (2.03 metres).

Rob Foote, although failing to set a new record in the pole vault, won the event with a leap of 4.15 metres and added to the Bears' already large margin of victory.

After the meet the U of A coaches lauded the various local club mentors who aided the Bears in their collective winning effort. Erv Barros, Roger Burrows, Kit Knight and Ken Porter were all instrumental in the U of A squad's victory.

Several of the Golden Bears will be competing next weekend in the National Senior finals to be held in the Kinsmen Field House.

finished third in the 60 metre hurdles, behind Jones-Anderson (second place) and U of A's Sue Farley (who won the event with a new conference record of 8.4 seconds, .2 seconds better than her record performance of a year ago).

Shulha also teamed with Margo Howe, Farley, and Anita Bailey to place second in the 4x100 metre relay.

But Shulha did not win the championship single-handedly; several other Pandas played crucial roles in the team's victory.

U of A's Howe took the final in the 60 metres with a record tying 7.4 second run. She also won the 200 metres, an event never before run in Canada West competition, setting a conference record of 25.5 seconds.

Sue Bell and Sandi Herring finished second and third respectively in the 400 metres, behind U of A's Debbie Cambell, who established a new-event record of 56.6 seconds. Earlier Bell and Herring had duplicated their two-three finish, behind the fiery Cambell again, in the 800

metres. The Pandas 4x400 metre relay team of Mary Burzminski, Shannon Sproule, Herring and Bell (with a 55.4 split) ran a respectable 3:55.2 seconds to add first place points to their overall total.

U of A shot putter Becky Sjare's effort of 13.87 metres outdistanced her nearest opponent by more than 1.33 metres, placing her on the list of winners.

U of Vic's Debbie Scott, with two record-shattering runs was acclaimed the person responsible for the outstanding performances of the meet. Scott's 4:24.4 in the 1500 and 9:30.8 in the 3000 established stunning new marks (the latter eclipsed the old record by almost 28 seconds) that are world-class.

The Pandas' pleasant upswing in recent years is due in great part to the quality of the U of A coaches. The Bears-Pandas coaching staff is composed of Jim Bondarenko, Dr. Jim Haddow, Dr. Bob Steadward, John Konihowski, Diane Jones-Konihowski and Gabor Simonyi.



Swan. Photo by Russ Samp-

track squad to their second consecutive Canada West University Athletic Association (UAA) championship; at the time being named joint performer of the meet by the Bears' 24 member team