

Wrestlers like it - "Uh-huh-uh-huh"

by York Hawke

The University of Alberta wrestling squad invaded the Huskie gymnasium at the University of Saskatchewan last weekend and when the smoke cleared the Golden Bears had taken five individual first places to win the two day Saskatoon Invitational Wrestling Tournament.

Led by Glen Purych (118 lb), Russ Pawlyk (134), Andy Macri (142), Steve Tisberger (150), and Jay Heatherington (HWT), who were all undefeated in their respective weight classes, the Bears accumulated more than twice as many points as runner-up Lakehead and third place Calgary.

Adding valuable points to

the Alberta total were Tom Mayson (134) and Fred Mertz (167) who both took fourth place in their weight classes and Pierre Pomerleau who, despite wrestling on a badly sprained ankle, still managed to tie for sixth place.

The U of A victory was especially noteworthy in that the team had to forfeit three of the twelve weight categories due to a lack of personnel in the 109, 126, and 220 lb. classes. In other words the Bears won five of the nine divisions that they entered.

Possibly the highlight of the competition occurred during the heavyweight final when Heatherington, who would have wrestled in the 220 lb. class but

couldn't cut enough weight after having taken first place the night before in a lasagna-eating contest, set up his opponent, the Hawaiian-born Heyou Kamoniwanalaya (U of S) with a two-on-one, straddle hop, elbow lock hip toss. The big Hawaiian transfer student hit the mat with all 310 lbs. facing the overhead lights and Heatherington had the win. As the referee signalled the pin, the entire Golden Bear team rushed onto the mat singing: "That's the way, uh-huh, un-huh, we like it." Persian referee Gedid Indiya asked the mat to be cleared but even he had to smile at the exuberance of the Bear wrestlers.

Meanwhile on the adjacent mat, 142 lb. Andy Macri was in the middle of his final bout with U of Regina's Clyde Torus. Macri was actually in the process of pinning Torus as Heatherington won his match but paused long enough to add a couple of "uh-huh, uh-huhs" to the chorus before he finished the contest with an Olympic lift, scissor crotch, shoulder stack. On cue, the Bears continued the celebration around Macri as referee Claude Bawles and the spectators in the Huskie gym looked on.

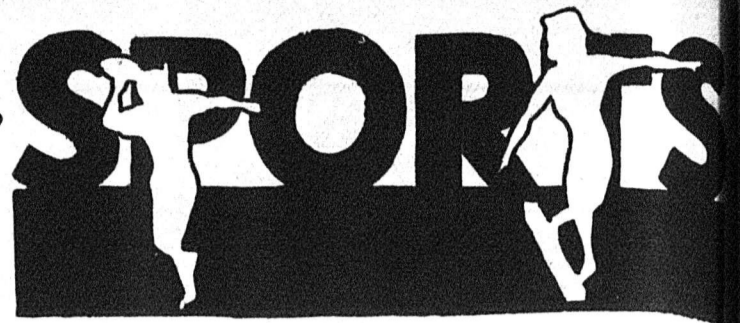
When asked if it was exciting to see two Bear victories only seconds apart coach John Barry could only reply: "Uh-huh, uh-huh."

Purych had already defeated Jack Mehoff and Pawlyk had disposed of tough Billy Bustahymann and so the stage was set for the 150 lb. final between Tisberger and former Ukrainian champion Getchur Rokzov who was wrestling unattached. As Tisberger defeated the former Greco-Roman star with a side salto, flying lip lock spinal fusion, the spectators applauded wildly and actually joined in when the Bears, led by assistant coach Denny Hrycaiko, started singing the modified version of the K.C. and the Sunshine Band song.

At the awards ceremony tournament director Wolfgang Balder commented on the enthusiastic U of A team, stating that the squad had certainly added color to the competition. As Miss Saskatchewan, shapely Judy Newberry, handed out the trophies, almost everyone joined the Bears with a verse of "That's the way, uh-huh, uh-huh, we like it!"

Just a reminder: The Canada West Wrestling Championships will be held in the U of A main gym Saturday Feb. 21st at 10 a.m.

Watch the next issue of *The Gateway* for a further report on the cultural aspects of the Saskatoon trip in particular and the Golden Bear wrestlers in general.



Lutherans beat tired Bears

by Mark Spitz

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After a three year regular season winning streak, the Swimming Bears finally met their match against the Tacoma based Pacific Lutheran University Swim Team. Coach Phil Gardner had the excuses ready. "Our boys were tired," he said. "We should never have swam immediately after that five hour bus trip from Vancouver."

Nothing should be taken from the P.L.U. team however. They were ready to swim and were consistently strong throughout the meets winning all but three events.

Despite the loss, individual performances by a few of the Bears were impressive. Rob Edmunds showed composure despite inconsistent judging and was superlative on the three meter diving board. John Starratt swam strong in the 200 yd. freestyle and 200 yd. butterfly, and Butch Skulsky was outstanding in the 200 yd. breaststroke. Bruce Gibson swam well in the 50 freestyle only to be disqualified under the strange American rules. Kevin

Feehan put in a valiant effort but failed to make the national championships qualifying time by two seconds in the 200 breaststroke.

The entire team fared better against UBC, defeating them twice primarily on the strength of the diving and the freestyle relay team. However, the true exciting performances took place in other events. The medley relay team of Mark Polet, Butch Skulsky, Ron Nelson and John Starratt came within two tenths of a second of the Alberta record. Polet went on to take the 100 backstroke on the judge's decision. Skulsky and Starratt followed up with victories in the 100 breaststroke and 100 butterfly respectively. Ross Nelson won the 200 free and Bruce Gibson captured the 50 freestyle title. Stewart Nelson, Frank Cosman and Roger Barron deserve mention for their performances as well.

Dr. Phil Gardiner waxes philosophical about the loss. "The stiff competition resulted in some of our members posting their best times ever. The loss will just make our team swim that much harder at the Westerns."

Judo club hangs tough

The University of Alberta's Judo Club put in an excellent showing last weekend (Feb. 7) at the Western Regional tournament, held at the University of Lethbridge. This is especially relevant, considering the generally lower ranking of the U of A team in comparison to the two other teams (Lethbridge and UBC).

In the order of placings, the results are:

Mike Calder - 1st in Middleweight; Al Schaefer - 1st in Heavyweight; Wayne Miyagishima - 3rd in Featherweight; Scott Tanner - 3rd in Lightweight; Jim Underschults - 3rd in Middleweight; Louis Kaomenka - 3rd in Light heavyweight; Don Goodfellow - 3rd in Heavyweight.

In the team standings the U of A came second, winning the matches against UBC's B team, but losing to UBC's A team by one match. The team was made up of five of the team members in four weight categories. They were:

1. Wayne Miyagishima 62 kg.
2. Scott Tanner under 70 kg.
- Neil Leslie
3. Mike Calder under 80 kg.

4. Al Schaefer under 93 kg. Sensi Ron Senda is convinced that the showing at the upcoming provincials to be held in Lethbridge will also be favorable. If you are down in the area on March 21 come out to support the team.

Good times for Pandas

The Swimming Pandas once again proved they had "Good Times" on road trips. Last weekend on the West Coast every member on the team posted personal best times. Friday night the Panda's swam the UBC Thunderettes winning almost every event in the double meet.

Shirley Miller smashed the qualifying time in the 200 and joined the likes of Monica Lee Brophy, Mary Hughes, Wendy Kruger, Laurel McKel and Myrna Spilde as potential team members to compete at the CWIAU Championships.

The team travelled to Tacoma Washington for still competition Saturday and put in an incredible performance (following a 5 1/2 hour bus trip) by placing second in the double meet and still posting personal best times. The girls should conditioning and endurance pay off!

With one week left before the Canada West Championships, the women enter the "peaking" phase of training, hopes of better times to come and to prepare for their crack at qualifying the Canadians. Keep up the good work Panda's!

Panda Divers Rose Brown and Sheila Zieper combine talents with Dianne Murtha to win both competitions on Coast. Dianne won both the 1 meter and 3 meter events both meets and will lead the team to the Westerns next week.

Women's Intramurals

Cross Country Skiing

Was held on Sat., Feb. 7. It was originally planned to be run at Mayfair, but because of poor snow conditions, was moved to Kinsmen Park field. Excellent instruction was provided by Elaine Armstrong. Thanks Elaine.

Badminton Doubles

We've just started with our schedule. There are lots of teams entered so please don't default!

Snow Soccer

Was held on Wed, Feb. 4. The weather was very cold which might account for the fact that only 10 girls showed up. Those who came really enjoyed it, though.

3 on 3 Basketball

Finals were held on Mon-

day, Feb. 10 in the West Gym with two teams representing each of the three leagues. The ultimate winners were from the Pys. Ed. unit. Congratulations!

Tennis

32 Girls joined in on the tennis that was held Sun, Feb. 9 at the Mayfield tennis centre. Everyone who showed up appeared to have enjoyed themselves. The Education unit gets top participation points for this event.

Upcoming Events

Archery, netball and table tennis.

For more information, please phone women's intramural office (432-3465) or drop in weekdays 12:00-1:00 p.m. and Tues and Thurs from 4:00-5:00 p.m.



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