

# Coast swing disaster for unwary backboard Bruins

By **RON TERNOWAY**  
**BEARS 70, VICTORIA 78**  
**BEARS 57, UBC 92**

**VANCOUVER** — The weather was warm but nothing in comparison to the hot reception that the hoop Bears received here this weekend.

Coach Barry Mitchelson's squad ran into a determined group of Victoria Vikings Friday night. With an excellent eye for the basket and a lot of desire, Vikings were able to upset the Bruins before a jubilant home crowd and an ecstatic coach, Bob Bell. "We're very happy to win," was all he could say after the game.

The Bears started with a zone defence as Mitchelson shifted Bob Bain to guard and started all three of his big men, Larry

Nowak, Dick DeKlerk and Paul Pomietlarz in an attempt to shut off Victoria's inside offence. Victoria's guards shot from the outside with uncanny accuracy and the Bears found themselves down 19-13 midway through the first half.

Then the Bears came alive, tying the score at 21-21 minutes later and forging into a nine point lead, only to have Victoria come back and take a narrow 39-38 lead at the half.

## LATE RALLY

The Vikings took command again in the second half and led until the Bruins tied the game at 58 points apiece with seven minutes remaining. Victoria regained the advantage and led by five with only one minute left. Again the Bruins cut the Viking

lead to two points, but guard Skip Cronck personally sunk the Bears' chances with four free shots and a lay-up in the last 30 seconds.

Everyone got into the scoring act for Victoria, with Brian Brumwell and Tom Hatcher paving the way at 14 points each. DeKlerk hit for 26 points to lead the Bears and the other two starting forwards also were in double figures. Nowak struck for 17 points and Pomietlarz was good for 13.

Saturday night the Thunderbirds came out with a full court press that completely buffaloed Mitchelson's crew. UBC grabbed a quick 5-0 lead and carefully increased their margin to 11 points by quarter time. The Birds discontinued the press but con-

tinued to outplay the Bears and had a comfortable 51-30 lead at the half.

The Bruins were unable to get untracked at all in the second half and steadily lost ground on the Birds. With the score 76-42 and eight minutes left, UBC coach Peter Mullins substituted his entire second string, who outscored the Bears 35-34 to preserve the win.

Veteran guard Ron Thorsen, who has fine moves and excellent drive paced the Thunderbirds with 19 points. Starting forward Bob Molinski connected for 18. For the second night DeKlerk led the Bears, this time with 18 points.

## UBC ON TOP

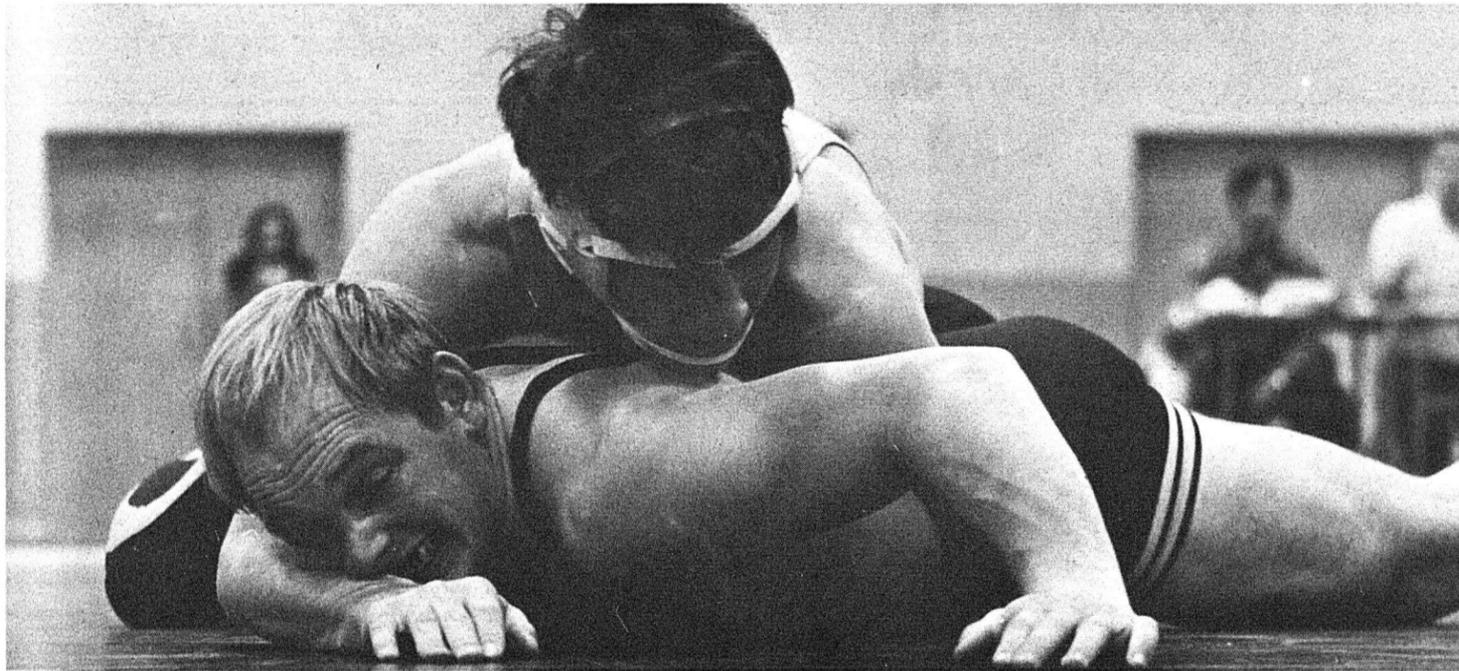
The losses dropped the Bears from first place in the Western

Canada Intercollegiate Basketball League. The Thunderbirds are now 6-0 and at the top of the heap. University of Manitoba moved into a tie for second with the Bears as they defeated Regina 106-50 Friday night and Saskatoon 96-56 Saturday to improve their record to 5-1.

Winnipeg Wesmen defeated Saskatoon 88-80 and Regina 83-59 to move into a fourth place tie with Calgary and Victoria.

"He can either stay down or get up. We're going to get up."

The Bears take a break from conference action for a weekend series against Carroll College in Helena, Montana. League play resumes in two weeks as the same Vikings and Thunderbirds visit Varsity Gym.



**GOLDEN BEAR DAVE DUNIEC PREPARES TO EXECUTE HIS FAVORITE HOLD**

... the step-over-under-arm-bicipid to the wrist of Chuck Burgess of Montana State

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## Montana State presses Golden Grapplers but falls to Taylor's squad in wrestlathon

Hosts are supposed to treat their guests with a certain amount of hospitality.

However, the Golden Bear wrestling squad showed very little of the western welcome at the weekend dropping all comers in a six-team tournament at Varsity Gym.

Bert Taylor's outfit captured the meet with 67 points, followed closely by Montana State University with 61. The Edmonton AAU picked up 59½ points, Whitworth College 30 and the University of Calgary 27½. The Calgary AAU was shut out.

Montana State had little trouble with Canadian rules and wrestled extremely well. The Americans have a strong wrestling team and walked away with four first place finishes. Whitworth won one first place, while the Golden Bears won three and the Edmonton AAU won two.

Gold medal winners for the

Bears were Gord Bertie at 118 lbs., Ernie Lavoie at 177 lbs., and Ron Lappage at 190 lbs. Rick Kirkpatrick from Montana State received the gold medal in the 126 pound weight class while teammates Robert Koyama (142 lbs.), Mike Burgess (150 lbs.) and Bill Spring (167 lbs.) also received gold medals for their efforts.

Whitworth's lone gold medal was won by Paul Stahily who defeated Chuck Burgess of Montana State in a fine match in the 158 pound class. First place finishers for the Edmonton AAU were Rob Nelson at 134 lbs. and Ken Sigaty at heavyweight.

Don Clark of Alberta at heavyweight, Brian Heffel at 167 lbs. and Serge Gauthier at 150 lbs. came in second in their respective weight classes. Chris Gould at 150 lbs., Dave Duniec at 158 lbs. and Bob Thayer at 167 lbs. were third place finishers for the Bears.

Dark horses of the tournament were the wrestlers from the Edmonton AAU. Not to be put down, the AAU team, generally comprised of rookies, showed their mettle and placed seven wrestlers in the final standings, including two gold medal winners. Their third place finish in the team standings attests to the ability of these young men who will undoubtedly provide the U of A with many fine wrestlers in the future.

The tournament was well attended both Friday and Saturday as several hundred spectators turned out to see the top quality of amateur wrestling on display.

The Bears are away to Spokane on Jan. 22, 23, and 24 where they will meet Eastern Washington State College, Washington State University and Whitworth College in preparation for the WCIAA championships Feb. 13 and 14 in Saskatoon.

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