

SPORTS

Major Awards

MVP Awards

Bakewell Trophy (outstanding female athlete) - Amanda Holloway
 Wilson Trophy (outstanding male athlete) - Brian Fryer
 Bill Woywitka Trophy (most valuable football player) - Mike McLeod

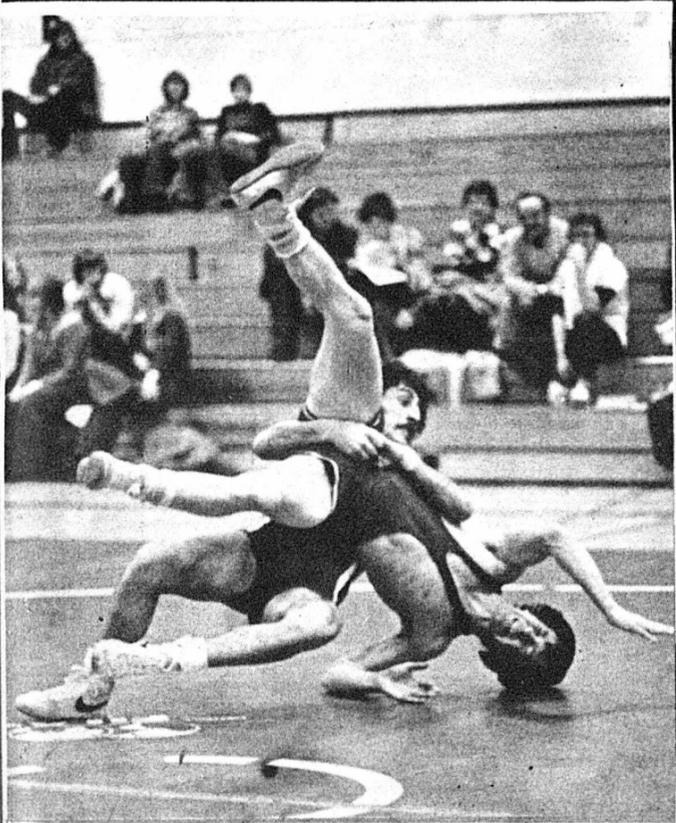
Russ Pawlyk, Glenn Purych and Steve Tisberger - Wrestling
 Jim Ofrim and Dale Hutchinson - Hockey
 Brian Larsen and Mike McLeod - Football
 Doug Baker and Brent Patterson - Basketball
 Mona Lee Brophy and Stuart Nelson - Swimming
 Mary Jane Henning - Fencing
 Angela Pearson - Field Hockey
 Susan Farley, Lyle Kuchmak and Darrel Menard - Track and Field
 Peggy Downton - Gymnastics
 Chris Cummins - Volleyball

Fencing

For Coach Tom Freeland, the job came easier this year. With top fencers like Jed Chapin and Mary Jane Henning the U of A team showed that they were the best in Canada West, easily defeating their rivals to gain the league crown.

The Bears, who hosted the

Canada West finals, captured all three events, foil, sabre and epee. At the recently concluded Western Canadian Fencing Conference Mary Jane Henning earned her national "B" ranking by placing second in Women's foil. Jed Chapin finished second in both foil and epee at the tournament.



Wrestling

The Golden Bear wrestlers enjoyed a very good year in 75-76. They finished second overall in the Regina Annual Cougar Invitational Wrestling Tournament and were the eventual winners at the Saskatoon

Invitational Wrestling Tournament.

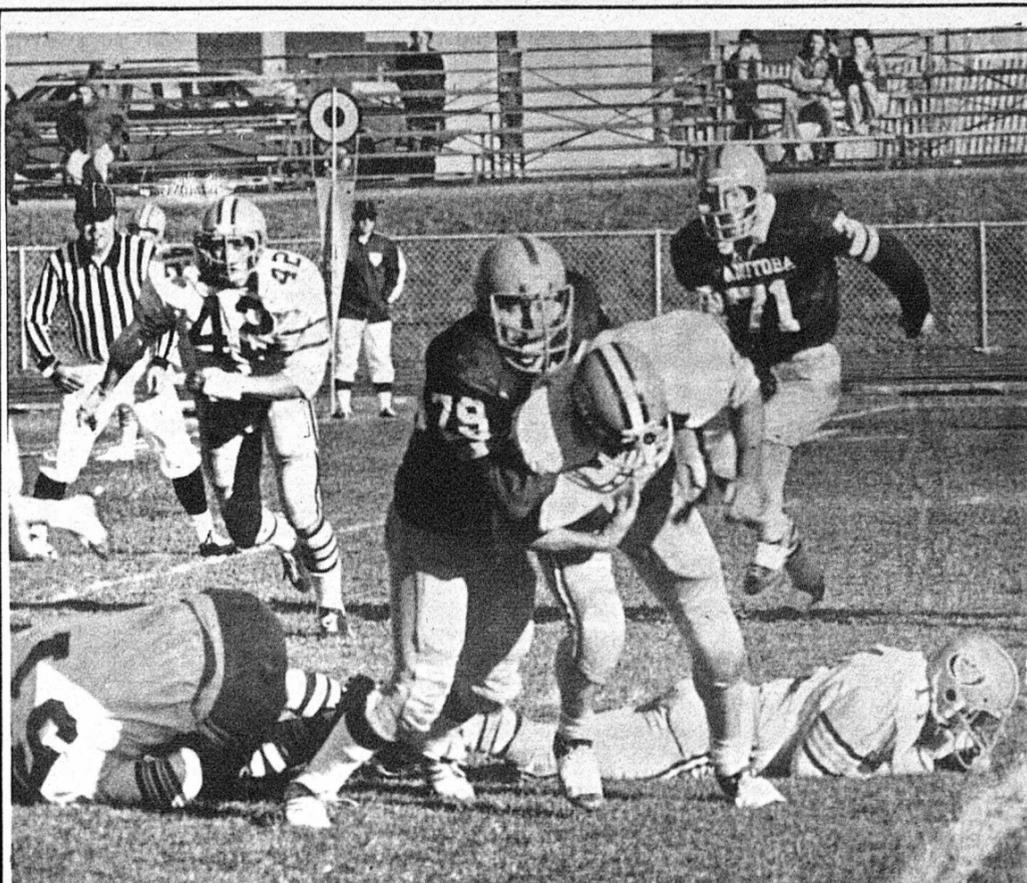
The team finished second at the Canada West championships and placed five wrestlers on the Can-West squad (Glen Purych, Russ Pawlyk, Andy Macri, Steve Tisberger and Pierre Pomerleau), which competed in the Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic Union championships.

Swimming

Once again the U of A swimmers proved their strength in Western Canada. The Golden Bears, under the guidance of Phil Gardiner, proved to be the best in Canada West competition and the seven Golden Bears (Mark Polet, Butch Skulsky, Derek Cathro, John Starratt, Ross and Stewart Nelson, and Kevin Feehan) who qualified for the national college finals combined to give the University of

Alberta men third place in that competition.

The Pandas, coached by Sandy Smith, finished second in Canada West and sent five swimmers (Myrna Spilde, Mona-Lee Brophy, Laurel McKellar, Wendy Kruger and Mary Hughes) and one diver (Sheila Zeipher) to the national finals. There the Pandas finished sixth in competition with other universities from around the country.



Football

The Golden Bear football team opened up the 1975-76 season solid at all positions except the most vital one - quarterback. Ron Bryant was expected to fill in for Gerald Kunyk, last year's spectacular pivot who graduated to the pro ranks with the Calgary Stampeders.

Bryant had an inauspicious start to the season and after injuries, rookie Brian Larsen

had to step in. Inexperience kept the Bears from going as far as they might have with the talent available. Even with Brian Fryer, who did everything but sell hot dogs at halftime, the Bears could muster only a 4-4 record, losing all four games against the top two teams in the league, Calgary and Saskatchewan.

Two small consolations for the season, were, unlike last year when Bears were the class

of the league but had two games taken away from them because of the ineligibility of place kicker Don Kates, and finished out of the playoffs; this year Bears 4-4 record was indicative of the talent on the squad. The other consolation was that the player with the most talent on the team (and in the Canadian Colelge ranks), Brian Fryer rightfully was named the outstanding football player in Canada, after losing to Al Charuk last year.



Soccer

The U of A soccer team came very close to winning the Canada West championships, losing to Victoria by a 2-1 score but enjoyed a very successful season otherwise. The team

captured runner up spot with a 2-0 win over UBC. Coach Gerry Redmond had plenty of talent to work with especially rookies Doug Potiuk and Matteo Piscopo, and said that he was "very proud of the guys that

played with the Bears all season to the bitter end and gave their valuable time to practice for the team... I only wish the ending could be more successful." Nevertheless it was a fulfilling season.

Field Hockey

The Panda field hockey team finished fourth among the Canada West clubs. The team coached by Kathy Broderick remained competitive in all of their games and received inspired play from all their players with Barb Ball having a very good individual season.

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