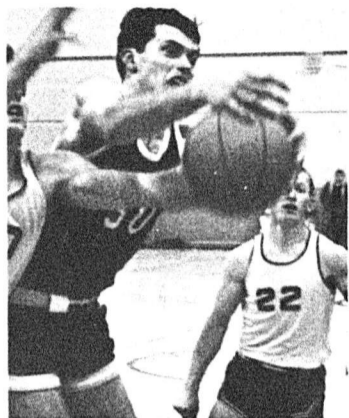


Mitchelson's marching Bears set to take on Wesmen



WARREN CHAMPION
... on the ball

BY JOE CZAJKOWSKI

Quaecumque vera. Translation—that which is truth.

Truth one—the Golden Bears are 8-0 in league competition.

Truth two—the Golden Bears host the U of W Wesmen this weekend in an attempt to extend their win streak to ten games.

Truth three—the Winnipeg Wesmen will do everything in their power to record a loss on the Bears' thus far perfect record.

Winnipeg is a relatively unknown team in college circles and is only in its first year of full WCIAA participation. At the beginning of the season the club was not given much of a

chance to upset the old-timers in the league but in fact has surprised several established teams.

Ten games into their schedule the club has posted four wins. Much stronger than anticipated, the Wesmen have come to within one point of upsetting the highly-rated Manitoba Bisons.

Led by Rich Macey, Wayne Bradshaw, Craig Parker and Bob Johnson the Wesmen could give the Bears a good tussle. Macey is high up in the scoring race. At the guard position Johnson has been scoring consistently.

Meanwhile, in the Bears' den, things are looking good.

Alberta's forward line impressed in the twin victories

over the U of S Huskies in Saskatoon last weekend. Dick DeKlerk had a great series netting 45 points. Warren Champion has finally shown his ability to play two-way basketball. Defensively, he played his best series of the season thus far.

Barry Mitchelson's squad has adjusted well to the loss of veteran guard Don Melnychuk. The Bears' bench strength prevailed. Star Junior Bear guard Dave Turner was brought up by the Bears to replace Melnychuk.

Only Bryan Rakoz will not be in top form for the weekend's encounters. Rakoz was injured in the recent O'Keefe Tournament in Saskatoon. He will see action against Winnipeg, however.

In other action last weekend, the Manitoba Bisons swept a pair from the U of S (Regina) Cougars to gain sole possession of second place in the WCIAA. The Bisons with 12 points now trail the Bears by only four.

The Wesmen split their series with the Calgary Dinosaurs to remain in fourth spot.

Bear-Wesmen action starts at 8 p.m. both Friday and Saturday with Varsity Gym the scene of the encounter.

LEAGUE STANDINGS

	P	W	L	Pts
Alberta	8	8	0	16
Manitoba	8	6	2	12
Saskatchewan	10	5	5	10
Winnipeg	10	4	6	8
Regina	10	3	7	6
Calgary	10	2	8	4

Wrestling Bears hold meet

Taylor's grapplers on the march

The Golden Bear wrestling team so far this year is undefeated in six meets.

They have more than adequately taken care of NAIT, the University of Saskatchewan, the Saskatchewan Institute of Technology, the Calgary Combines, the University of Calgary and Eastern Washington State College. This weekend sees the Bears home for the first, and only time, this year. The occasion is the Second Annual Golden Bear Invitational Tournament.

The teams taking part will be the University of Saskatchewan, the University of Calgary, NAIT, Western Montana State College, the YMCA, the Edmonton High School All-Stars. The Golden Bears themselves will enter both Junior and Senior Varsity teams.

Wrestlers who will compete for the seniors include Karl Stark, Bill Jensen, Dave Duniec, Chris Gould, John Marchand, Glen Nelson and Larry Speers. Ron Lappage is nursing a sore rib he picked up in Calgary last weekend and is a doubtful starter.

Tom Taylor, out with pneumonia early in the season, is healthy and will see action along with Dave Campbell, Henry Rosychuk and Bill Rutledge. The rookies who will be fighting this weekend are Bruce Stroud, Larry Andriashek and Gerry Robertson. Andriashek and Robertson were on the squad that destroyed the U of S Huskies earlier in the year.

The tournament begins on Friday night with the first match

starting at 8 o'clock. On Saturday there are two meets, in the morning at 10 o'clock and in the afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The way the Bears are fighting so far this year, backed by the experience picked up in this tournament, means they should win the WCIAA championship again this year. Last year the Bears placed five men, Bill Smith, Bill Jensen, Dave Duniec, Bob Ramsum and Ron Lappage, to win the title. Both Smith and Ramsum have graduated and are out of wrestling this year.

This year for the first time a Canadian Intercollegiate Wrestling Championship will be held. Winners of the WCIAA will go to Montreal on March 1 to compete against eastern wrestlers for the Canadian championship. Doctor Taylor from the U of A Golden Bears will be the coach.

UP AND COMING

A few Sundays ago on "The Topic is Sport", Mr. Ed Zemrau stated that the most upcoming sport on campus is wrestling. The comment was made "so what?" The answer must be that amateur wrestling is completely foreign to the professional antics one sees on television. Amateur wrestling at the U of A has developed immensely over the last two years. The result has been that from this year's team Karl Stark, Bill Jensen, Russ Rozylo, Dave Duniec and Larry Speers have been nominated to the Canadian National team to compete for Canada at the World Championships being held this year in Buenos Aires.



—photo by George Drohomirecki

BITE MY FINGER—and I will follow you anywhere. Bear grunt and groaners are hard at work this week in preparation for the Golden Bear Invitational meet which will be held on the weekend. Coach Dr. Bert Taylor has an outstanding squad this season which should have a good chance at national laurels.

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