

# Bears win second GBI title

by Mitch Panciuk

The Golden Bear basketball team easily defeated all of their competitors last weekend, and went on to win their second Golden Bear Invitational basketball tournament. The GBI Tournament has only been in existence since 1984.

The Bears turned in a solid and consistent performance, which saw them outlast their competitors in each of their games. Thursday's tournament opener saw the Bears play the Saskatchewan Huskies. Brian Halsey opened the scoring for the Bears after only seven seconds, but they quickly saw their lead dissipate, and the Huskies led until the 2:55 mark of the first half.

Ending the first half leading by a score of 46-43, the Bears returned from the dressing room after going thru what Rick Stanley termed "a gut check". The Bears came out strong at the beginning of the second half and pressed the Huskies, forcing them to turn over the ball repeatedly. The next twelve minutes saw the Bears outscore the Huskies 21-9, allowing them to coast to an easy victory.

After beating the Huskies, the Bears faced the tough McMaster Mauraders from Hamilton in the semi-final game Friday night before a crowd of almost 1200. The Bears trailed early in the game until Brian Halsey powered-up with a two point rebounds to tie it up at 54 second mark. The game remained close until the Bears went on a ten point unanswered run distancing themselves from the Mauraders. This ten

point cushion was enough to allow the Bears to coast to an easy victory.

The finals on Saturday night saw the largest crowd to take in a Golden Bear Basketball game since the 1986 playoffs. Saturday's game also saw the Bears take on the University of Calgary in the Championships game for the second time in the five year history of the tournament.

The Calgary Dinos proved to be formidable opponents, and after a hard fought first half, the Bears headed into the second half up by only three points. While Golden Bear rookie David Wooldrige had opened the scoring at the 40 second mark of the game, veterans Brian Halsey and Rick Stanley were visibly struggling for most of the game. Even with Stanley struggling, the Bears picked up 21 points from the 6'8" forward.

The second half of the final saw the Bears jump out to a quick seven point lead, and then the Bears were able to stretch the lead to 10 points and hang on to win the game 81-69. The win was the Bears second tour-

namment win in the five year history of the GBI.

This year's final saw the total tournament attendance figures pushed up to record numbers. Before the Bears were even able to play Saturday night, Fire Wardens decided that no more people could be allowed in as the 2,500 seating capacity had already been reached.



Rick Stanley of the Bears made the tournament allstar team, and fifth year guard Sean Chursinoff was voted tournament MVP after scoring 62 points in the three games that the Golden Bears played.

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# Gryphon breaks records

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This past weekend's Golden Bear Invitational basketball tournament saw the most single game points record, as well as the total tournament points record, smashed by University of Guelph Gryphons guard Tim Mau.

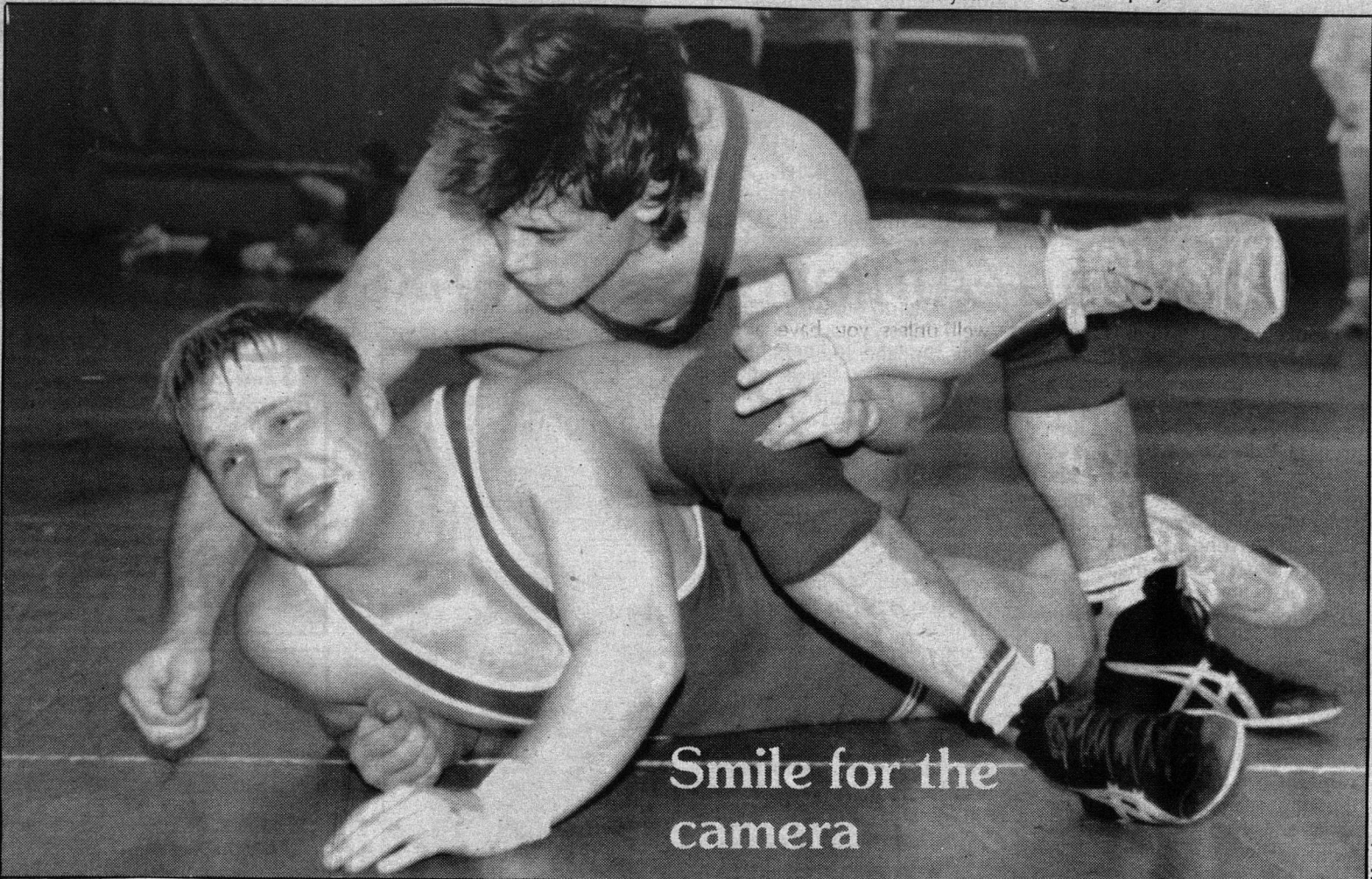
Mau was the CIAU 1988-89 Rookie of the Year, and true to last year's performance, he broke two tournament records which were set in the GBI last year. Mau scored a total of 84 points in this year's tournament, to break the 1988 most points record by two points. That record had been set last year by the University of Western Ontario's John Stiefelmeyer. Stiefelmeyer scored 82 points in the three games the University of Western Ontario team played in.

While breaking the total points record on Saturday, the Gryphon guard also shattered the single game scoring record of 36 points which had been held by the University of Saskatchewan's Chris Biegler. Biegler scored 36 against the U of A last year, and Mau scored 41 against the Saskatchewan Huskies this year.

Gryphon head coach Tim Darling was visibly excited by Mau's performance, and with this record does not go home empty handed. The Gryphons suffered a heartbreaking loss 73-70 to the University of Calgary in their opening game Thursday afternoon. The loss to

Calgary featured a gutsy comeback which saw the Gryphons tie the game at the end of regulation time, and force the tournament's first overtime game. In a tough-fought overtime, the Dinos were able to squeak out the victory in the last 15 seconds.

Last year, the Gryphons suffered a difficult loss in their final season game to miss a spot to the National Championships which were played in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Look for this year's Guelph team not to repeat last year's heartbreaking season, as they now have their toughest loss out of the way and can get on with the business of going to the Nationals. This year's CIAU National Championships will again be played in Halifax in March.



Smile for the camera

The Wrestling Bears attended the University of Calgary Invitational meet over the weekend. Vang Ionnides and Wade Spelrum won their weight divisions. However, the Bears placed fifth in the tourney. They placed higher than any other Canada West squad. "It was a tougher meet than I thought it would be," coach Mike Payette said.

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less at the other's rink since the '86-87 season.

Moore was happy with the effort his team displayed on Sunday, knowing that Calgary would be fired up after playing badly on Friday night. Two of the Calgary goals—Quinn's, and a knuckler from the point by Ross Rayment that somehow eluded Krill's glove—were "unearned," to borrow a baseball term. Bad bounces aside, Krill and the Bears both deserved a better end, but that is how three-year unbeaten streaks happen.

The Regina Cougars visit Varsity pond this week. They and the Bears are the top two defensive clubs in Canada West.

**RED LINES**—NHL linesman Mike Cvik worked the game as part of his rehabilitation from a knee injury. ... attendance in Calgary is never good, but the game only drew 250 fans. ... Weibe will probably miss this weekend as well.

Kevin Law