

SCW brings best college athletes together

Olympiad '67 features men's and women's events at three sites

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Olympiad '67, the sports side of Second Century Week, will bring to the university campuses of Edmonton and Calgary the best student athletes from across Canada.

The miniature-styled Olympic meet will also be staged at Banff for the skiing finals and will take place from March 6-11.

The idea of holding the national finals for men's hockey, basketball and swimming in Alberta as a student centennial project was originally started by U of A phys ed dean, Dr. M. R. Van Vliet.

Since then the project has expanded to include all sports of student interest for both men and women.

The week-long event will include finals in 12 men's and six women's sports and will attract over 500 athletes to the three sites of action.

GOVERNMENT HELP

Second Century Week as a whole will cost over \$275,000 of which the federal and provincial governments each agreed to donate \$80,000 towards the cause. The remaining \$116,000 will be raised through admissions, registration fees and a grant from the Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic Union.

The campuses at Edmonton and Calgary have equally divided the finals for various sports, according to those events which they feel the particular university will stand the most chance to be represented in.

The hockey finals will be held in Varsity Arena at U of A, while the consolation in this event will be held in Calgary.

The University of Alberta Golden Bears hockey team is presently seen as the team to represent the west in the finals, so they will be

given the opportunity to play on home ice in Edmonton.

CALGARY FINAL

In basketball however, the finals will be held in Calgary as the U of C Dinosaurs are expected to hold the western title and play in the finals.

Included in the national finals are, for the first time, intercollegiate competitions in wrestling, skiing, curling and swimming.

Although an invitation has been sent out to over 50 universities, colleges and technical schools to send representatives to Second Century Week, Olympiad '67 will only be represented by the five men's athletic conferences of the CIAU and four women's conferences in Canada.

This means that only the winners of each conference will send its team to the finals and it may also mean that one university may send several teams according to the results of each sport in each conference.

FINALS ALMOST DONE

The five men's conferences are the Western, Ontario-Quebec, Ottawa-St. Lawrence, Ontario Intercollegiate, and Maritimes and finals in each of these divisions are to be completed in the next two weeks for all sports.

The cost of the sports-end of the week includes accommodation for all athletes and coaches and travel from home to Alberta and to the various sites of each sport in Alberta.

Travel from each conference to Alberta will be only of the finest, as Air Canada has been contracted and the teams will arrive one day prior to their competition and fly home the day after their competition is finished.

On campus, besides the hockey finals, will be held the gymnastics,

judo, swimming, diving, synchronized swimming finals and basketball semi and consolation finals.

SKIING IN BANFF

Finals in basketball, volleyball, badminton, fencing, and curling as well as semi-finals in hockey are to be held in Calgary, while skiing will take place in Banff at Mount Norquay.

Women will be represented in synchronized swimming, volleyball, badminton and curling, and all of these sports will unfortunately take place at the University of Calgary, except for the swimming.

Such sports as figure skating, gymnastics, swimming and diving, basketball and skiing have no finals for women from across Canada, possibly because of the size of the meet already and the lack of time or space.

Events are already so tightly packed at both universities, that the physical education facilities have been completely reserved for the entire week and all classes and scheduled university activities have been cancelled.

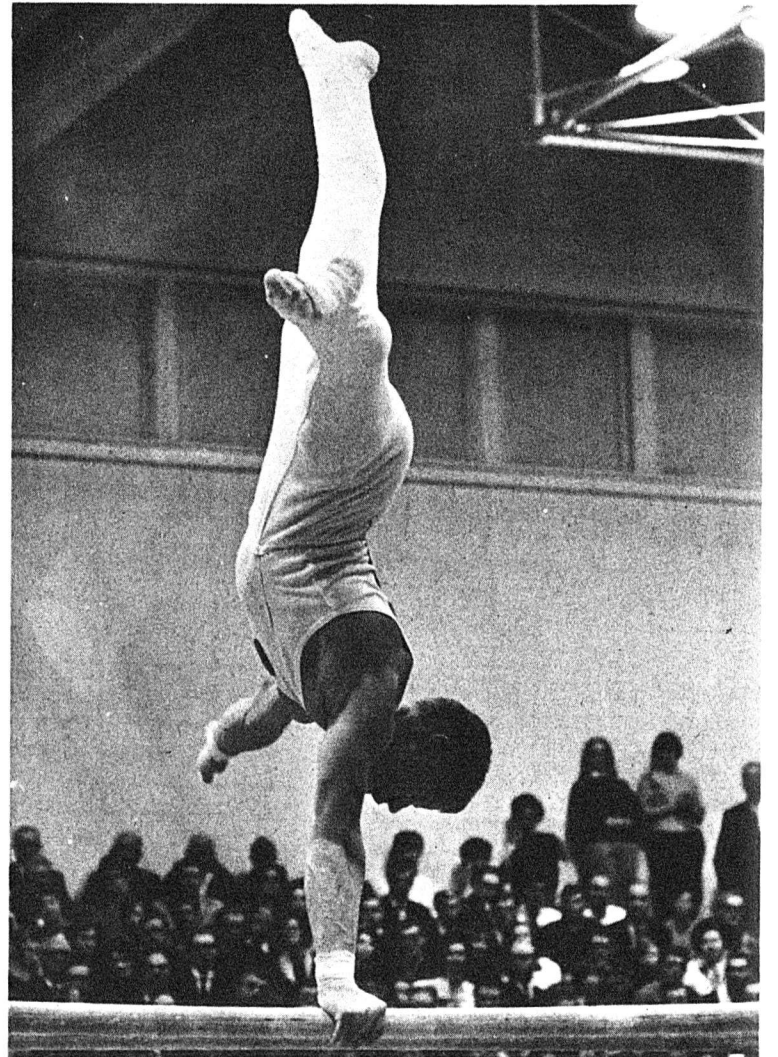
REPRESENTATIVES DECIDED

For the western conference some of the representatives have already been decided. In judo, the finals were held last week in Saskatoon, and three of the four representatives who won their weight divisions were from the Edmonton campus.

Last weekend in Calgary, volleyball finals produced the UBC Thunderbirds as western representatives as they won a close decision over the favoured University of Manitoba Bisons' team.

In wrestling as in skiing and judo, representatives are chosen, not as a particular university team but according to various classes and weights.

All other finals in the western



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conference will be held in the next two weeks, with swimming at Winnipeg, badminton and fencing at U of A, and curling at Calgary.

Hockey and basketball western representatives will be chosen according to final league standings unless there is a time, in which case there will be a two-game play-off

between the two first-place teams.

The national meet in such a variety of sports in Alberta, will provide students with a look at the best athletes in Canada, and the idea may very well prove to be carried on as a regular event, not just as a centennial feature, as it is this year.

A college first

Live color coverage set for hockey final

Canadian intercollegiate sports will receive a real shot in the arm this March when the CTV Network broadcasts live and in color the national college championship hockey final from the University of Alberta's Varsity Arena.

According to athletic director Ed Zemrau, this will be the first live coverage on a national basis of any college competition in Canada.

CTV and CBC will also film other events in the Olympiad for later showings. The networks will promote Second Century Week and the hockey final on their national hook-up, as well as feature SCW in programs immediately prior and after the week.

The hockey final is only one of 18 national Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic Union championships slated for Calgary, Edmonton and Banff during Second Century Week.

During a crowded week of activities, over 700 of Canada's finest young athletes will compete for national championships in basketball, volleyball, fencing, judo, skiing, curling, badminton, wrestling,

swimming, and synchronized swimming.

According to Mr. Zemrau, the Olympiad will mark the first time that national finals on the college level have ever been held in Canada, except in basketball, hockey and men's swimming.

Second Century Week competitions also mark the first time that the whole spectrum of collegiate athletics will be brought together at one time.

During the six days of the week, hockey and basketball semi-finals will alternate between Edmonton and Calgary, with the other sports equally divided between the two centres.

For men's sports, the championships have been sanctioned by the CIAU, which has authorized each of its five member athletic unions to send one representative in each of the twelve sports.

Women's intercollegiate sports will be represented by four teams competing in each of six sports. One team from western Canada, one from the Maritimes, and two from Ontario-Quebec will be chosen in each case.



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