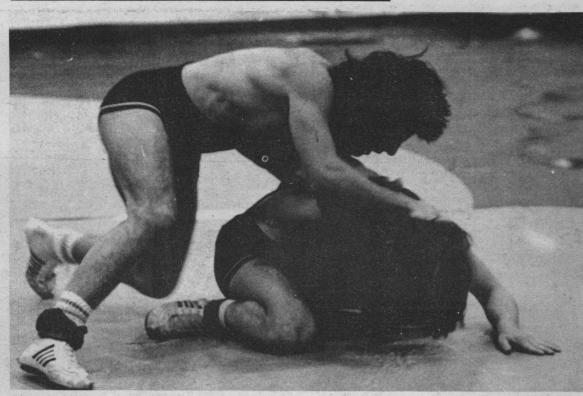
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Wrestlers will be keeping busy this weekend. The U of A club goes against Northern Montana this Friday, and hosts Bears' Invitational on Saturday.

Wrestlers prepare for Invitational

It will be a busy weekend for Golden Bear wrestlers.

Friday night the Bears are scheduled to take on Northern Montana State College in a dual meet at 7:00 p.m. in the West Gym.

Northern Montana has been known to produce great wrestling teams in the past and this year appears to be no exception. Bears should get their toughest competition of the year here.

Saturday, Alberta hosts their 8th Annual Golden Bear Invitational, including such teams as U of Calgary, U of Saskatchewan, U of Regina, Mount Royal College; Vermillion College, and, once again, Northern Montana State. Several other teams, including an Edmonton All-Star team, are also expected to take part.

Weight classes from 109 Ibs. to 190 Ibs. will be contested by some of the finest in Canada.

The competition will feature wrestlers such as Dave Cummings, four-time Canadian champ, 8th in the World Championships; Russ Pawlyk, Canada West champion, and Canadian Junior champion; and Gil Wist, former Canada West champ.

As well, there will be a "grudge match" between Pawlyk, of U of Alberta, and Wist, of U of Saskatchewan. Pawlyk is the defending Canadian champ but lost his last meeting to Wist and is anxious to avenge the defeat on his home ground.

The Golden Bear Invitational is one of the highlights of the western Canadian wrestling season. Action starts at 11:00 a.m. in the Main Gym, and continues until 6:00 p.m., with the final beginning at about 4:30 p.m.



Smith's pretzel logic

Is University hockey really special? Is it a cut above the other levels of the game where gentlemanly play is concerned?

Clare Drake has definite views on how he would like to see hockey played at the University level.

He was less than enchanted when, for the second time in a row, an Alberta-Saskatchewan game broke into a brawl.

"You can see that kind of thing anytime - you don't have to come to a College game to see that," he said.

But Drake may have forgotten how events came to pass.

Dave Smith, coach of the Huskies, said in a characteristically blunt way, "Why should I stand around and watch one of my players get the ---- beat out of him?"

He has a point. True, it was a Saskatchewan butt-end that brought on the original scrap, but it was some unnecessary 2-on-1 tactics by the Bears that precipitated the bench-clearing incident, and I find it hard to blame Smith for trying to protect his player from the kind of assault that was being handed out.

What is objectionable is the plans Smith seems to have for the occasion when Bears must travel to Saskatoon.

Smith said, "I have some football players who have been working out with the team at practises. I'll put them into the game in the first period and Alberta won't bother us again. I don't care if I do lose a couple of players for the rest of the game."

Now, that is objectionable.

Smith seems to have forgotten his first responsibility, that of winning hockey games, in favor of making sure the rest of the league "respects" the Huskies.

Perhaps no one has pointed out to him that the surest way to gain respect is with a winning hockey team.

Smith got a lot of laughs when he said, before the season began, something like, "when any other team loses, they fire the coach. But when a University team loses, we fire the players."

Drake lamented after Friday's melee, "I don't want to look like a White Knight or anything, but I've always thought University hockey was just a little better than that. But if this kind of thing continues, maybe I was wrong."

He was not referring specifically to Dave Smith's comments, because he never heard them. But he might well have been.

If the kind of mentality Smith displayed in his "plans for revenge" are any indication, perhaps the powers that be in Saskatoon ought to give second thought as to who to fire before next season begins the players or the coach.

Cam Cole

Pandas set up for new year

The Panda volleyball team is all set for post-Christmas action.

Each weekend from now until the end of March the girls will be travelling to various tournaments. They are in top shape after working out hard during Christmas, and have an excellent chance of finishing well in the CWUAA standings. the New Year as they travel to Calgary to play in the U of C International Invitational tournament.

The calibre of play will be very high, as the South Korean National team, the Canadian national team, and the Vancouver Chimos are all entered in the event. Calgary Cals, U of C, U of S, and the Alberta and Saskatchewan winter games teams will also compete.



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This weekend they play in their first major tournament of

International volleyball coming to U of A

The University of Alberta Pandas will be the hosts when International Volleyball comes to the Main Gym on Tuesday, January 21.

Coach Sue Neill's team takes on the University of Calgary Dinnies at 7:30 p.m., followed by a match between the National Women's teams of Canada and South Korea.

Mexico's women's team was also scheduled to take part in the Western Canadian tour, but had to withdraw, and were replaced for this event by the Calgary team. The Canadian and Korean squads will also play a match in Calgary and were scheduled to appear in Saskatoon as well, but the Saskatchewan city cancelled the entire show when Mexico pulled out.

Pandas and Dinnies are the two top intercollegiate teams in Alberta, Korea is ranked No. 3 in the world, and Canada is ranked 10th.

It should be an interesting evening's entertainment.

Tickets are available at PE 116, Sub Info. Desk, Mike's News, and at the door.