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B'Ball Bears Clobbered By 'Birds Last Weekend

By Dave McLaughlin

The Golden Bears were unsuccessful against the UBC Thunderbirds as they wrapped up the WCIAA schedule last weekend in Vancouver.

Bears went down to a 75-44 defeat Friday night and then absorbed a 102-53 trouncing Saturday.

Both games saw the much superior T-birds take command and control the game throughout. Bears were forced to play man-to-man because of the phenomenal accuracy of T-birds from outside the zone area. With this change in style, BC was able to outrun the Bears.

Friday, for the T-birds it was Jim Cook with 19 points and Dave Osbourne with ten. Gary Smith picked up 14 points for the Golden cagers, followed by Nestor Korchinsky with ten.

Dave Way picked up the most points scored by one player in a

single game this year Saturday night when he dropped in 34 points for UBC. Jim Cook had 15 and Ron Ericson 14. Smith, with 20 points, was the only Alberta man with more than ten points.

The series marked the end of regular season play in the WCIAA this year. Bears wound up with six wins in 16 starts, failing to win against either Saskatchewan or British Columbia, who tied for top honors in the league. Alberta won three of four starts against both Calgary and Manitoba.

U of S Huskies and UBC will decide the conference championship next weekend in Vancouver. The two clubs each lost two games. Appropriately, the losses were against each other.

Final league standings:

	P	W	L	P
British Columbia	16	14	2	28
Saskatchewan	16	14	2	28
Alberta	16	6	10	12
Calgary	16	3	13	6
Manitoba	16	1	15	2

Birds Take Swimming Championship; U of A Place Second, Sask. Third

By Mike Horrocks

In their final year of WCIAA competition, the UBC Thunderbirds racked up an impressive victory in the Swimming Championship last weekend at University Pool.

The coast visitors scored 135 points to Bears' 92 and U of S came in third with 76. The competition has been very close over the last three years but this time Birds started fast with first, second, third and sixth places in the 1,650 yard freestyle event on Friday afternoon. Having established a moral advantage over Bears, the UBC swimmers went on to win the next eight events.

At the same time the U of S Huskies swept diving, placing 1, 2, 3, in both one metre and three metre events. Diving produced 32 of the 76 points scored by Saskatchewan.

Although Larry Jensen and Lawrence Smuk were comfortably ahead, a fight developed between Saskatchewan's Tom Javorsky and UBC's Ray Harvey and Alberta's Jack Rodgers for third position. They eventually finished in that order but a very high standard of competition was reached.

Bear's two victories were in the last two events breaking the Bird domination. Bears' star Erik Haites held off a challenge by Dick Griffiths to win the 200-yard Breaststroke event and then teamed with Dick Roberts, Larry Maloney and Ross Norminton to win the 400-yard Freestyle relay by a comfortable margin.

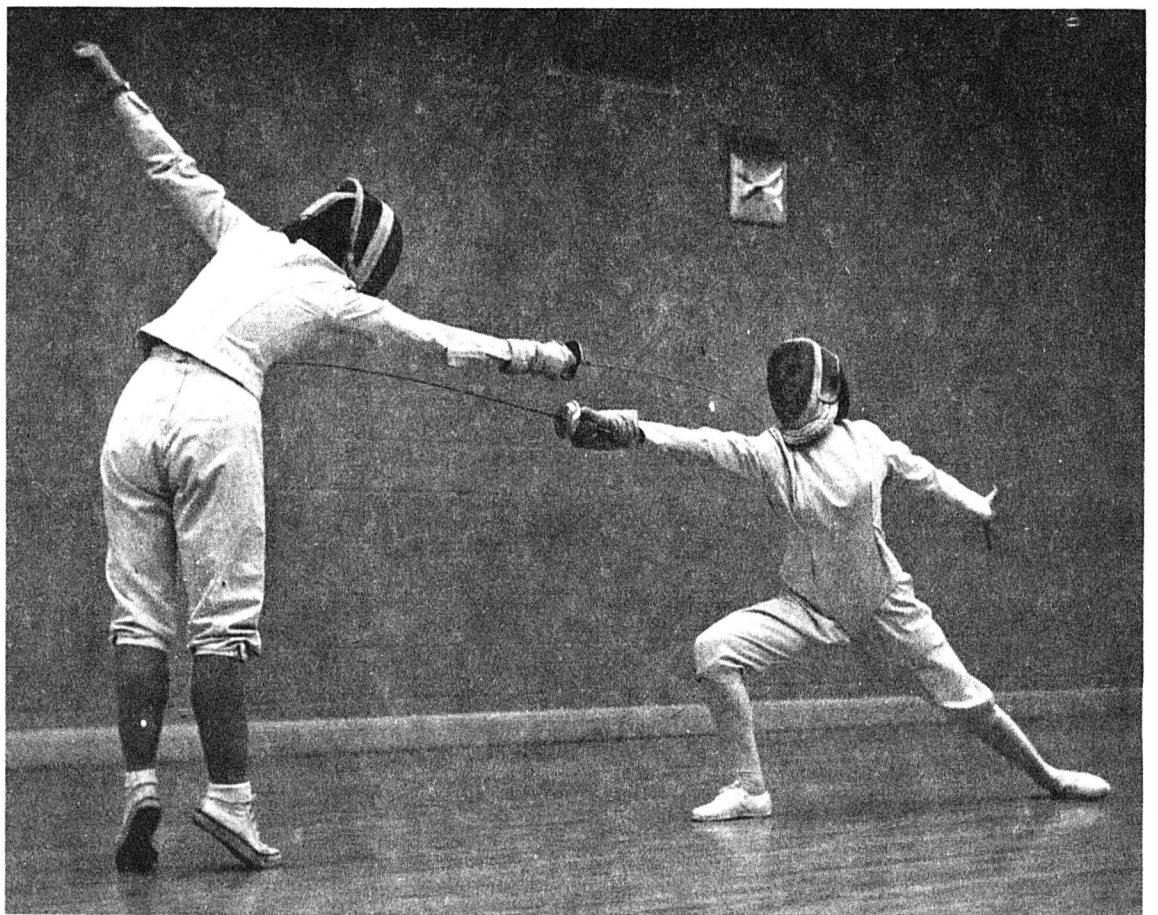
Individual star of the meet was ex-Lethbridge swimmer Bill Gillespie who won three individual events: the 50-yard Freestyle, 200-yard Individual Medley, 200-yard breaststroke all in Provincial and Conference record times and swam the

backstroke leg of the winning medley relay team which set another record both in the original 100 yard backstroke as well as overall time.

Bill Campbell, also of UBC, won the 100 yard and 200 yard freestyle events breaking records in each. In all, eight Conference and seven Provincial records were broken in the two day meet. As such the meet was highly successful if not from the Alberta swimmers point of view.

Coach Murray Smith was faced with the task of running his fourth championship meet in five years which prevented him from being with his swimmers, a frustrating situation for any coach.

The Saskatchewan entry was much improved over previous years and although numerically small proved troublesome to both UBC and Alberta squads. The improvement in the Saskatchewan swimmers and the broad new pool at Saskatoon may do much to fill the gap left by UBC's withdrawal from the league.



TAKE THAT—Juliet Sutton (left) scores a stop-hit on teammate Sonja Fluet. Fluet and Sutton came first and second respectively in the WCIAA women's fencing competition in Regina last weekend.

UAC's Bob Birch Wins Sport Meet

U of M was the scene of the WCIAA Curling Championship Playdowns last weekend and a strong team from UAC skipped by Bob Birch walked away with the honors.

The U of A entry of Jerry Wiebe (skip), Bill Mitchell (third), Dick Sandilands (second) and Ed McIntyre (lead) could manage no better than a third place tie.

During the course of the playdowns, Alberta managed to defeat UBC 7-3 and U of S Regina campus 6-1, but they dropped games to U of S (11-4), UAC (9-6) and a close 8-7 to U of M.

The rundown of the final standings shows UAC first, U of S second, and U of A, UBC, U of M and U of S Regina all tied for the third spot.

Elsewhere in intersarsity action, the U of A badminton team was forced to bow to U of S in men's competition and U of M in women's competition. However, some compensation was gained in the fact that Cam Dagleish, the Alberta third man, put forth a fine exhibition and walked away with the individual honors.

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