

## '76 Olympic competitors head track & field meet

The University of Alberta Track and Field Spectacular featuring the Golden Bears and Pandas in competition with their arch rivals from the University of Saskatchewan will be held Saturday, January 8th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Kinsmen Field House.

The dual meet will feature two well-matched rosters of athletes and will be staged for maximum spectator enjoyment.

Top names in the meet:

For Saskatchewan:

Dianne Jones - world class pentathlete and member of the '76 Olympic team will compete in the 600 M, 50 M and shotput.

Joanne Jones - member of the '71 Pan American Games team, the conference champion in the long jump and is a top hurdler.

Joanne McTaggart - member of the Olympic 4 x 100 M relay team, holds two conference championships in the 50 M and 300 M; set a world record for the 300 M on this track in 1975 and



Ken Wenmen, clearing the bar for a Canadian junior record, will attempt to better his mark of 17 feet at the Kinsmen Field House on Saturday. photo Brian Gavriloff

still holds the North American record at 4:36.

For U of A:

Ken Wenman - set the Canadian Junior record at 17 feet and holds the Canadian Open record at 17 feet 6 inches and was a member of the '76 Olympic team. Wenman is 4th in Canada in the Indoor Long Jump at 23'7", and is expected to sprint 50 M in 5.9 seconds.

Jerry Swan - triple and long jump specialist represented Bermuda in the 1970 Commonwealth

Games. His personal best of 53 feet is well above any other performance in Canada and he will likely set a new national record at this and other indoor meets this season.

Kim Eistedder - top Canadian long jumper at close to 18 feet.

The Coaches:

In his second year at the University of Alberta, Gabor Simonyi is a world class coach who is attracting outstanding athletes to the U of A program. A native of Hungary, Simonyi coached his country's national teams in the throwing events before becoming the Olympic coach for Iceland. In 1966, he immigrated to Canada and was appointed national coach of our Commonwealth and Pan-Am games teams.

Lyle Sanderson is the long time coach at the University of Saskatchewan who has developed a number of Canadian champions - such as Dianne Jones, Joanne McTaggart and Edmonton Eskimos' punt return specialist John Konihowski.

Admission at the gate: Adults - \$2.00, Students - \$1.00, Children under 12 accompanied by parent: Free.

## Defensive halfback joins hockey Bears

by Darrell Semenuk

The University of Alberta Golden Bears may get some unexpected help from an unlikely source when they travel to

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## No consolation for Bear cagers

by Robert Lawrie

As well as the Bears Basketball team played at the Golden Boy Tournament in Winnipeg between Xmas and New Years, they played disappointingly at the Calgary Classic held Jan. 2-4, losing to the Waterloo Warriors in the Consolation final. The tournament was made up of teams from Calgary, ranked #6, Waterloo, (#4), Laurentian (#1) and unranked teams from: Alberta, Lethbridge, U.B.C., Lakehead, and Concordia.

On Sunday afternoon the Bears came up against a stronger than expected squad from Lakehead, led by 7'2" centre Jim Zoet and hot-shooting guard Mel Bishop, losing 88 to 75. It was Bishop who ultimately spelled disaster for the Bears, despite good defense by Bear guards he was able to pump in 28 pts. When Bishop was unable to crack the Bear defense single handedly, centre Jim Zoet was effective inside.

Lakehead was able to add an effective supporting cast of good outside shooters with these two players. Coach Gary Smith of the Bears felt the Nor'westers rated very favorably with #2 ranked Manitoba and in fact were one of the better teams the Bears had played. Bear scorers were led as usual by Doug Baker with 20 points while Steve Panteluk added 15.

On Monday afternoon in the consolation semi-finals the Bears outlasted Lethbridge 87 to 67 in a sloppily played affair. Coach Smith substituted freely in the contest with all 12 players seeing plenty of floor time. Doug Baker had a season high of 38 pts. and was named M.V.P. for the game. Perry Mirkovich was a going concern for the Pronghorns scoring 25 pts. On

the basis of their showing in Calgary Classic it appears Lethbridge might be capable of upsetting some of the contenders for the Canada West title consequently have a voice in final standings.

Tuesday saw the Bears Waterloo play off for the Consolation Final. The Bears, haven't defeated the Warriors year in two previous meetings again came out on the short end of a 100 to 78 score. The Warriors were able to keep the game close and consequently were able to effectively employ their bigger line-up. Except for a few spurts in the first half the Bears executed poorly on offense defensively could not contain Warrior big-men. Guard Baker saw his first start of the season and turned in a career performance according to Coach Smith. Mike Visser was leading point getter for Waterloo with 23 pts, mostly from outside. Visser was also named M.V.P. for the game. Doug Baker led the Bears with 17 pts.

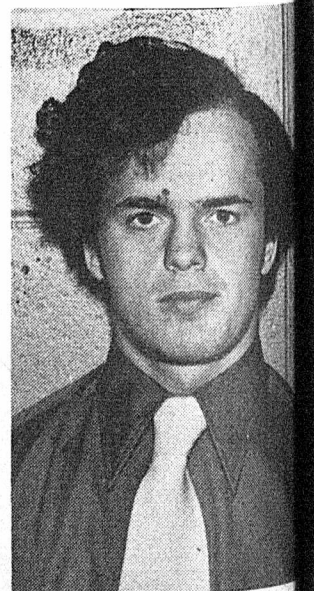
Coach Smith was generally pleased with the Bears' performance over the Xmas break but was disappointed with the team's performance at the Calgary tournament. Smith singles out defensive boards and offensive execution as areas needing improvement if the Bears are to make a strong showing for the Canada West Title.

The upcoming weekend will see U.B.C. in town with 6'11" MacKay and 6'9" Jan Bohm. Peter Mullins' T'Birds are favored to win the West this year however, they have not shown as well as expected. Coach Smith feels the Bears can beat the T'Birds but the T'Birds big men should provide a real test for the Bears on the defensive boards. The Bears must win both games in order to strengthen their playoff hopes.

practice sessions.

Olson scored 26 goals last year, split the season between Edmonton and Calgary. He also has the distinction of holding the Western record for most career penalty minutes - 1,213 in 3 years.

The Saturday night game will be taped by CBC and will be shown on Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m.



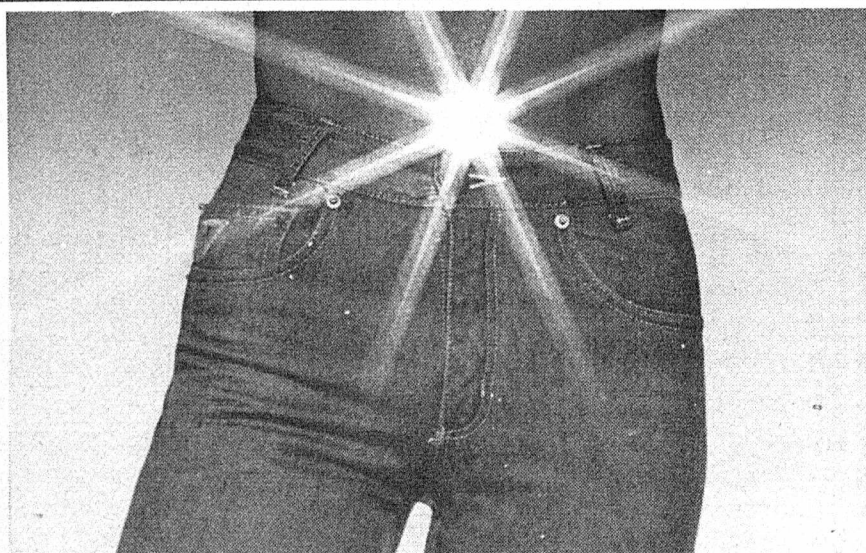
Ted Olson

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