

Seven against five

As soon as the Bears figure out how to defend against the free throw they'll win a basketball game in Lethbridge.

Saturday evening they outplayed, outshot and outrebounded the Pronghorns but couldn't outwit Lethbridge's sixth and seventh man on the floor as they lost a close 80-79 decision.

Coach Brian Heaney says, "The statistics speak for themselves. No Lethbridge player had more than three fouls and Tom Groat was hit with five (to put him out of the game) in the last half. They scored 8 of their last 10 points from the line."

Apart from zebra problems, Heaney said he was pleased with the play of the team. "They played the way I expected them to all year

and the way I expect them to in the future. We made mistakes because of our youth, bonehead passes and stuff, but we're hustling and we only turned the ball over three times in the entire game which is quite encouraging."

Tom Groat, who has been having trouble putting the ball in the hoop this year, scored 23 points to lead the Bears. On Friday Ken Haak threw in 16 and Groat 11 as the Bears lost 79-62.

THROW-INS

Bears were missing Greg Dell, Jeff Gourley and Grant Ashlee. Gourley has bronchitis while the other two are injured.

The Pandas edged the Lady Pronghorns twice by four points. More on that Thursday.

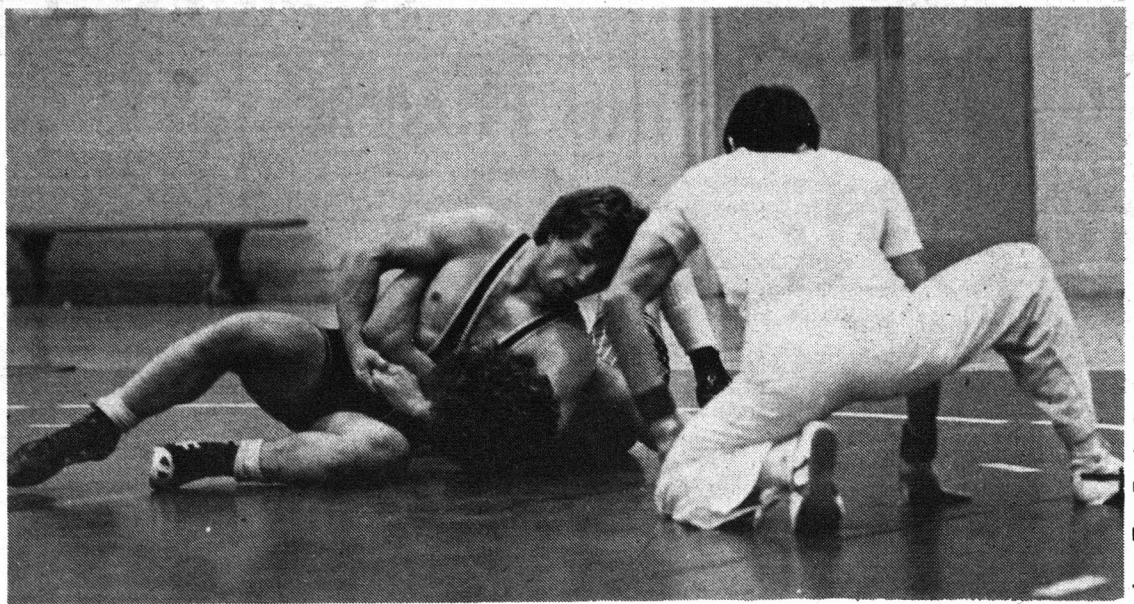


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I told you if you ever used my shampoo again I'd take you out and whip you! Meanwhile the Man from Glad checks out the outfit of the poor guy on the bottom.

Small field for Invitational

It was more a story about who didn't come instead of who was there.

Just 58 wrestlers showed up for a wrestling meet in Varsity Gym this weekend. And most of those were Golden Bears, past and present. Bears and their alumni captured seven of twelve weight classes to dominate the meet.

Northern Montana College was forced to opt out of Saturday's meet because of money - they don't have any. As well, among

the Canadian schools, no wrestlers from any further away than Saskatchewan could afford to make the trip.

Mark Yurick was the dominant wrestler for the U of A winning the Outstanding Wrestler Award on the strength of five straight pins to win the 74 kilo class. Team wise the Bears finished with 61 points to take top honors. Calgary was second with the U of Saskatchewan and the Bears' alumni tied for third with

33 points.

Other Bear winners were Steve Hibbard (56 kg), Scott Tate (59 kg) and Earl Binder (88 kg). Pierre Pomerleau, last year's Athlete of the Year at the U of A, took the 78 kg class while heavyweight Sid Thorowsky rolled over Daryl Zamko of Calgary to win his division. Glen Purych, at 63 kg, won his seventh gold medal at the U of A Invitational to round out the alumni winners.

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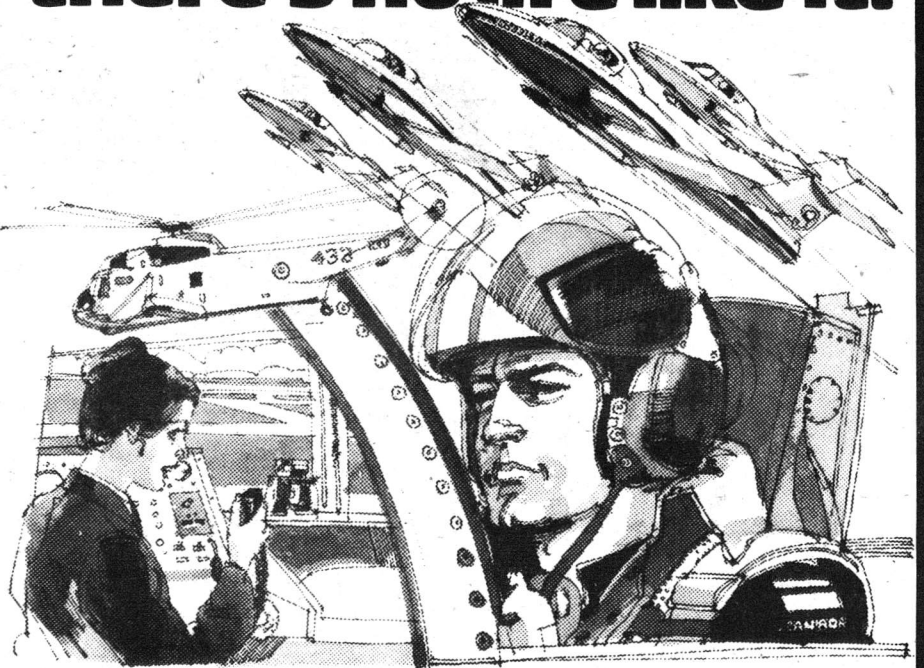
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