

Bears' martin best wrestler

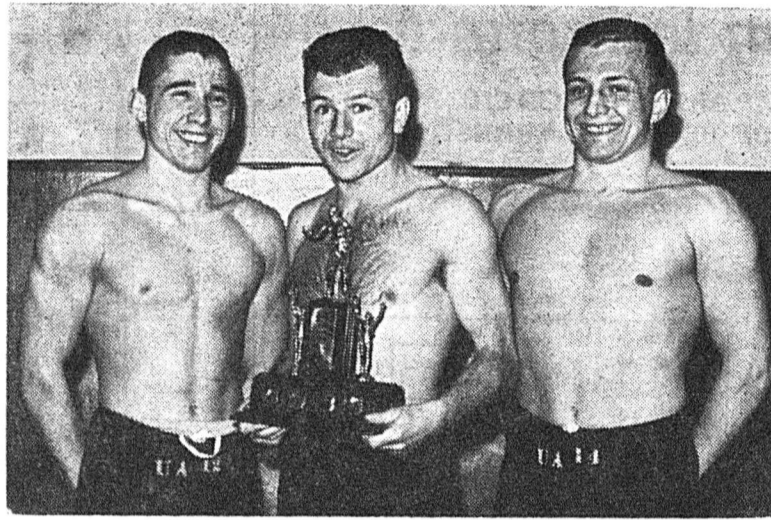
A surprise victory by the UBC wrestling squad saw U of S, reigning WCIAU wrestling champs for the past 4 years, finally dethroned. Each fight was carefully contested as it took the last fight to decide which of the three squads would cop the team laurels. Team points standing had UBC, U of S, and U of A garnering 66, 60, and 59 pts. respectively.

Even though the Bear team placed third and last, it was not void of individual matmasters. Fritz Martin, who won the 130 lb. division title, was also recipient of the Beaumont Trophy as the outstanding wrestler of the meet by masterfully matting more matmen than any other grappler.

Bob Sharp, at 147 lbs. and one of the most constant winners on the Bear team, won the individual title in that class, while Bruce Switzer did the same in 177 lb. division.

Vic Messier, a Bear wrestler, and his victorious opponent warranted a standing ovation from the spectator crowd as they staged the most dazzling display of wrestling in the meet.

Coach Gino Fraccas did a commendable job as coach of the U of A grapplers this season, moulded the inexperienced squad with a nucleus of only 3 returnees, into a capable competitor which may be the team to reckon with in next year's meets.



GLORIOUS GRUNTERS. Although Alberta wrestlers finished third in the WCIAU championships at Saskatoon last Saturday, they came away with three individual titles and the Beaumont Trophy, awarded annually to the best wrestler in the championships. Bob Sharp (left) won the 147 pound division, Fritz Martin (center) the 130 pound division and the Beaumont Trophy, and Bruce Switzer (right) the 177 pound division.

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Hamber cup to bears

University of Alberta Golden Bears earned the right to place the Hamber Cup beside their WCIAU title by sweeping a two game total point series against University of British Columbia Thunderbirds, 13-6 over the weekend. Bears dumped T-

Birds 5-2 and 8-4 to retain the trophy donated to the winner of the annual U of A-UBC clash, for the 11th consecutive year. The series alternates from year to year between Edmonton and the coast center.

Bobby Cox led the way to victory Saturday firing three goals. Defenceman Ed Brown picked up two more while Bob Marik, George Severin and Jim Fleming added singles. UBC scored the opening goal in the first period but Alberta roared back with three markers before the period ended. Cox blinked the light twice in the second to put the game and the series on ice.

Friday Bears divided their scoring among Cox, Marik, Dave Carlyle, Dick Wintermute and Dave Mc Dermid, John McLeod and Trevor Owen replied for BC. Cox picked up eight points in the season's closing series and as a result is the unofficial WCIAU scoring champion.

Bears now await the winner of the Big Six final between Taber Chiefs and Coleman Grands. They meet the winner in a best-of-three series to decide the right to meet the winner of the Central Alberta League playoffs for the Alberta Intermediate "A" championship.

"We are really looking forward to this one" commented Bear coach Clare Drake.

T'birds crush bears, remain undefeated in league action

The University of Alberta Golden Bears twice failed to defeat the powerful UBC Thunderbirds in the closing games of the WCIAU basketball schedule last weekend, dropping 67-55 and 76-62 decisions. The losses left the Bears in a second place tie with the U of S Huskies and ended another unbeaten season of play for the T'Birds.

The T'Birds had to come from behind Friday to score their 34th win in the last 35 league games. Going into the second half the Bears had a 33-30 edge, however, in 3 minutes and 21 seconds the score board read 42-37 and the game was never in doubt thereafter.

Leading the T'Bird attack was sensational centre Dave Way and rookie Laurie Predinchuk, each with 16 points. Jack Lusk sank 10 and Dave Nelson added 9 more.

Maury Van Vliet canned 13 points to lead Bear scorers while Garry Smith and Gord Valgardson followed with nine each. Harry Beleshko, playing his last series as a Bear, added seven more.

Saturday, the T'Birds put the pressure on the Bears from the opening whistle, and although the final outcome was never really in doubt, it was a second half barrage which again proved the margin of victory.

Dave Way once again led T'Bird scorers netting 17 points in another strong performance. Dave Black and

Dave Nelson followed with 13 points each, 24 of the total for the two being scored in the second half.

For the Bears, Maury Van Vliet once again topped the scorers netting 13 points, Garry Smith canned 11 and Jack Hicken and Harry Beleshko, both playing their last games as Bears, sank 11 and seven points respectively.

Both games were extremely rough as the referees let the games get out of hand. The areas under the baskets were no man's land as the players took advantage of the lax refereeing. Maury Van Vliet fouled out in the Friday game and John Cook who was disqualified for unnecessary roughness. Harry Beleshko left the Saturday game early.

Volleyballers win title

The University of Alberta Golden Bears volleyball squad powered their way to their third straight WCIAU volleyball championship in round-robin competition last Saturday in Calgary.

The Green and Gold squad had little trouble with UAC, disposing of their southern cousins in two straight, 15-9 and 16-14. After a two hour break the Bears cooled off somewhat and fell victim to the UBC team 15-11. In the second the Bears had to come from the short side on an 8-0 count to eke out a

16-14 win. The third game was all Alberta as they crushed the T'Birds 15-6.

Standouts for the Bears were three year veterans Tom Mah and captain Mel Edlund, playing their last games for the Alberta team. Their setting and spiking were they keys to the Bears' victories over the T'Birds. Bob Thompson was also impressive in the tough UBC series.

Coach Costa Chrysanthou expressed hopes for a successful season next year as Errol Miller, Gerry Baycroft, Wally Hawryschuk, Don Holmes, and Bert Murray will return to form a nucleus for the team.

Haddow to boston race

All winter Dr. James Haddow, dressed in sweat-togs, and covered in grease after the fashion of the channel swimmers, ran through his training even in the most bitter cold in preparation for the Boston Marathon this spring.

Dr. Haddow, assistant professor in the department of Mechanical Engineering, was educated in England, obtaining his B.Sc. from the University of St. Andrews and earning his Ph.D. in applied mathematics at the University of Manchester.

He began his sports career in high school as a diver and gymnast. While attending U of St. Andrew he took up boxing for thirty bouts then became interested in distance running which has occupied his time since.

TWO MARATHONS

Early accomplishments in the running game for Dr. Jim include a position on the Scottish University International Track Team, two twenty-six mile marathons at London and Liverpool, and third in the 1952 Canadian Cross-country Championships.

Talent and hard work have rewarded Dr. Haddow with a very impressive list of best-times which includes: 4 min. 21 sec. for the mile, 9 min. 20 sec. for the two mile, 14 min. 22 sec. for the three mile, 31 min. 6 sec. for the six mile, 54 min. for the ten mile, and 2 hrs. 42 min. for the twenty-six mile marathon.

Currently Dr. Jim is engaged in exhaustive training, seventy miles per week all year, in preparation for the Boston Marathon and Canadian British Empire Games trials this year at St. Hyacinthe, Quebec. On Saturday, March 3, Dr. Haddow won the two mile event in a local meet, an indication that his winter training has been paying off.



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