

# sports

## Bears, Pandas ready for Canada West track final

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According to Gabor Simonyi, head coach of the U of A track team, "unless there are injuries and illness at the last minute we should be there, in contention." "There" is at the Field House, Friday and Saturday evenings (this weekend). "In contention" is for the Canada West University Athletic Association (CWUAA) and field title.

"We hope we'll win," says Simonyi, adding that you never underestimate the opposition. That's one of the mistakes anyone can make. However, Simonyi has

confidence in the members of his team, stating that "everybody on the team is capable of getting points."

The U of A contingent includes 23, possibly 24 men and 15 women. Under Canada West regulations each men's team is allowed to enter 24 competitors while women are allowed 16 entries. The Bears are presently deciding on the last member of their squad (possibly Edmonton Eskimos' punter Hank Ilesic, who could compete in the shot-put). The Pandas' squad is set at one under the limit.

Unlike other years the Canada West meet will not include open competition. With the inclusion of Calgary in track

and field this year organizers do not see the necessity of padding events with 'open' entrants. Instead, an open meet will occupy the Saturday afternoon time slot at the Field House.

The Canada West will feature the male and female athletes of the meet in 1978; the U of A's Gerry Swan and Joanne Jones-Anderson of the University of Saskatchewan. Swan is a good bet to leap to double victories in the long and triple jumps, according to Simonyi, although in the latter event he

may receive strong competition from Brent Fougner of the University of Victoria.

Other men who appear to have healthy shots at first place accolades include Peter Butler of Calgary, 1978 national interuniversity cross country champion and a member of the Canadian Commonwealth Games team (in the 1500 and 3000 metres); Calgary's Doug Wornell (also a member of the Commonwealth Games team) in the 800 metres; and UBC high jumper Dean Bock, who leaped

seven feet (2.13 metres) two weeks ago.

All six Canada West schools will have competitors entered in the meet, although Lethbridge will have a minimum number and UBC, Victoria, and Calgary will bring near capacity contingents. As a result, Saskatchewan, always a power and always boasting a full squad, will provide the best competition for Alberta.

The meet begins Friday at 7 pm and Saturday at 6 pm. The organizers promise plenty of excitement for spectators.

## Swimmers prepared

Only three of the six Canada West universities have signified intentions to participate in this week's swimming finals at UBC pool.

The host UBC team, led by international Wendy Hogg, will be joined by the U of A (contingent) and by Hogg's Golden Bears and Pandas.

Thirteen men and 11 women from the U of A will travel to Vancouver for the three day meet, scheduled to begin Thursday morning.

Coach Hogg expects that the men will do "fairly well" as

long as they are able to avoid underestimating the opposition, a common mistake of younger athletes. The women, though their competition will be stronger than the men's, are expected to win a couple of the distance events; the UBC team is expected to have stronger sprinters, though.

None of the U of A divers will make the trip to B.C. because of lack of experience. Hogg expects that the lack of divers qualifying for the CIAU Nationals in Montreal the following weekend will hurt Alberta's chances for a higher rating.

One possible and one confirmed.

Those are the predictions of the U of A men's and women's gymnastics coaches for this weekend's Canada West gymnastics championships Saturday and Sunday in the Varsity Gym.

The Bears coach, Francis Tally, is hoping his squad can break the three-year stranglehold the Calgary Dinosaurs have on the Canada West title.

"Our guys are ready to beat them," Tally said before Monday's practice. "If we can perform like we're capable of performing, the Canada West title might be in Edmonton this year. One guy we are really depending on is Alfred Segger, who's our best man on high-bar. If he gets a

good score, that could make the difference."

Besides representation from Calgary, there will be a team from UBC, a single gymnast from Victoria and a contingent from University of Winnipeg, competing on an exhibition basis.

According to Panda coach Sandy O'Brien, the women's team are shoo-ins for a repeat of their Canada West championship and are in good shape to defend their national title.

"We have so much depth it's incredible," says Sandy. "Most

teams have two or three top-flight gymnasts. We're so much better because we have six and sometimes even seven who are really good."

Pandas have already qualified six gymnasts for the national tournament, held this year in Vancouver. The list includes veterans Peggy Bureau, Sandra Farley, Trish McMillan, Janice Dever, and rookies Kathy Mattock and Carol Brinkhurst.

Times for the meet are Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday afternoon at 1:30.

## Gymnasts confident of victory

## Hockey Bears have a problem

How do you keep a team together?

The answer to that problem is what Golden Bears hockey coach Clare Drake will show his players as a psychologist as

much as his renowned coaching expertise.

Drake's Bears face one of their three remaining hurdles this weekend when they meet the lowly Saskatchewan Huskies.

Mired in the bottom of the Canada West league, the Huskies have proven to be tough if not watched closely.

As Coach Drake said, "if you don't check them closely, they're dangerous." Backing up this statement was the Huskies 5-3 victory over the Calgary Dinosaurs Friday evening. However, the Dinosaurs came back Saturday night and dropped the Huskies 9-3 to even the score.

Bears' starts John Devaney, Chris Helland, and Ted Poplawski, received Drake's special commendations for excellent effort after the weekend games, which the Bears took 8-0 and 8-4 over the UBC Thunderbirds. "This was the team's best all around effort of the year," said Drake.

## Wrestling

It's amazing what a difference a week makes in the world of intercollegiate sports.

This time last week, Golden Bears wrestling coach John Barry was in the dumps over injuries to two of his top wrestlers. This week, just days before the Canada West finals at the U of Saskatchewan, Barry's wrestlers are improving and so is his attitude.

Now that Bears mainstay Mark Yurick's foot is beginning to heal and 109 pound Dave Langill's separated rib is starting to show improvement, Barry can afford to relax somewhat concerning the upcoming finals.

He expects that the championship honors will come

## Basketball

## Reich out for season

by John Younie

A freak accident suffered in Monday's practice has put basketball Bear Dave Reich in hibernation for the rest of the season. Reich was watching his teammates play a game of volleyball following practice when he leaned on the wall with his left hand, dislocating the elbow. Dave was able to pop the bone in immediately but the injury, added to the dislocation of the same elbow during a Christmas tournament has spelled the end of the season for him.

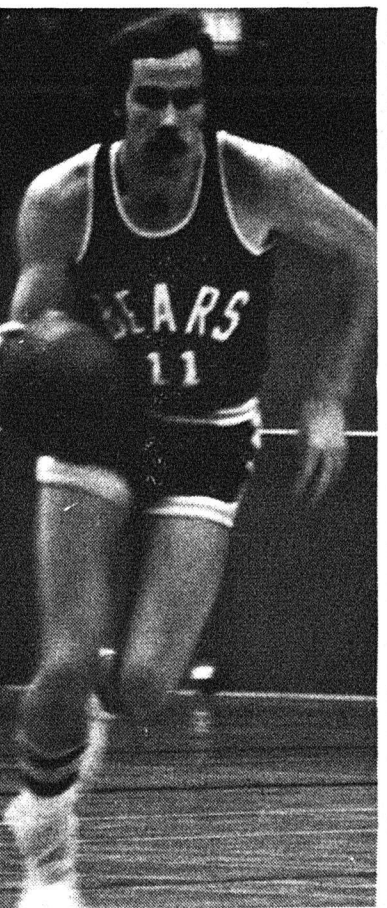
Other than that, Garry Smith's Bears are in reasonably healthy shape for their weekend doubleheader with the last-place (1-15) Saskatchewan Huskies. The prairie squad has run into some rotten luck this season, losing many games in the last minute.

The Bears 'magic number' for clinching a playoff spot is one. An Alberta win or a loss by third place Calgary Dinosaurs will give Bears the dubious honour of taking on first-place UVic Vikings in Victoria.

League statistics released this week show Pat Rooney in second place in the scoring derby with a 17.6 per game average. Jim Bonin is seventh with a 13.7 average.

The Basketball Pandas' job of clinching a playoff spot will be more difficult. Debbie Shogan's team is in third place, one game behind Victoria Vikettes. If Pandas can sweep their series this Friday and Saturday against the Huskiettes from Saskatoon, and Victoria loses one of two games to first-place Calgary Dinnies, Alberta is in.

League statistics released show three Pandas in the top ten of the scoring race. Trix Kannekans is third with a 15.5 average, Faith Rostad is sixth with



Bears' Brent Patterson  
Photo by John Younie

a 13.6 average and Sherry Stevenson holds down eighth spot with a 12.5 average.

Pandas made it into the national rankings released earlier this week. Alberta holds down ninth spot on the ten-team list. Laurentian is still number one.

The Pandas play at 6:45 pm Friday night, followed by the Bears. Saturday Pandas play at 1:30 pm, followed by the Bears (at 3:30 pm). All games are in the main gym.

## Sports Quiz

Jonathan Berkowitz

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Who holds the club record for most points in one season for each of the following NHL teams? (a) Vancouver (b) Minnesota (c) St. Louis (d) Chicago

Which of these players holds the NFL record for the most points scored in one game? (a) Don Hutson (b) Gale Sayers (c) Paul Hornung (d) Ernie Nevers

Which pitcher is the all-time strikeout king in major league baseball?

Each of the following NHL teams has retired one sweater number. What was the number in each case and to whom did it belong? (a) Toronto (b) Pittsburgh (c) Vancouver (d) Philadelphia

Name the players who led the CHL and the AHL in scoring last year. (Two players tied for the lead in the AHL.)

Which NHL teams originally drafted each of the following players? (a) Tim Young (b) Pat Hickey (c) Ken Dryden (d) Rick Middleton

Five men who were, at one time or another, heavyweight champions were knocked out by Joe Louis during his career. Name them.

Which player has led the NHL in penalty minutes for the most season? (a) Red Horner (b) Ted Lindsay (c) Dave Schultz (d) Lou Fontinato (E) Gus Mortson

Who holds the record for most points scored by a guard in an NBA game? Who holds the record for most points in an NBA playoff game? Wilt Chamberlain holds the record for most points in an NBA game (100 points); what was the second highest total and who recorded it?

Name the players who hold the American and National League records for most home runs in a career by a pitcher? Who holds the single season records?

Name the players who hold the day: Professional golfer Art Wall, Jr. holds the records for most holes-in-one in a career with 40, between 1936 and 1973.

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