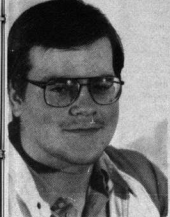


## Taylor leads Bears to fourth



Alan Small

### Will Moog end Hab curse?

At the beginning of this season, Andy Moog and Paul Coffey were not going to play for the Edmonton Oilers, no matter what. They put the gun to Oilers head coach/general manager/president Glen Sather but he did not give them the Oilers wallet.

They weren't going to play a single minute in an Edmonton uniform for the rest of the year. So when Sather traded their rights away to the Boston Bruins and the Pittsburgh Penguins, Sather was getting something for nothing.

The question is: Will Geoff Courtnall be able to keep up his scoring pace with the Oilers? At 25 years old, the Oilers should be expecting three or four good seasons from him. In his three previous seasons with the Bruins, he only had 28, 37, and 36 points. Is this year just a "blip"? If he plays left wing on Gretzky's line (yes, he's another left winger for the Great One) expect him to get the requisite point-per-game that Gretzky's left winger should get.

Question number two: What will Bill Ranford do that Daryl Reaugh and Warren Skorodenski haven't done? Will he play more than five games the rest of the way? Will he give Grant Fuhr some much needed rest before the playoffs?

Excuse me if I control my enthusiasm over Bill Ranford. Doug Keans, the previous back-up to Rejean Lemelin in Boston had a 3.25 goals-against-average before getting demoted to Maine of the AHL. Lemelin's GAA in all those years with the Calgary Flames was 3.67. What is his GAA with the Bruins this year? 2.97. Although it is difficult to say that playing in Boston will improve any goaltender's GAA by 0.7 goals-per-game, one can assume that moving from the Adams Division, which is a very defensive division, to the Smythe, where teams score and allow more goals, will cause a goalie's statistics to increase.

Ranford's career GAA is 3.25. Although it would be phenomenal in the Smythe Division, it was only average in the Adams, which is probably why he was in the minors all year.

Moog on the other hand, has a GAA of 3.61, one very similar to Lemelin. If he can adjust to stopping 25 shots-per-game from the 35 average that the Oilers allow, he should be fantastic. One more thing: Moog has won three Stanley Cups and defeated the Montreal Canadiens when the Oilers defence was even more inconsistent than it is now. For that fact alone, Sinden probably liked Moog, since the Bruins haven't beat the Hab in years. Moog may be the missing link for the Bruins to advance past the Canadiens this year.

by Carolyn Aney

The Bears and Pandas swim teams finished up the 1987-88 season on an extremely positive note at the C.I.A.U. Championships at the University of Toronto. The Bears improved their national standing by one position as they finished in fourth place. The Pandas improved three placings from eighth last year to fifth this year.

On individual levels the meet was an excellent performance for the U of A swimmers. Twenty school records were broken, 24 swims were in the top eight, 50 seasonal bests were turned in and 31 lifetime bests were achieved.

The most notable swim of the meet was Harry Taylor's 1500m freestyle. He completed the distance in

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a time of 14:57.31. This was 11 seconds faster than the Canadian record, previously held by Alex Baumann, and the third fastest time in the world this year. Harry also took tenth in the 200m back and twelfth in the 400m free.

Donna McGinnis won the 200m fly and took bronze in the 400m free. She also placed fifth in the 100m fly. Keltie Byrne took two breaststroke medals; silver in the 200m and bronze in the 100m. Keltie also placed fourth in the 200m Individual Medley.

Taylor, McGinnis and Byrne were all named to the C.I.A.U. All-Star Team.

There were many other fine

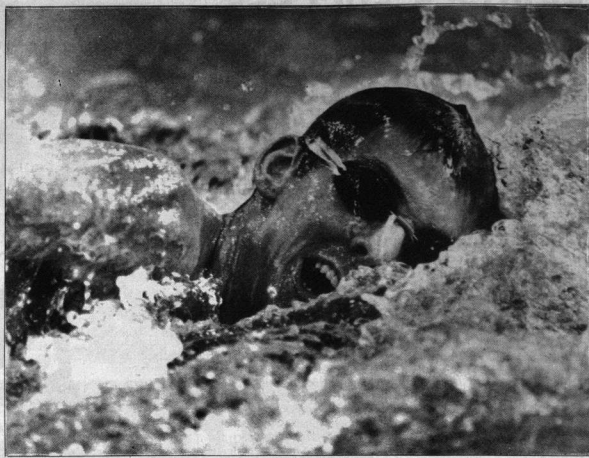


Photo Bob Galbraith

The Bears finished fourth and the Pandas were fifth at the CIAU swimming championships.

performances in the championships. Scott Flowers took bronze in the 400m free, tied for fourth in the 200m fly and placed seventh in the 200m free. Cam Grant took fifth in both the 100m and 200m breaststroke. Scott LeBuke took fourth in both the 200m and 400m I.M. Tom Evans placed sixth in the 1500m free and Janet Evans earned a seventh in

the 100m backstroke.

The relays also performed well. The men's 4x200 freestyle team earned a silver and the women's 4x100m free a bronze. The men's 4x100 free relay placed fifth and 4x100 medley relay placed seventh. These placings earned the U of A \$17,000 from the C.A.S.A. to be used toward the 1988-89 swimming

program.

Executive Manager, John Hogg, was extremely impressed with the results. He notes that with the success this year, creating a seasonal plan to inspire good swimming next year will be difficult. However, he knows there will be bigger and better things for the U of A swim team in 1989.

## Pandas leaping for the top

by Alan Small

In the last three years, the Panda gymnastic squad has not been worse than third place when it comes to the CIAU gymnastics championships.

Last year's team finished in second place in the nation at the meet

held at McMaster University, which was won by Manitoba.

This year, the Pandas will be sending six gymnasts to the University Gymnastics Cup in Calgary. Last year, the Pandas were only able to send three athletes to the nationals.

"In the nationals, you take the top three scores for the team overall," Panda gymnastics coach Stephanie Bishop said. "This year we'll have back-ups."

The Pandas are coming off an outstanding performance at the Canada West championships held here in Edmonton. Michelle Hanneemann won the individual all-around while teammate Lisa Jefferies was second. Diane Patterson was fifth, Monica Knech, was eighth, Michelle Graham was thirteenth, and Michelle Maltais was fourteenth. They will all be at the nationals.

Hanneemann however, was unable to compete in the individual event finals the next day due to a

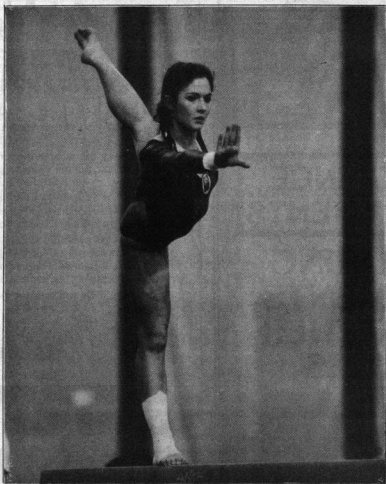


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Panda Michelle Graham competing on the balance beam.

"I have no idea of how strong the eastern teams will be." — Bishop.

foot injury while competing on the vault, the last event of the all-around. She hasn't been able to practice much since, but she will be competing at the nationals.

"She's just going to wing it at the nationals," Bishop said, "she's been training hard all year, so I don't think that not training for two weeks will hurt her chances."

Bishop believes that the western teams will be the teams to beat this weekend.

### CIAU SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

#### Men's Standings

1. Calgary 592.5
2. Toronto 399.5
3. Victoria 360
4. Alberta 315.5
5. Laval 287.5
6. UBC 244
7. McMaster 186
8. Brock 41
9. Laurentian 37
10. Manitoba 35

#### Women's Standings

1. Toronto 524
2. Calgary 417
3. UBC 272.5
4. Laval 243
5. Alberta 193
6. McGill 188
7. Manitoba 168
8. Victoria 148
9. Brock 143
10. Western 125

"I thought that BC would be our stiffest competition at the Canada West. They've beat us in previous meets." Bishop said, "although I have no idea of how strong the eastern teams will be."

Besides Alberta and host Calgary, UBC, McMaster, Toronto, and Quebec will be attending the meet.

The Bears will be sending three men to Calgary for the men's side of the competition. Malcolm Dunford, who finished fifth overall at the CWUAA championships in Edmonton and tenth in the country last year at the nationals, Joe Freedman, who finished tenth in Canada West and 24th last year at the nationals, and Marty Rhead, who was 13th in the west will be the U of A representatives.

The Bears finished second at the Canada West nationals, and will be hoping to rise a little higher than last year's fifth place standing at the University Cup.