

New Members Aid Swimmers In Victory

by Mike Horrocks

The Golden Bear Swim Team, coached by Murray Smith, have had a most successful season. Helped by a large group of new members, they had many successes culminating in their regaining of the WCIAA Championship from UBC by a narrow five point margin in a thrilling meet.

The present Bear team is an accurate reflection of the Provincial Swimming picture. Six years ago there was a strong resurgence of swimming interest and Alberta clubs started to travel regularly outside the province in search of stronger competition. This outside activity demonstrated the gap between the Prairie clubs and their rivals, principally in British Columbia.

In the ensuing years great emphasis has been placed on improved facilities and training methods which are finally producing national winners in the younger age groups.

This resurgence of interest vastly increased the number of competitive swimmers in the Province but the increased knowledge and training methods came too late to raise these swimmers to national levels. At present, many of these are supreme in Alberta but are some way behind the top Canadian performers. This situation of large numbers of good—but—not—star swimmers is represented by the Bear Swim team and has been the secret of their success in recent competition.

TEAM EFFORT

In view of these circumstances it would be somewhat insidious to single out individual stars in what is primarily a team success story. The only exception is the Medley Relay team of Terry Nimmon, John Byrne, Erik Haites and Ross Norminton who chalked up a notable first for the University by setting a Canadian Record for the 400 yard medley relay in a 20 yard pool.

The other members of the team were Jack Rogers, Al Graham, Brian Heffel, Art Hnatiuk, Bob Holzer, Nester Korchinsky, Tom McCready,

Dave Cragg, Bob Ruff, Jim Whitfield and Rob Wilson.

What then, are the prospects for the future? Although improvement in certain areas can be expected in the near future it will be five years before the current crop of Albertans who hold Canadian Championships and records will reach university age.

We are fortunate in that many of the top flight BC swimmers are going to university in the United States or in the East at present and unless this situation changes we can expect several more years of close competition.

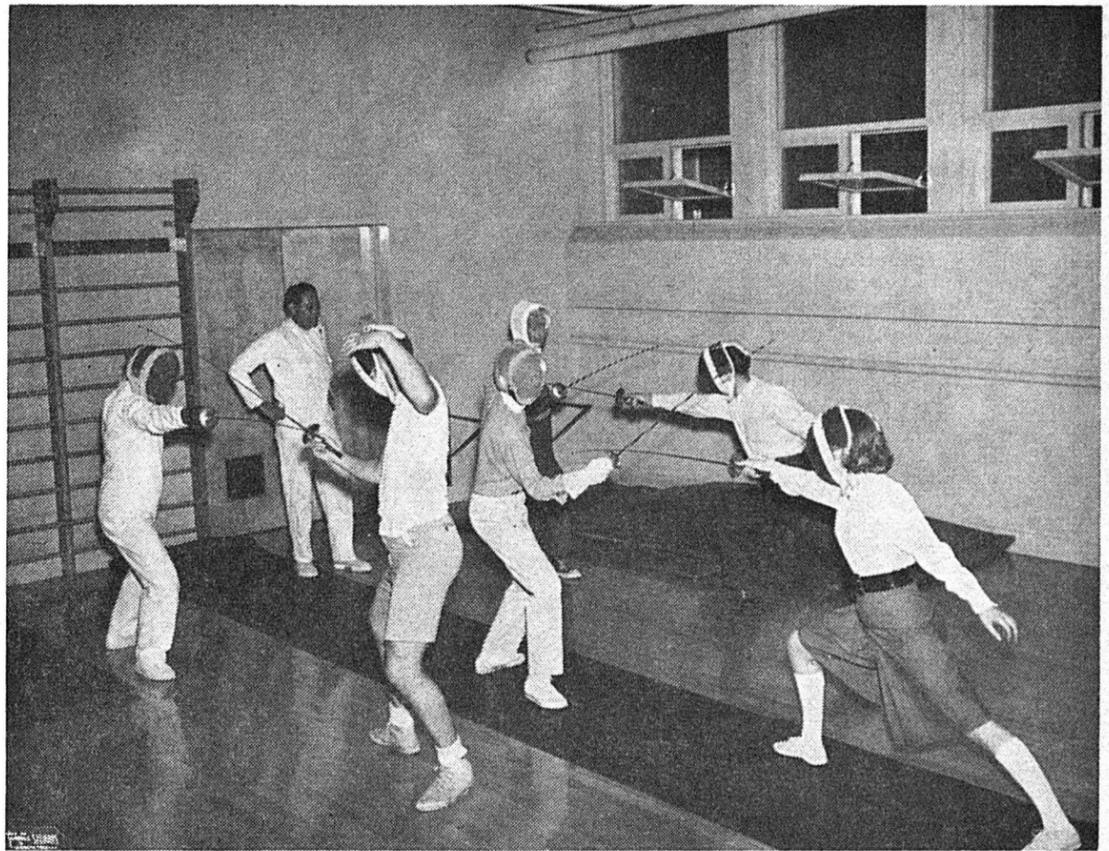
The Panda swim team coached by Pat Meadus and Mike Horrocks have not been so fortunate as the Bear team in several ways. They have not as yet fallen heir to any of the products of the provincial swimming resurgence and because there is no large scale women's collegiate swimming in the US the BC star swimmers have tended to stay in the Province for their university education.

INEXPERIENCED

In this situation it is hardly surprising that the Pandas have not been too successful in WCIAA competition in recent years. All the more credit is therefore due to the fine team of largely inexperienced competitors who made many respectable showings this year. Led by Team Captain Bonnie Millar were Mary Amerongen, Gail Anderson, Mary Anderson, Margit Bako, Diane Durda, Bonnie McPherson, Kay Ogle, Paulette Price and Jill Sharp.

The team in addition to two dual meet swims, achieved second place in the WCIAA Championships and placed well in other meets. It is hoped that the Championship events will be enlarged and stiffened next year to improve the standard of competition.

Future prospects for the Pandas are quite good. In the next few years many of the top Provincial swimmers should swell their ranks and like the men, the younger stars who are now successfully competing on a national level, will eventually reach university age. Until they do, UBC will continue to be the dominant team in WCIAA competition, fairly secure in their possession of the existing Canadian champions.



"ZAP, YOU'RE STERILE." Members of the U of A fencing club play with loaded weapons while their coach looks on approvingly. Five club members participated in the Western Canada Fencing Championships held in Calgary last weekend. There, Juliet Sutton of U of A won the women's foil event while Sonja Fluet made the foil finals. Bernard Steinraths made it into the men's foil finals. Other competitors from U of A included Claudia Allen, who competed in women's foil, and Kenneth Davidson, who competed in men's foil and sabre.

Gridmen Emerge As New League Power Fracas Takes Over As Head Coach

by Dave Reece

Having hung up their helmets, pads and other protective equipment, the Bears can let things hang until training begins this fall. After being out-lucked by UBC in the latter part of this season, the vengeful and experienced Bearmen seem destined to become undisputed champions the next time around.

The feat will have to be accomplished without the services of Maynard Vollen, Bill Zuk, Al Elock, and all-stars Jim Cristoff and Bill Duncan who will graduate this spring. However, the Bear cause will be aided by the return of eight all-stars including Ron Marteniuk, Rod Esper, Garry Smith, Bert Carron, Ken Nielson, Denny O'Donnell, Vic Cheme-lyk, and Vic Messier.

FRACAS TAKES OVER

It has been announced that Gino Fracas will take over the job of head thinker from Clare Drake who

intends to devote full time to coaching in the hockey team. Mr. Fracas who graduated from the University of Western Ontario, played outstanding football for the Edmonton Eskimos for eight seasons.

The cry is out for all footballers who aspire to become grid heroes. There will be an important meeting of all players who will be turning out for the football team next season on Tuesday, March 26, 1963 at 4:30 p.m. in the Physical Education Building, room 126. Plans for next season, conditioning programs, and other essential information will be discussed at this session.

For those not able to attend due to other commitments, please drop in to see Mr. Fracas in the Physical Education Building, room 112, Women's Office, at your convenience. Anyone who is thinking of trying out for the football team should respond to this notice.

An added incentive has been introduced this year in that an East-West final game has become a distinct possibility.

The Golden Ones appear to have the talent to give their eastern cousins a good sample of western-style play and given good fan support and few bad breaks they should become the West's football ambassadors.

To all executives of campus clubs:

Letters regarding the scheduling of next year activities have been sent out. It is urgent that you fill in the required forms and reply to these letters immediately, as the actual scheduling will take place Monday, March 25. Any club which has not received a form or letter is requested to pick up same at the Students' Union Office before noon of March 23.

Those clubs which fail to return the forms to the Students' Union Office before noon of March 23 will be considered by the scheduling committee as not being interested in sponsoring any activity next year.

Dave Cruickshank
Incoming Co-ordinator of
Students' Activities

Tournament Scheduled

The Badminton Club will sponsor a tournament Saturday, March 23 from 12:30-6:00 p.m. in the Main and West Gyms. Application forms are available at the General Office of the Phys. Ed. department, or from badminton club members, Monday evenings 7:30 to 10 p.m. in the West Gym.. Everyone is welcome!

Five trophies will be offered for competition: Motor Car Supply Trophy for men's singles, T. Eaton Trophy for men's doubles, Hudson Bay C. Trophy for ladies' singles, Badminton Club Trophy for ladies' doubles, and the Birds Trophy for mixed doubles.

Players are asked to bring their own racquets, however, there will be racquets available for those who need them.

Deadline for entries is Friday, March 22, 4 p.m. and the draws will be posted prior to the tournament. Players are asked to specify their doubles partners, if possible, on the back of the application form.

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Matmen Regain Title; Successful Year

The pot boils and the waters turn, and the University of Alberta finds new championships under her belt, at the price of the loss of other championships.

This year, the wrestling Golden Bears, coached by Gino Fracas, returned victorious from Vancouver and the WCIAA Wrestling Championships. Bringing home the two trophies offered there, along with four out of nine weight-class championships, the "fuzzy ones" just about cleaned up.

The Rawson trophy, emblematic of WCIAA Wrestling championship returned to Alberta trophy cases. The Beaumont trophy, awarded to the outstanding wrestler in WCIAA competition, also returned to Alberta thanks to Eric Shelton. Clem Feldmeyer, Gord Hostland, Eric Shelton and Larry Spears were individual weight champions.

Competition in wrestling has improved in calibre this year, and it looks as if it shall continue to improve, as UAC and U of M are expected to enter teams in the compe-

tion next year.

FUTURE LOOKS GOOD

Next year, the team is planning to travel to Calgary, Saskatoon and Vancouver culminating in the WCIAA finals being held here at U of A.

Supported by a strong intramural program, the wrestling team hopes in the future to form a club. As it is, the men who compete are picked from those that attend practices regularly.

This year, there were but ten regular members. Besides those mentioned above, Jim Kirk, Uriah McAmmond, Vic Messier, Bob Sharp, Bruce Switzer, and Bill Zuk were among the faithful.

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