

Canadian grapplers to compete at U of A

The Dominion Wrestling Championships are coming to town March 18, 19 and 20.

The meet, held in the main gym of the physical education building, will also serve as Canadian trials for the British Empire Games wrestling team which goes to Kingston, Jamaica for Commonwealth series July 30-August 14.

More than 100 grunt and groaners are expected to turn out for the weekend meet with large groups coming from Ontario with 16 entrants, and British Columbia with 20.

Larry Speers, Brian Heffel, Bruce Switzer, Russel Rozylo, Dave Penner and Bill Smith will carry Bear colors in the event.

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Meet organizer, Alex Romaniuk, gives "Penner, Speers and Heffel a reasonable chance of making the team."

Penner won the Beaumont trophy as the outstanding wrestler at the WCIAA finals in Vancouver in February. It was the fifth consecutive time the award had gone to Bear grapplers.

Penner works out in the 125 lb. division.

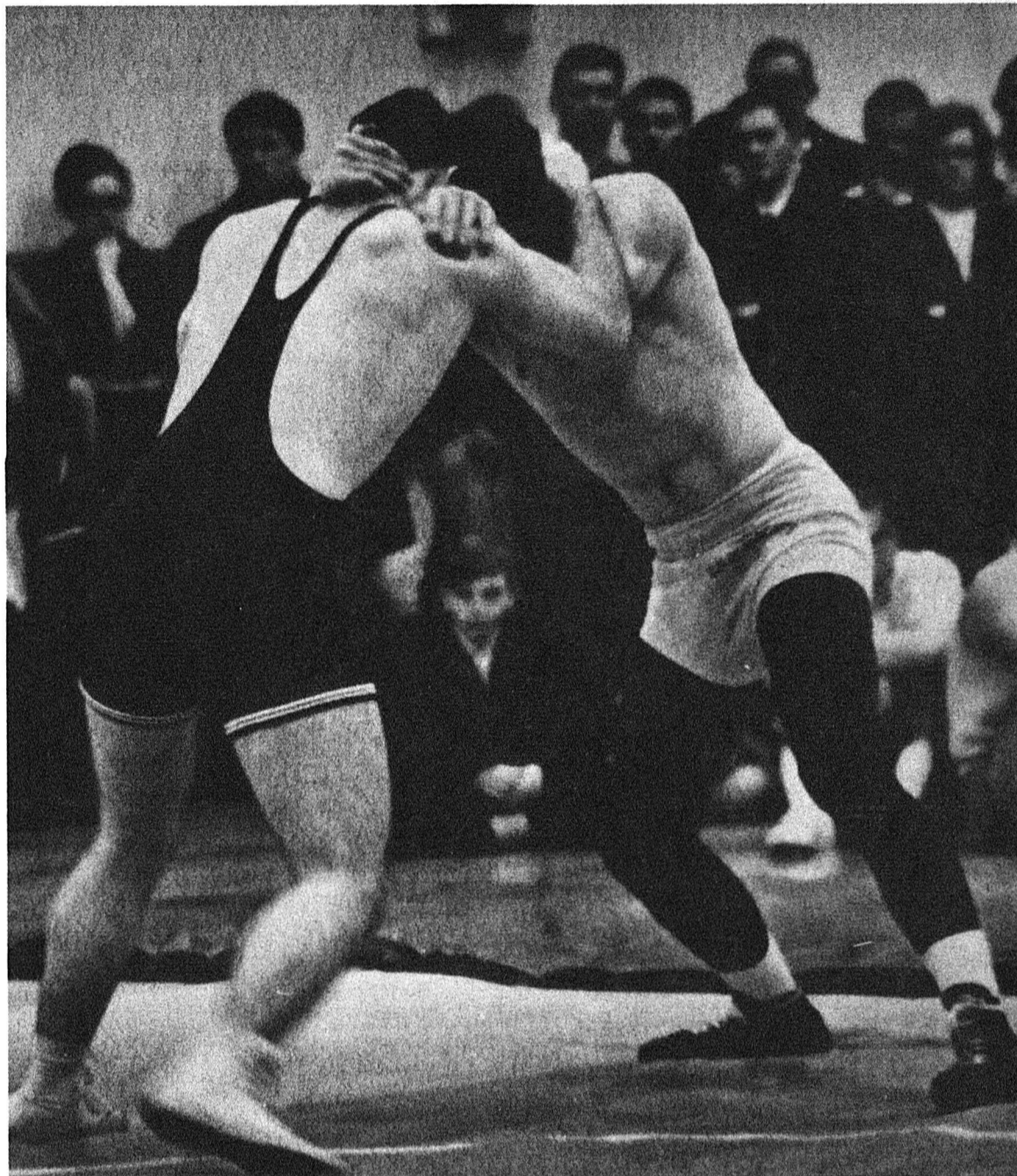
Larry Speers is another tough customer. He suffered his first loss in four years of college competition in Vancouver. Before that Speers had racked up 32 victories in-a-row in the heavyweight class.

As well as the regular Bear wrestler, Bear coach, Bruce Switzer, will be taking to the mats in the tournament.

Switzer held an enviable winning record in the heavyweight division before he gave up collegiate competition to take over the coaching job from Gino Fracas.

In case there are any doubts, this kind of wrestling is not the TV brand. In amateur wrestling, skill, co-ordination and quick thinking take the place of acting ability and vocal power.

Tickets for the match are on sale in the phys ed office—the price is a dollar for the series. Tickets for individual days of three day meet will cost a dollar a day.

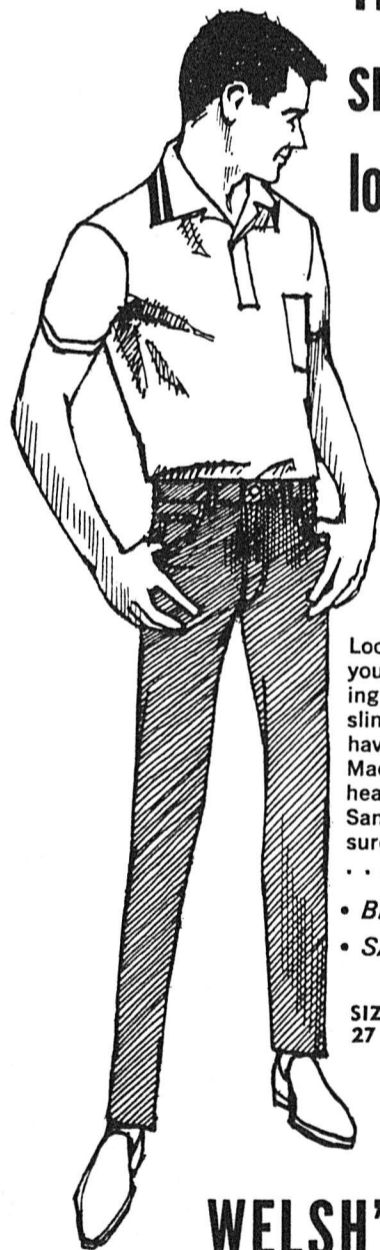


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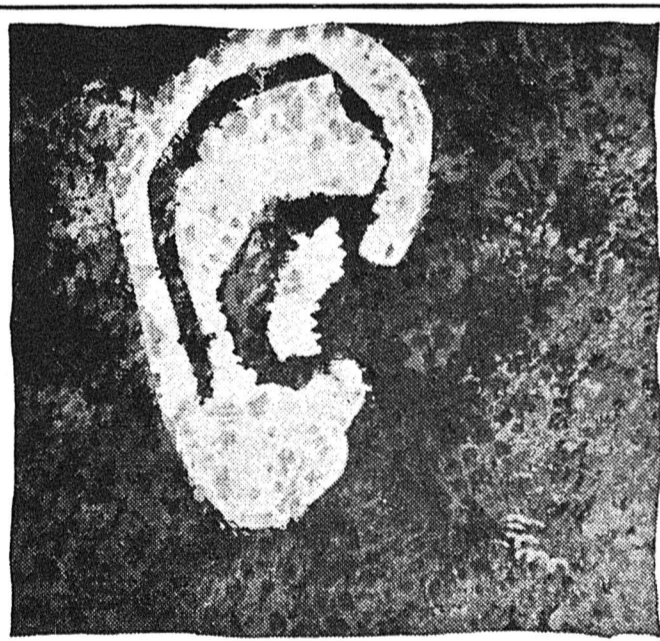
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ROYAL BANK

Junior Bears eliminated by Jaycees

By DON MOREN

Red Deer Jaycees ended the Junior Bears' hopes for the Alberta Junior B hockey championship by tying them 2-2 last Tuesday.

The Red Deer squad had a one-goal lead going into the second game of the total-point series by virtue of 8-7 victory the Saturday before.

The game was a clean close-checking affair with only three penalties handed out. All the goals came in the third period. Fred McKenzie and Dave Emerson connected for the Junior Bears while Jerry Wright and Del Billings scored for Red Deer.

It was another frustrating evening for the Bears offensively as numerous scoring opportunities went down the drain. Their defence was much improved over the last game but it wasn't enough to have prevented goals from being scored against them. The Junior Bears needed goals.

The loss was certainly an anticlimactic way of ending a season marked with success. Among the Junior Bear conquests were the Junior B Redwings, whom they managed to defeat a couple of times this year; the Edmonton Maple Leafs, rated Junior A; and the Knights of Columbus Pats.

The condolence from the Bears' loss is that they now have more time to study for finals.