

# The sports year in retrospect

## FOOTBALL

The Golden Bear Football team started the season with great hopes. As defending Canadian champions with many players returning they looked like solid choices to win the Western Intercollegiate Football League title. But University of Saskatchewan Huskies startled Alberta by upsetting the Bears 22-18 in the season opener right in Varsity Stadium.

It appeared that everything would be all right after all when coach Jim Donlevy's team rebounded to beat Calgary 21-15 and University of British Columbia 53-7.

But then the Bears flew to Winnipeg to meet the Manitoba Bisons. U of A lost a heartbreaker, 28-23, when the Bisons scored a touchdown with less than five minutes left to play.

The following week Alberta travelled to Saskatoon for a rematch with the Huskies that they had to win if they hoped to keep alive their chances for the WIFL championship. In an incredible game, Saskatchewan's All-Canadian quarterback Dave Pickett led Huskies to a 40-38

win. While out of the playoffs, U of A didn't give up. They beat Simon Fraser University 30-18 with a tremendous display of courage and team play. They rolled over Calgary, 25-14, and UBC, 60-7. And they ended the season with a proud 23-15 win against the eventual WIFL champs, Manitoba Bisons.

The Bears will be ready to play again come next fall.



## SWIMMING

The Panda Swimming Team won the Canada West and CIAU titles (U of A's only national title this year) as all 8 swimmers who went down turned in their strongest performances of the year.

They outpointed their nearest rivals, the University of Toronto women, 248-152.

Lynn Purdy won two events - the 100 metre butterfly and 50 metre fly and placed third in the 200 Individual Medley.

Karen Nelson placed first in

the 400 butterfly, and second in the 400 and 200 Individual Medley.

Both of these ladies were also members of the record-setting 400 freestyle relay team.

Other Pandas whose performances merit mention were Joan Strain, Sue Hunt, Wendy Kruger, Mary Jane Henning and Lynn Kavalinas.

The men did not fare quite so well, placing third overall behind University of Toronto

who ran away with first place and University of Waterloo who were a close second.

Doug Jamison of the men's team was honoured as Alberta's Male Athlete of the year, winning the Wilson Trophy.

Many felt that it was a long time coming. Jamison was a National record holder in several events at various times throughout his career and has represented Canada in a number of International competitions including the 1972 Olympics.



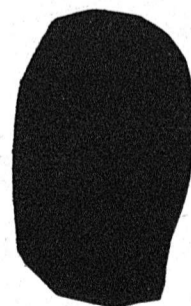
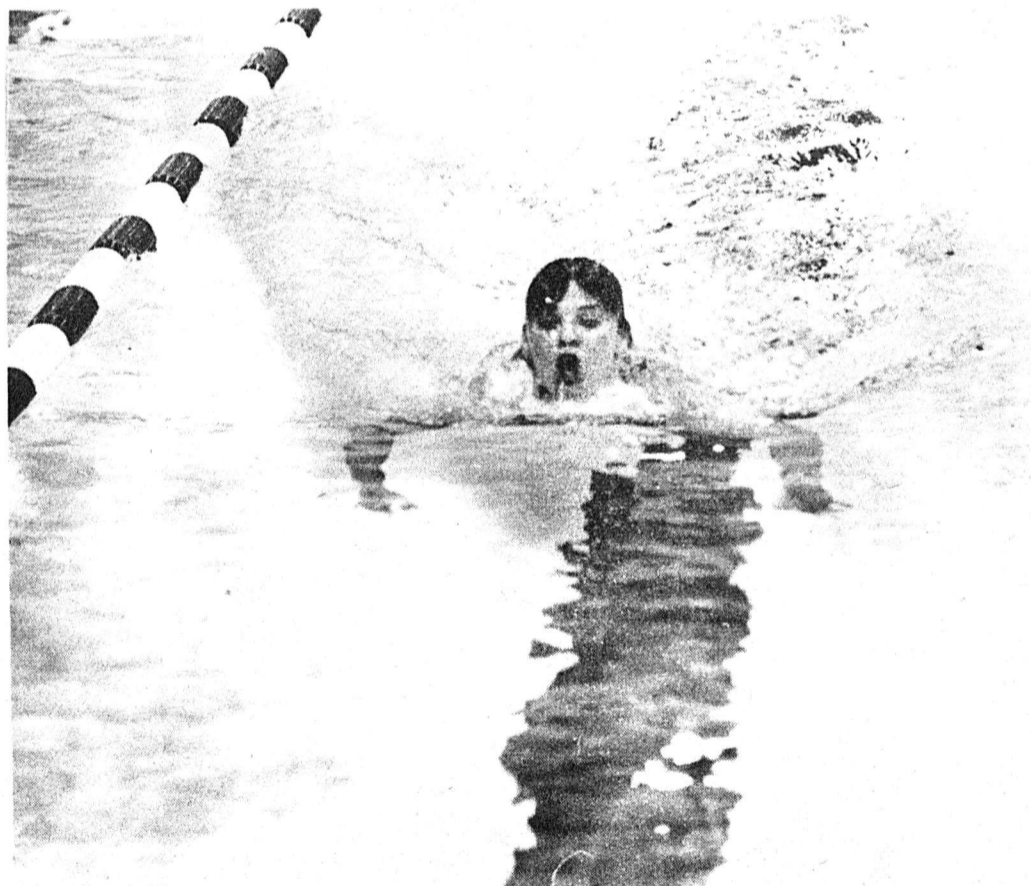
## SOCCER

Soccer Bears had a good season as they won every game that they played in their exhibition schedule before going out to Victoria where, with a combination of luck and a good clutch performance, they won the Canada West University Athletic Association Trophy.

In their last game, they had to rely on University of Victoria to beat UBC and win their own game against Calgary by 6 goals. Victoria obliged them by

downing UBC by one while Bears overcame Calgary despite some spoiler's defensive tactics by U of C although they carried it right down to the last 4 minutes.

Out in St. John's Newfoundland, they lost the National title to Loyola. The game was decided on penalty kicks when the two teams played to a 1-1 tie after regulation time.



## PANDA SPORTS

### FENCING

U of A Fencers were best in the West once again winning just about everything that there was for them to compete in. Coach F. Wetterberg retired last year and his duties were taken over

by Tom Freeland.

Freeland guided the team to the top as they won the Millman Trophy as Canada West champions.

Panda teams came up strong as they won the CWUAA Badminton and field hockey championships.

The Panda gymnastics team performed extremely well all year - winning all of their meets. At the CWUAA championship in Vancouver, the ladies took 6 of

the top 8 and placed four team members, Lenka Svatek, Barb Rutherford, Wabe Wah-King and Pam Gilverson, on the second place Canada West team that went to Toronto for the National Finals.

Beth Fane and Joan Baxter also looked good all year.