

Volleyball Nats here for tourney

Forty-six teams will be in action this weekend as the Bears and Pandas host the North-Am '80 Invitational Volleyball Tournament.

The men's division has 26 teams — including the Canadian Men's National Team — in five round-robin pools. The 20 women's teams will be divided into four pools.

After preliminary round play, starting Friday at 5:00 p.m. and ending Saturday at 3:00 p.m., the top teams in each pool will enter a championship round. On

the men's side the National Team automatically qualifies for the championship pool. Prior to that they will play a series of exhibition matches against the top teams in the tourney on Saturday. They meet the Bears at 7:45 p.m.

Other featured teams include the University of Calgary, Washington State and Calgary Volleyball Club.

Championship final games Sunday afternoon will see the women playing off at 2:30 and the men at 3:30 p.m. All games are in Varsity Gym.

Artsy quackers

by Garnet DuGray

The rubber ducks were out in full force last week, as the Arts waterpolo team defeated the powerful Lonestars to capture the men's intramural waterpolo championship.

Both teams advanced to the final by disposing of their opponents in the single-knockout semi-final. Arts downed the Shooters while the Lonestars took care of an independent entry called the Penguins.

Turning to the frozen variety of the liquid: the first round of the men's Division I hockey was completed on Monday with the Arts people out on top again and the Lonestars not quite so lucky. The Lonestars lost a close battle 6-4 to the Wrecking Crew, while the Arts people downed a sparse Henday crew by a 4-2 count.

The men's snooker tourney was finished late last week and the final results have yet to be tabulated, so stay posted. Just a reminder that the first deadlines of the new term are coming up on Tuesday, January 6 at one p.m. in

the men's office with the sign-up for the Cross-country Ski Race. The race is against the clock around Kinsmen Park starting at one p.m. on Saturday, January 10.

This past week saw the women's ice hockey and racquetball events completed while the European Handball wraps up this Thursday evening in the West Gym. The results of these events are being tabulated now and will be out soon in the new year. The first entry deadline of the new term is for 3-on-3 basketball. Enter by one p.m. Thursday, January 8 in the women's office. This event is scheduled to run from Monday to Thursday with the exception of Wednesdays from January 12 to 29, starting at 7 p.m. each night in the West Gym.

This Thursday evening marks the end of the co-rec volleyball tourney on all fronts. There was a bit of a problem in defaults last week, so rally up those team members and end the semester with a bit of relaxing fun.

The co-rec people wish to



The Canadian National Volleyball team put on a good show before a packed house last time they were here. Expect more of the same this weekend in the North-Am '80 tournament.

photo Brent Jeffery

announce that the first deadline of the new term for innertube waterpolo, occur on Friday,

January 9 by one p.m. in the co-rec office. Waterpolo will be run on Mondays and Wednesdays from

January 12 to February 4 in both the East and West pools. Start thinking about those water-

winged people now and be sure to sign-up by January 9.

A combined men's and women's clinic for cross-country skiing will be held on Saturday, January 10 prior to the men's ski

race from 10 a.m. to 12 Noon at Kinsmen Park. The entry deadline for the clinic is by one

p.m. on Tuesday, January 6 in either of the three offices.

And so as the sun sets in the west, and another semester of school draws to a close, the people of the co-rec, women's and men's offices would like to wish everyone good luck on their finals, as well as Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Snow Business on the move

by Bod Borski

Last year the Bears ski team emerged as the surprise squad in the closely contested Alberta ski racing circus. However, this year the team will have to live up to its reputation and then some in order to satisfy coach Bruce Wilson. Still, if early indications prove correct this coming season the Bears will be stronger than ever.

First of all the team has followed a tailor-made training program that emphasizes speed and endurance that will help the racers to squeeze seconds out of tough situations. Not to be ignored is the on-snow aspect of the training program. As always, Fortress Mountain ski area, and its manager Bob Steckle, are instrumental to the Bears' on-snow training.

The hill training has just begun and the pre-race season will culminate with a camp at Fortress later this month. The Fortress resort offers the Bears a first rate training pitch and the area's extensive facilities are freely given to the U of A team.

Once the race season begins, near month's end, the Bears hope to capitalize on the slalom-heavy schedule. The team's strength lies in the sprint-like slalom event, but Bear Bryan Mekechuk has a proven capability in the hair-raising downhill races. In addition, a newcomer, Heather Brubaker, is expected to provide top-flight performances for the team. Brubaker, a veteran of the US college circuit, must first however heal hair-line fractures in her tibia before challenging the

native Albertans.

Slalom aces Ted Redmond and Mark Stein will duel for top slalom results in the Pontiac Cup series. Up and coming Chuck "Magic" Johnstone and Mekechuk will round out the Bears' top-flight Pontiac Cup race squad. For the prestigious Alberta Cup series Bear Karl Wilberg will join the elite Pontiac Cup racers. By the season's end, other Bears, Mike Matishak, Clark Seadon and Enrico Cappiletto, will likely

round out the team's Alberta Cup squad.

Needless to say coach Wilson's emphasis on a rational training method is complemented by assistant coach Craig Wronko's schooling in the Phys Ed dept. labs. So far the combination has been effective, and the first proof of its value has already appeared in early on-snow performances. Still, the preparation's race effectiveness will have to wait for the Dec. 20 and 21 season opener in Red Deer.



photo Rusty Sampson

The Bears ski team is off to a flying start this season. The latest dose of the white fluffy stuff doesn't hurt either.

Athlete of the Week

FORREST KENNERD

Named the Most Valuable Player in the 1980 College Bowl, quarterback Forrest Kennerd led the Football Bears to their first national championship since 1972 this past weekend. (a 40-21 victory over the Ottawa Gee Gees)

Kennerd completed 16 of 29 passes for 316 yards, a new College Bowl record. His four touchdown passes equalled the existing Bowl record. A truly outstanding performance, worthy of 'Athlete of the Week' honours at the University of Alberta.

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