

Young, eager hockey Bears win league title

By BILL KANKEWITT

What was originally classed as a rebuilding year for the Golden Bears hockey club has gotten completely out of hand.

When camp opened in the fall, there were only four regulars returning from the previous year's powerhouse team.

With the large number of rookies in camp, few if any experts gave the Bears a chance to cop WCIAA laurels.

Since that time, a superb coaching effort by Clare Drake has been blended with the desires and drive of 20 young, but eager hockey players. The end result has turned out to be a championship team.

The team climaxed an up-hill struggle March 1 and 2 by twice defeating the tough UBC Thunderbirds to take the WCIAA title. As has been the case all season, the team came from behind to take the final victory.

HUNGRIEST TEAM

While perhaps not the best team in the west, the Bears were certainly the hungriest.

Lacking such individual stars as Brian Harper and Darrel LeBlanc from last year's squad, the young players substituted plenty of desire mixed with a large amount of gall.

They thought they were number one, and as an end result played like they were number one.

Because they were such a young team, there were plenty of times through the course of the season when they played badly. They had to be fired up to play well and many times it took a severe beating to accomplish this end.

If ever the cliché "team effort" could be used, this year's Golden Bear team is the one it applies to.

LACKING DEPTH

Obviously lacking depth in talent, it took a 100% effort from the 15 players coach Drake dressed for each game in order to come out with a victory.

Veteran players such as Jerry Braunberger, Ron Cebryk, Sam Belcourt and Dan Zarowny have been coming up big when needed.

Goaltender Dale Halterman, while possessing no great credentials before the start of the season has been the backbone of the club with his brilliant play.

Wayne Wiste came from Denver University to add depth and maturity to the club. Sophomore Jim Seutter suddenly found himself part way through the season and has been a guiding light since then.

A treat for the fans and a relief



BEARS ZAROWNY (3) AND SEUTTER (6) IN ACTION AGAINST THUNDERBIRDS

... double wins over UBC squad gave U of A the WCIAA championship

to coach Drake has been the impressive play of his rookies.

COME ON STRONG

Jack Gibson, Dave Couves, Don Manning, Milt Hohol, Barry Robinson, Wilf Kettle, Ron Reinhart, Len Zalapski, Dave McIntyre, Don Falkenberg and others have all come on strong in the clutch.

Things look encouraging for the next season as Drake expects to lose only two players from this year's squad.

GOLDEN BEAR LEAGUE SCORING

	GP	G	A	PIM	P
Sam Belcourt	16	12	17	12	29
Jack Gibson	15	7	13	20	20
J. Braunberger	16	7	11	6	18
Ron Cebryk	15	7	10	10	17
Wayne Wiste	11	8	8	12	16
Dave Couves	16	2	10	19	12
Milt Hohol	16	8	3	10	11
M. Stelmaschuk	13	6	4	14	10

Junior Bearcat hockey team sparkles, ending season with a 25-3-4 record

By BOB ANDERSON

To say that the revival of a junior varsity hockey team at the U of A this year was a success would be somewhat of a gross understatement.

The Bearcats as they were dubbed, were extinct last year, but made their re-appearance this season dressed somewhat shabbily in old Golden Bear uniforms and equipment. However, their performance over the season was far from shabby, in fact it was downright sparkling. Coach Brian Mc-

Donald led his charges to 25 victories, three losses and four ties in 32 games. Twenty-three of these were played in an exhibition schedule with Edmonton's Juvenile "AA" teams, four were the U of Calgary's junior team, three against NAIT Oookpiks, and two against the Camrose Maroons.

More significant than their record, however, was the fact that the Bearcats served as a pool of additional talent for the senior Golden Bears to call on, not only in case of injuries but also as a farm club

to develop future stars. Don Falkenberg, Bill Suter, Ron Reinhart, Tom Devaney, and Barry Robinson all started the season with the Bearcats but midway through the Golden Bears' season, all had been called up to stay. As well, several other Bearcats had shot with the big team for one game or so, thus gaining valuable experience.

Next year, the Bearcats hope to align themselves in a league comprising teams from the other universities in the WCIAA and teams from U of L, NAIT and SAIT.

New coach and veteran wrestlers combine talents to win

By BOB SCHMIDT

Under the direction of Dr. Bert Taylor the Golden Bear wrestling team has culminated a hard-fought season by winning the WCIAA championships.

It was a season which started with the Bears taking the B.C. Open championship. They then beat the University of Calgary and Idaho State. The Bears then hosted the first annual U of A Invitational Tournament and again came up the victors.

Everything was going great until the Bears journeyed to Saskatoon to battle the Huskies. The Bears came out a dismal second, being beaten 26-6. At the return match the next weekend the Bears were again beaten but this time by a score of 21-20.

Coach Taylor worked the men hard in preparation for the WCIAA finals. As a prep for the finals the Bears walked away with the Northern Alberta Championships. At the WCIAA championships the Bears entered 10 wrestlers, winning 6

first places, 3 second places and 1 third place. They won the championship by scoring 87 points while U of S scored 71, U of C 31 and UBC scored 28.

Dr. Bert Taylor was the new Bear coach taking over from Bruce Switzer. Coach Taylor, originally from Western Ontario got his

Masters degree from UBC and his Doctorate from Washington State university. Last year Dr. Taylor coached the freshman team at Washington State. Doug Sturrock, a grad student in physical education, was the team's manager.

Individual stars on the team were Bill Jensen, Bill Smith and

Dave Duniec. Jensen won first place in the B.C. Open, in the Northern Alberta championships and in the WCIAA championships. Bill Smith who is the captain of the team, won first places in the B.C. open and in the WCIAA finals.

Other WCIAA weight class champions were Bob Ramsum, Bruce Switzer and Ron Lappage. Ramsum fought well all year and was regarded as a mainstay of the team. Switzer proved he hadn't lost anything from being out of competition for a year as he fought superbly all year. Lappage is the WCIAA judo heavyweight champion. He uses a patented hip toss to pin his opponents.

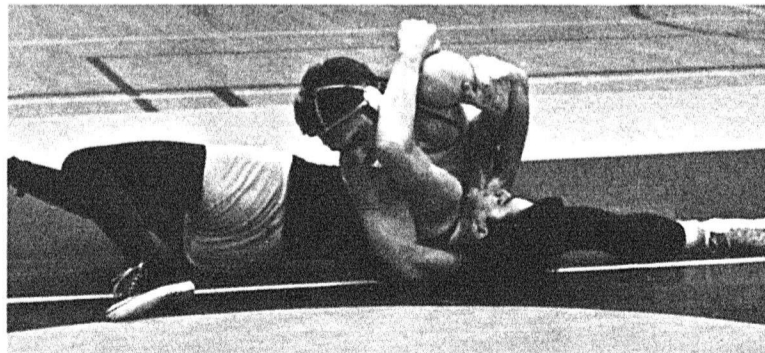
Mas Kinoshita, the deceptive little Japanese who possess cat-like moves won first place in the 123 lb. class at the Northern Alberta and defeated Don Watts, a fine wrestler from Western Ontario, in a wrestle-off to see who would go to the WCIAA finals. Kinoshita won a second place at the championships.

Chris Gould started the year as a

junior varsity wrestler but was moved up to the varsity team when there was an opening at the 145 lb. class. Gould fought so well in his first competition, winning one match and drawing another, that he remained with team all the way to the finals. In the finals he won a second place losing to Gord Garvie from Saskatchewan.

Last year John Marchand won the 191 lb. weight class championship at the WCIAA finals. This year he fought in the 160 lb. weight class and came second in the championships behind Dave Gray from UBC. Gray won the outstanding wrestler title in the championships.

The heavyweight was a problem for most of the year. Bruce Gainer who fought in dual meets against Calgary, Idaho State, UBC and Saskatchewan showed good promise. Gainer was ineligible for the finals so Taylor picked up Bob Schmidt to fill the vacancy. Schmidt lost to Jim Schell from Calgary and Wayne Gallup from Saskatchewan to place third in the championships.



WRESTLERS GRAPPLE TO VICTORY

... U of A takes league crown