

Taylor's Bears lead West to CIAU wrestling titles

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Maybe it has something to do with the fact that Westerners have more of a pioneering spirit than their Eastern counterparts.

Or maybe it's because most Westerners breathe relatively unpolluted air.

Or maybe it's just because Westerners are better wrestlers.

Whatever the reason the Western Canada Intercollegiate Athletic Association wrestling team, led by U of A coach Bert Taylor and six members of the Golden Bears, topped representatives from four other conferences across Canada to capture the conference championship and six of the ten individual titles in the Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic Union wrestling championships held in Varsity Gym this week end.

The Golden Bears also captured the team trophy as they won four weight divisions, came second in another and third in yet another.

The non-Bear members of the WCIAA squad came up big to add to the West's total. Taras Hyrb of UBC won three matches to capture the 177-pound title, and Saskatchewan's Gord Garvie, defending champion at 150 lbs., cleaned up in his division. Lutz Keller of Calgary contributed a second in the heavy-weight class and Jim Baylis of Manitoba added another in the 126-pound category.

Favored Lappage upset

Waterloo's Pat Bolger, silver medalist at the last Pan-Am Games, easily took the 142-pound class. Defending champion Jim Hall, also of Waterloo, repeated in the 126-pound division. A third Warrior, George Saunders, upset favored Ron Lappage of Alberta to take the 190-pound title. The OQAA's fourth title came as Ed Millard of Guelph took the heavyweight belt.

Gord Bertie, Serge Gauthier, Brian Heffel and Dave Duniec each won titles to lead the Bruins to the individual team championship with

46 points. The University of Waterloo finished second with 34 points, while Guelph had 14.

WCIAA champs

The WCIAA captured the conference title with a combined total of 74 points. The Ontario-Quebec Athletic Association, pre-tournament favorites, finished second with 64 points.

Teams from the other three conferences found it very difficult to glean points as the WCIAA and OQAA dominated every class. The Ontario Intercollegiate Athletic Association finished a distant third in conference standings with 11½ points. The Ottawa-Saint Lawrence Athletic Association and the Maritime Intercollegiate Athletic Association were also represented.

Many of these wrestlers will be back in Edmonton in July to compete in the World Championships. The ten weight class winners will travel to Turin, Italy to represent Canada in the World Student Games.

Following are the top three wrestlers in each weight category:

118 lbs. Bertie (Alberta), Barry (Waterloo), Sholzberg (Macdonald)

126 lbs. Hall (Waterloo), Bayliss (Manitoba), Hart (RMC)

134 lbs. Gauthier (Alberta), Mitchell (Guelph), Gould (Waterloo-Luth)

142 lbs. Bolger (Waterloo), Warren (RMC), Thayer (Alberta)

150 lbs. Garvie (Saskatchewan),

Todd (McGill), Godwin (Macdonald)

158 lbs. Duniec (Alberta), Cazes (Queen's), Scott (Ryerson)

167 lbs. Heffel (Alberta), Allison (Toronto), Bryant (Waterloo Luth)

177 lbs. Hyrb (UBC), Hartley (McGill), Smith (Ryerson)

190 lbs. Saunders (Waterloo), Lappage (Alberta), Gardner (Laurentian), Woolfrey (Memorial)

Hwt. Millard (Guelph), Keller (Calgary), Andrew (Ryerson)

Regina curling champs

What do Saskatchewanians do now that they're being paid not to grow wheat?

They're curling! And the practice shows.

Les Rogers' Regina rink swept through the three-day WCIAA curling bonspiel this weekend with an 8-1 record to take home the silverware.

The Regina crew of skip Rogers, third Garth Rusconi, second Greg Kelly and lead Wayne Phillips topped teams from nine other Western universities in posting the win.

After a third-round loss to Saskatoon, Rogers settled down for six consecutive wins, including a 6-5 eight-round victory over Calgary's Bob Ostry which gave him top spot.

Coming into the game Calgary and Regina had been deadlocked at 6-1.

For Al Shaw and his Alberta squad, it was a frustrating weekend. If the games had been six ends instead of ten, Alberta would have easily won all the marbles. As it was, Shaw and his rink of third Stand Gordeyko, second Jessie Boyd and lead Dave Smith curled well until about the sixth end but then invariably choked up to give away big ends in the seventh or eighth. Calgary stole three on the seventh to win 9-6 when Alberta was still in contention, and with another chance against Regina, three in the eighth and spelled doom for the Albertans.



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