

Gerald Lashyn is last minute hero

Bears narrowly defeat Saskatchewan

A single point was the difference between capturing first place or settling for second at the University of Alberta Invitational Wrestling Tournament. As usual, the fight for first was between the U of A Golden Bears and the University of Saskatchewan Huskies.

On Saturday, however, it was the Bears who came out on top as they accumulated 57 points to the Huskies 56, to win the team title in their own meet. The University of Calgary Dinosaurs finished third with 40 points.

The Bears can thank Don Payne of the UBC T-Birds for the championship. In the final and deciding bout of a long day, Payne took the heavyweight (95+ kilograms) division championship by decision (14-11) from Gerald Lashyn of the Huskies. Had Lashyn, an outstanding athlete who is also a linebacker for the U of S football team, won, the Huskies would have received a total of 59 points and, more importantly, the team victory.

Individually, the Bears did not fare as well. Phil Spate was the only member of the U of A wrestling team to capture his weight-class at 57 kg.

Spate overwhelmed his opponents. He pinned three of them and easily handled the University of Regina's Trent Young, in the final bout (12-0). Spate was last year's Canada West Champion and third in the Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union.

Three Bears managed to finish second in their respective weight divisions; Vang Ioannides at 51 kg, Mike Payette at 61 kg, and Andy Macri at 68 kg.

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Ioannides is a freshman who comes to the U of A from Harry Ainlay, where he was a five time Provincial High School champion.

After pinning Mike Tieman of the Dinosaurs, Payette lost the championship match 9-2 to Mitch Ostberg of the Manitoba Olympic Wrestling Club. (Ostberg was later named the tournament's outstanding wrestler).

Macri has resurfaced after being absent from wrestling competition for 10 seasons. In 1975-76 he was the Canada West Champion.

Finishing third for the Bears were Ben Petit at 72 kg, and Carl Soderstrom at 76 kg. Soderstrom was notably frustrated and angered by his performance. He articulately expressed his feelings. "F---," said Soderstrom.

John Barry, head coach of the Wrestling Bears was upset with his team's performance.

"I was very disappointed. A number of the veterans did not wrestle anywhere near their capability. I don't know whether it was the Christmas layoff or if it was psychological.

"I know one thing for sure and that is, I'd rather be a coach this week than one of my wrestlers. They will be hurting at practice starting Monday," Barry threatened.

Off the mat: Rob Key and Brad Chestnut did not wrestle due to injuries...Key has a pulled leg muscle and Chestnut is diagnosed with mononucleosis (so girls, stay away)...

Famous face in the crowd: former wrestler Steve Hibbard who is now sporting a fashionable new hairdo...Keith Lightfoot of the U of A wrestling club won the 65 kg weight-class...Dinosaurs' Mike Daywood and Peter Guterson dominated the 72 kg and 80 kg weight classes respectively...Watching the talented and adept team of brothers, Pierre and Eddie Morton, who are both blind and deaf wrestle...Pierre Morton is the North America Wrestling Championship for the disabled...Spate was the only one to win his weight division although he did not attend a Christmas training camp...However, those who did attend the camps (held in California and Vancouver) did not produce a first place finisher...

Coach Barry and 15 wrestlers will be leaving for Ontario this Thursday to compete in the Guelph Open; one of the most prestigious meets in the country...While Mark Yurik, Bears' assistant coach will be taking the remaining wrestlers to the Dinosaur Invitational in Calgary.

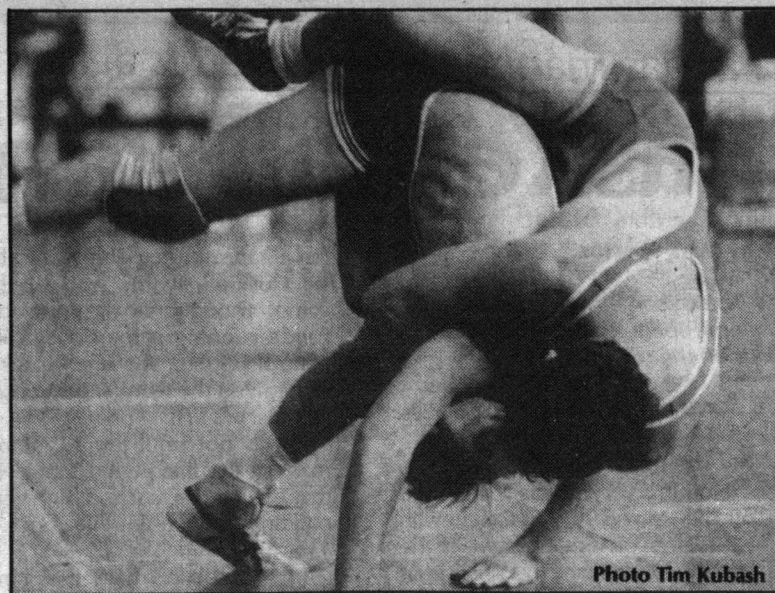


Photo Tim Kubash

Wrestling action at the Butterdome Saturday saw the hometown Bears just get by the Saskatchewan Huskies 57-56.

Bears sweep Dinosaurs

by Bernie Poitras

With a record of 12-2 and eight points ahead of their closest opponents, you would expect a team to be a little less motivated about playing a team 12 points behind them in the standings.

But that's not the way the golden Bears hockey team viewed this past weekend's two-game series against their provincial rivals, the Calgary Dinosaurs.

Collegiate hockey's version of 'The Battle of Alberta' took place

this weekend at the Stampede Corral in Calgary. The Bears swept the double header by scores of 7-4 and 5-2.

Calgary's record drops to 6-9, good enough for fourth place, while Bears improved their record to 12-2. The Dinosaurs remain four points behind UBC and Saskatchewan. Both UBC and the Huskies, however, have a game in hand on the Dinosaurs.

Bears' head coach Clare Drake said while the scores indicated the Bears controlled the play, he added it could have been better.

"We were a bit off our game in the first match but I thought we played well in the second. We had better control of the play in that one."

A three-goal surge in the first three and a half minutes of the third period broke a 4-4 tie to clinch the opener for Drake's club.

As he mentioned earlier, his team controlled play more on Sunday; they built up period leads of 2-1 and 4-1 and cruised to a 5-2 win.

Drake also said the Dinosaurs played much better than they did before Christmas. He feels that the solving of a discipline problem was the main factor in their improved play.

The Bears are again running away with the Canada West title but Drake isn't too worried about keeping his team motivated for the remaining 10 games.

"There's always a danger that an individual player may wander from time to time," said Drake. "But we remind them of certain goals we set at the beginning of the season to keep them on track."

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