

SPORTS

Fencers successful

CALGARY - Members of the University of Alberta fencing team had a fairly successful time of it here at the Alberta provincial fencing championships on the weekend.

In all Alberta fencers captured three individual titles, while placing second and third in two other competitions.

Nina Shields was tops in the ladies' foil division, while Bruce Slevinsky took the men's foil and epee competitions for the Edmonton squad. Tom Freeland was third in the foil, while Helmut Mach finished second in men's sabre competition.

Points accumulated at the meet will be combined with the points obtained in the Western Canada Fencing championships to be held in Edmonton April 1-2 to select the Alberta team for the National finals. The Nationals will be held in Montreal May 22-25.

Thunderbirds National champs

Canada West basketball champions, the UBC Thunderbirds, added yet another laurel to their growing heap with their third National title on the weekend.

T'Birds stopped defending champions Acadia Axemen 79-70 in the final game in Vancouver Friday, as centre John Mills poured in 27 points. Axemen held All-star guard Ron Thorsen to nine points, but Mills took over the scoring role to lead the Birds to the title.

Statistics released this week show that Thorsen once again led all scorers in the Canada West division, scoring an even 300 points for an 18.8 average. Gord Hoshal was next with a 14.7 average, while Bear's Bob Morris was third with a 14.5 score.

Morris, who was chosen to the Canada West all-star squad, led the Bears in just about every statistical department except rebounds and scoring percentage. Centre Mike Frisby, who was also selected to the dream team, was tops in those departments. (Individual statistics below.)

Intramurals galore

A lot of activities have taken place since our last article, so we will just list them, and the winners in each.

Activity	Individual Champion	Unit Champion
Snooker	Cy Frank, Deke's	Engineering
Table Tennis	Francis Wan, Chinese	Chinese
Skiing	Marty Cassault, St. Joe's	Dentistry
Badminton	Bob Gunn, Geology	Lower Res
Skate Races	Dave Barron, Mac Hall	Kappa Sigma

Curling Engineering

A-Event - L.C.A.C. Cargus, R. Glasgow, J. Makan, B. Graddock
B-Event - P.E.

E. Hancheruk, W. Dunbar, F. Blue, B. Shave

The Co-recreational Volleyball championship was captured by the Chinese Students. Led by the dynamic spiking of Vincent Lao, Mike Yuen, and Angelo Zia, they demolished an overconfident Phys Ed crew in two quick games. Helen Mak, Doreen Walsh, and Hilda Wong supported the heavy spikes with consistent screw-under throughout the match.

Hockey, volleyball, badminton, snooker, curling, racquetball, handball, and squash are the only activities left to add to the unit standings.

A Conference	B Conference
Law 2091.5	L.D.S. 909.3
Dentistry 1798.3	Agriculture 904.2
Arts and Science 1560.5	St. John's 841.5

Our "Athlete of the Week" is Ken Oleschuk of Kappa Sigma. If he has not already received this honour, he should have. He has participated in practically all the activities the Intramural Department offers, and we mentioned before that Ken is one of the contenders for the Motors Car Supply Trophy. Lately Ken has been table tennis, bowling, curling, and volleyballing for the league contending Kappa Sigma 'A' team.

Svatek tops in gymnastics

Lenka Svatek sat on the sidelines Sunday in the Canadian Intercollegiate Gymnastics championships, but the ace of the University of Alberta Pandas squad still managed to tie for the overall individual title in the competitions.

Lenka, who injured a heel in the preliminaries of the floor exercises Saturday, tied with Glenna Sebastyen of the University of Saskatchewan for the title.

Another Panda, Janet Terry, put on an excellent showing Sunday, as she captured the beam and floor exercise events and finished second in the vault.

Dale O'Brien, who was the only Golden Bear to qualify for the WCIAA team, placed fourth in the rings and sixth in both the parallel bars and the high bar.

It's playoff time!

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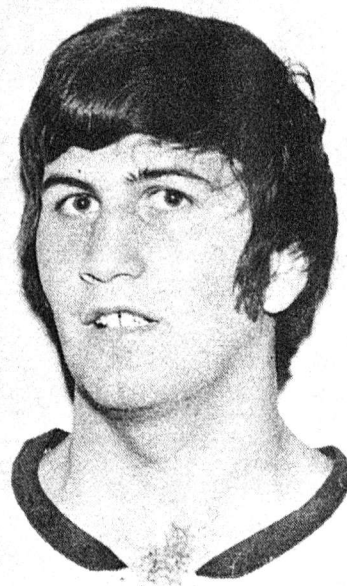
It seems to have been a long time coming, but at last the W.C.I.A.A. hockey playoffs are upon us and as is only fitting, Golden Bear fans should enjoy their best action of the season when it counts the most.

This weekend the Golden Bears host the Calgary Dinosaurs, Winnipeg Wesmen, and Manitoba Bisons in a single elimination tournament at Varsity Arena. In the opening game on Friday night at 8 p.m. the Dinosaurs (15-5 record in league play), second place finishers in the Western Division will clash with the Eastern Division champion Wesmen (10-10). Then at 2 p.m. Saturday afternoon the league-leading Bears (18-2) will continue their long-standing rivalry with the Bisons (8-12), who came second to the Wesmen in the Eastern Division. Finally the winners of these two contests will meet Sunday evening at 7:30 p.m. in the W.C.I.A.A. final. The victor will then travel to Sherbrooke, Quebec to represent the W.C.I.A.A. in the Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic Union (C.I.A.U.) tournament on March 17 and 18.

While sudden-death games often provide dramatic action for fans, coaches, and players alike—not to mention nervous Assistant Athletic Directors who have trouble staying in one place for any longer than a minute or two—they obviously don't favour teams such as the Bears and the Dinnies that have compiled far superior records over the regular season. All the Bears or Dinnies have to do is play poorly for a period or two, while the Bisons or Wesmen play to their maximum ability, getting a break or two around the nets along the way, and the season is over, fine record or not. Of course the prospect or threat of an upset is what makes the playoffs so exciting, but in a single game format, the best team doesn't always emerge triumphant.

Although stories coming out of Calgary indicate that the Dinosaurs have been hindered in their preparation for the playoffs by competitors practicing for the World Figure Skating Championships which has the placed all ice time for hockey teams at a premium, the Dinnies should still handle the Wesmen with relative ease. The Dinnies won both meetings between the two teams during league play. Just making the playoffs, let alone winning their division is quite an accomplishment for the Wesmen, who in past seasons have languished in the basement of league standings.

Likewise, the Bears should dispose of the Bisons on



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...key performances

Saturday afternoon in a convincing manner. The Golden ONes took both contests between the two schools in regularly scheduled play by one goal margins, 3-2 at Varsity Arena and 7-6 in the refrigerated firetrap known as the Bison Gardens on the Manitoba campus. But neither of the games were as close as the scores indicated. In Edmonton the Bears were continually stymied by the stellar goaltending of Grant Clay, who made 46 saves, while the Bisons counted both their goals in the final minute or so of play. And in Winnipeg, despite the fact that the Bisons were extremely fired up over the forfeiture of three games they had won while using an ineligible player and their upset of the Dinnies the night before, they still needed numerous two-man advantages thanks to some gross homer officiating and some admittedly inept play by the Bears in their own end to make the score close.

As a result of the default of those three games the Bisons finished in a tie for second place with the Brandon University Bobcats and were forced to defeat the Bobcats in a two game total-goal showdown last weekend. The Bisons won both games, 5-4 and 7-5, for a 12-9 total goals margin. Having played those games is the biggest factor in Manitoba's favour since they now come into the playoffs fresh off an important victory, while the Bears have not played together in earnest since their twin victories at home against U.B.C. one month ago. Nonetheless, look for the Bears to advance into Sunday evening's final.

Yes a Golden Bear-Dinosaur final would be a natural. Certainly there is no love lost

between the two arch-rivals. Dino Coach George Kingston is a former Golden Bear player and would like nothing better than to guide his club to victory over his former coach. Both teams are high scoring aggregations, although the Bears rely on skating and finesse while the Dinnies' forte is wearing down their opponents with continual bodychecking all over the ice. The Golden Bears won both games against the Calgarians at Varsity Arena on the first weekend of league play and then split their series in the Foothills Arena, losing 5-3 in the first game before coming back to post a dramatic 3-2 overtime decision the next night.

Although the Dinnies battled gamely all season before finally overcoming the U.B.C. Thunderbirds to earn the final Western play-off spot and undoubtedly have a fine team which always plays its best against the BBears, it probably won't be enough. The Bears under the masterful guidance of Coach Drake, have a long history of winning the big games, of coming through in the clutch. They should do it again this season.

Most of the ink in this column over the season has focused on the goaltending of Barry Richardson and Jim Coombs, undoubtedly the league's outstanding player Steve Carlyle, the scoring exploits of Billy Moores, Jack Gibson, Dave Couves, and the fine second-half showing of Gerry Hornby and Rick Wyrozub. But mention must be made as the Bears head into the playoffs of the vast improvement in the play of such unheralded defencemen as Bryon Baltimore, Len Brulotte, and Paul St. Cyr, all of whom have been fortunate to gain passing mention in any media coverage of the Bears this year. Baltimore has developed from an awkward youngster who often seemed unsure of himself into a competent rearward who Coach Drake can send on the ice with confidence in any situation. And Brulotte and St. Cyr, both of whom failed to score a single goal for the Bears in league play, have concentrated on their defensive responsibilities and come up with several key performances as the season progressed. If indeed the Bears are to capture the W.C.I.A.A. championship laurels this weekend much will depend on the continued fine play of Baltimore, Brulotte, and St. Cyr, along with the veterans Carlyle and Dan Bouwmeester and impressive young rookie Brian Middleton, inside the Bear blueline.

Yes, kiddies, it's going to cost to watch the Bears win the Western Intercollegiate championships this weekend. Normal ticket prices will be \$2, but if you drop in to the Phys. Ed. general office before 4:30 Friday you can get a special \$4 ticket which will allow you admittance to all three games. Offer is for University of Alberta students only.

Golden Bear individual statistics

	GP	FGA	FG Pct	FTA	FT Pct	PTS	Avg	OR	DR	Tot	PF	TO
MORRIS, Bob	15	199	78 39%	77	61 74%	217	14.5	14	25	39	38	71
FRISBY, Mike	16	145	74 52%	74	47 65%	295	12.2	79	77	156	51	38
LYONS, Marty	16	189	79 37%	37	26 70%	184	11.5	46	92	138	36	39
SOLYOM, Tom	16	149	62 42%	31	21 68%	145	9.1	27	34	61	45	35
TOLLESTRUP, Wallace	16	171	62 36%	35	21 60%	143	9.0	48	58	106	38	49
HART, Brian	14	77	29 38%	12	6 50%	62	4.4	18	14	32	16	33
STEWART, Greg	16	55	24 44%	15	11 73%	59	3.7	3	7	10	15	23
CAMPBELL, Gary	16	71	18 25%	24	15 63%	51	3.2	27	43	70	33	21
BENNETT, Barry	16	28	8 29%	10	7 70%	22	1.4	6	18	24	10	8
NEIMINEN, Brian	13	10	3 30%	5	1 20%	7	0.5	3	2	5	0	1
DAWSON, Bob	12	4	2 50%	3	2 75%	6	0.5	1	1	2	3	3

(Won 11, Lost 5)