

# Bears leave for family reunion

The normally partisan Pronghorn supporters may have trouble discerning their loyalties this weekend when Golden Bear basketball team visits them in Lethbridge.

Two homebrew products, Wally and Phil Tollestrup, will duel head to head in an important series that will draw hundreds of people from their hometown, Raymond, a small town of 2,000 some 20 miles away.

The match-up has all the trappings of a classic struggle between two brothers; both tremendously skilled players and both essential to their respective team's success.

Phil, considered by some coaches the best cager in Canada, is about the closest thing to a one-man team in the western conference. Currently, he leads the scoring race with a healthy 25-point average and is runner-up in rebounds behind Mike Friskby with 11 a game.

Wally doesn't have his brothers' scoring prowess, (he boasts an 11-point average), but he probably is the best defensive player on the Bears' roster, consistently having to guard the opposition's best shooter. In this role, Wally will be responsible to keep his elder (by three years) brother in check.

"Wally's biggest asset is his mobility," says Bob Bain. "He moves well, jumps well and has determination and basketball sense."

He's also one of the Bears' quiet leaders on the floor, leading by example instead of

words. "Wally's got a lot of experience and he doesn't get excited like the rest of us do, adds Bears' spokesman Tom Solyom. "He'll tell you about a mistake but in a good way. It keeps us together."

For Wally, it is a journey back to Southern Alberta, a haven for basketball. He remembers the lights in the gymnasiums glowed long into the night and the doors always open. Marion Tollestrup, a janitor at one of the schools, saw to that.

"He's pretty good with kids," says Wally. "If they wanted to play, he would open the gym." He didn't really encourage or discourage us."

"After work, we used to go to the gym. We used to play barefoot in our blue jeans," recalls Wally. We worked hard but we learned a lot."

The Tollestrup clan has produced five basketball players. Allan, the oldest, toiled with the Golden Bears from 1955-59. A trophy, awarded to the Bears' best rookie, now bears his name. Steele, who was more suited to for football, played at Mount Royal College in Calgary and later in Lethbridge against the current Bear coach Bob Bain.

Bain has also played against Tim, the tallest Tollestrup at six-foot-eight. "Tim was a typical big man, recalls Bain. "He was a good low-post man, strong but not too mobile."

He was a starter on the Utah State team, a nationally ranked college hoop squad in the United

States for four years before returning to Lethbridge.

Phil followed a similar route. He received a scholarship to play at Brigham Young, where in his fourth and final year he scored 12 points a game. The six-foot-six Tollestrup came back to Lethbridge this season for his teaching degree.

"Phil should be the biggest challenge I've had all year, says Wally. "He shoots anywhere from within 30 feet in."

"He'd score a lot more points if he had guys like we've got playing beside him. He wouldn't have to work so hard on offence because you couldn't double-team him."

Having to match the feats of his illustrious brothers was never a problem for Wally. His high school coach, Bob Gibb, was sagacious enough to treat each individual on their own merit.

"Some coaches might have said, 'well, your brother did it, so you can do it too', recalls Wally. He was a buddy but also an authoritarian. I looked up to him."

This kind of a relationship helps a young man to achieve emotional maturity, though Wally feels this aspect of sport athletics may be overrated.

"There are 101 ways to develop a man, though I think you can reach high levels of competition at a young age in sports. You only play sports one or two hours, you have the rest of the time to become a man."

Phil was in his last year of high school when Wally entered grade ten. Raymond has always been a powerhouse in Alberta basketball circles, and 1966-67 was certainly no exception. "No one came within 35 points of us," says Wally.

Though Raymond hoopsters went unbeaten versus Canadian schools, they suffered their share of misfortunes south of the border.

"I remember we played a small Montana school that had only 37 students. Two of their starters hurt, but they still defeated us by 30 points."

Ignored by recruiters from United States' schools, Wallace chose to attend the University of Alberta.

He saw limited action with Bears in his rookie year, but in 1971-72 earned a spot on the Canada West second all-star team. He scored nine points a game and pulled down 178 rebounds.

A third year science student, Wally aspires to become a medical doctor.

"I'll probably stay in Edmonton because there are more opportunities here."

## Pandas gunned down

The University of Alberta Panda Volleyball troupe flew to Vancouver last Friday to compete Saturday in the University of British Columbia Invitational.

Pandas encountered stiff competition from a couple of American squads in losing 15-5, 15-13 to Davidson Industries while splitting with Dr. Bernard's 15-3 and 14-16.

Greta Hanke brought Pandas from behind in the second match against Davidson Industries by serving six consecutive times, raising the score from 10-6 to 10-12.

Hanke also served nine consecutive times against Billingham, Wash., Y.M.C.A. to give Pandas a 10-0 lead. Pandas won both their matches with the Washington squad by identical scores of 15-0.

The Vancouver Chimos eventually captured the tournament title.

Pandas journey to Calgary this week-end for the University of Calgary Invitational.

In other volleyball action this past weekend, the Junior Cubs placed second in the Edmonton-Phoenix B Tournament.

## Saints 'A' upset former champs

Men's Intramural Basketball playoffs got under way on Monday night, and Latter Day Saints 'A' upset the defending Division I Champions, Law 'A' 43 to 39 in a semi-final contest.

Myron Peterson threw in 16 points for L.D.S. and Harry Moffet tallied 10 for Law.

In the other Division I semi-final, Medicine 'A' breezed by Lambda Chi Alpha 'A' 40 to 23.

I predict that Monday at 8 p.m. in the Main Gym it will be Latter Day Saints defeating Medicine by seven points to capture the Division I Basketball crown.

In Division II Basketball playoffs on Monday night Latter Day Saints 'B' trounced Education 46-19 in one of the quarter-final games.

Division II final is also scheduled for Monday at 8 p.m. in the Main Gym.

Seventh Heday drubbed A.A.A. 'D' 44 to 29 in Division III Basketball playoffs. Wayne Elsmar and Ken Rivers led 7th Heday with 16 points apiece and Darryl Tomilson replied with 19 points for A.A.A.

The championship will be decided in the Main Gym at 9 p.m. Monday.

## Gymnasts capture dual-meet

University of Alberta gymnastics team handily defeated Calgary 178.70 and 140.75 in a dual-meet this past weekend on campus.

The men's team copped the top four positions in the all-round competition, with Gordon Osborne leading the competition with 40.1 points.

Osborne, in his first year of inter-collegiate competition after being sidelined with pneumonia last season, came the closest to a perfect 10-point score, with an 8.1 in floor exercises.

Osborne also scored high in vaulting event.

Colin Lorback finished second with 39.6, followed by Dale and Darryl O'Brien with 38.9 and 38.85 respectively.

John Keating was the leading Dinosaur competitor in fifth place.

"I was pleased with the way we performed, but I don't expect to win next week against

The men's intramural cross-country ski meet was held last Saturday afternoon at Kinsmen Park. In the team standings, Faculty I came in first with a combined time of only 40 minutes and five seconds.

The members of this team were Eric Chislett, Gordon Butler, Sherman Riemensneider, and Hanoi Hosli.

Dave Bingham of Faculty II was the top individual with a time of nine minutes and eight seconds, Peter Klavore of P.E. came second, and Eric Chislett of Faculty I came third.

Upcoming deadlines: -Wrestling-Monday, 7 to 9 p.m. at weigh-in in Men's Locker Room; -Squash-Tuesday, 1 p.m.; -Bowling-Tuesday, 1 p.m.; -Field Hockey-Tuesday, 1 p.m.; -Co-rec Table Tennis-Wednesday, 1 p.m.

This week's "Participant of the Week" is Bob Bell of Education. On Monday evening Bob scored one goal to help his team come from a 5-2 deficit and eventually tie Deke's 'B' 5-5 in Division II hockey action. Then on Tuesday night Bob and his Education basketball teammates found that they could do little to get through the L.D.S. brick-wall defence in the Division II Basketball playoffs.

UBC."

Having two Canadian national team members, Bill Mackie and Ron Hunter, on their squad, the Thunderbirds appear to be the strength in the West.

Pandas dominated the women's portion of the dual meet, taking the first four places over the Dinnies, who brought only three competitors with them to Edmonton.

Dagny Hill won first place with 28.65 with Joan Richardson, Barb Rutherford and Beth Fane finishing in that order.

The top performer for Calgary was Sandy Artaso, who placed fifth.

Meanwhile, the women's squad is preparing for a trip this weekend to Seattle to compete against University of Washington and Oregon College of Education. Sunday, they meet UBC in Vancouver.



Wally Tollestrup pops in a basket photo by Peter Johnston

## Wrestlers split series with United States' teams

University of Alberta Golden Bear wrestling team took on all comers this weekend in Spokane, Wash., splitting a series of four dual meets with United States' college teams.

Bears, three-time Canadian college champions, challenged Northern Idaho Friday night then grappled with Whitworth College, Eastern Washington State and Pacific Coast University in succession Saturday.

Needless to say, the ten wrestlers who went were exhausted.

But they considered themselves lucky to complete the trip. It was almost abruptly cut short on an icy road just outside of Coleman in a howling snowstorm.

"It was the worst driving conditions I had ever seen," said team manager Bill Hallett. "We had just left Pincher Creek at 7:30 in the morning, when we smashed up."

Bears lost about seven hours of driving time because of the accident.

"We arrived about ten minutes before we had to wrestle a powerful team. We probably wouldn't have beaten them though if we had had three days of sleep."

Bears lost 35-9 to Northern Idaho, and 30-15 to Eastern

Washington but they bested Pacific Coast University 18-6 and Whitworth College 30-23.

Veterans John Barry, Ole Sorenson and Bill Dowbiggan grappled flawlessly, going undefeated through the four meets.

"Barry wrestled his best of the season," commented Hallett. "He looked tremendous and he's ready now."

The competition was also valuable for the five freshman Hallett took with him to Spokane.

Phil Robertson, in particular, showed considerable promise in winning both his matches, including a come-from-behind victory over Russ Mikowlasky of Whitworth College.

"Phil was down by two points with one minute left when he escaped and pinned Mikowlasky."

In another Whitworth match, Blaine Kjolten, a 177-pound wrestler pinned a 230-pound behemoth.

This coming weekend, Bears are holding University of Alberta invitational tournament in the West Gym. Opponents are Montana State, Universities of Regina and Calgary, N.A.I.T., Calgary Club and Edmonton Club.