

Bearcats claw for victories

U of A Bearcats had two games on tap this past week, playing at NAIT Tuesday and hosting St. Albert Seniors Friday.

Ex-Golden Bears Dave Couves, Paul St Cyr and Randy Clark played for St. Albert, but didn't perform as well as their past records indicate they could.

St. Albert showed a touch of class, tangling 'Cats up for lengthy stretches in the second period. In the end they seemed to wane into a defensive style, breaking up 'Cats attack for the final moments.

'Cats, however, won 6-4 on good goal tending efforts by Miles Goodwin and Craig Gunther who split the chore. Goodwin allowed one goal while Gunther was beat on three more.

Scoring was opened by 'Cats' Barry Nabholz but John Tower replied for St. Albert. Jim Ofrim, Randy Phillips and Brian Sosnowski helped end the opening period at 4-1 for Cats.

The the third period, Al La Pante and Wally Morson brought St. Albert to within one goal of Cats after a scoreless second stanza.

Larry Sloan replied at the halfway mark. La Pante fired one more to end scoring for St. Albert. John Devlin tucked number six away for 'Cats to finalize the scoring.

Tuesday's match at NAIT was a slow-starting contest for both teams. NAIT goalie Gord McDermott turned away 33 of Bearcats' short, holding them to a 2-2 tie after two periods.

Ofrim and Sloan were the two Bearcats to find the mark.

Larry Wall finally added life to the game late in the second period by settling a dispute, fisticuff style, with Darwin Sturko of NAIT.

After this bit of action, the other 'Cats gathered enough spunk to finish the game with a 7-4 victory.

Ofrim put away two more goals and an assist for a four point night. Criag Styles, who has played consistently well and has been an all-round leader, added two more markers. Phillips scored the other markers.

Next action for Bearcats is Wednesday at 6 p.m. in Varisty Arena against Leduc Seniors. The following Friday at 8 p.m. they host Camrose Lutheran College.

Saturday and Sunday they travel to Hinton and Edson for their first road trip of the year.

U of A matmen pin down second

The Golden Bear wrestlers continued their winning ways last weekend at the University of Saskatchewan Cougar Invitational in Regina.

Bears had 74 points overall to second place U of Saskatchewan 64 in the ten-team tournament.

Bears won four classes outright with two second place finishes.

Russ Pawlyk, who is enjoying a great season, won the 134 lb. class and had only one bad point against him in eight bouts.

Phil Robertson is also having an excellent year, and won the 150 lb. class.

Earl Finell beat the man he lost to here last weekend to win the 158 lb. class by pinning his opponent.

The other U of A win went

to Denis Cleaver in the 118 lb. class.

John Barry, a 126-pounder wrestling in the 142 pound class, placed second to George Reid of Moose Jaw.

Bears other second place finish went to Tom Mayson in the 126 pound class.

Coach Bill Hallett was happy with the way his team wrestled. "They're a young team and in a couple of bouts the only reason the men lost was that they were inexperienced. This team is going to do something in the future."

Bears have this weekend off before they travel to Saskatchewan for the Husky Invitational February 9.

Hallett also mentioned that Jasper Place High School, which used to produce some fine wrestlers, such as Pawlyk, dropped the wrestling programme with the aid of the City, who have decided not to do anything more about wrestling in Edmonton schools.

Hallett feels that this is a real blow to wrestling in Edmonton, and will affect the quality of wrestlers from the city who could compete in the Commonwealth Games in 1978.

Panda swimmers on dry land

Last weekend the Panda swim team was edged out by last year's national champions, the UBC Thunderettes. UBC women defeated U of A by a mere 11 points in one of the most exciting meets of the year for U of A. The Pandas won only 3 events: the 200 meter individual medley swam by Karen Nelson, the 200 meter breast stroke by Lynn Purdy and the 400 meter freestyle relay consisting of Lynn Purdy, Lynn Kavalinas, Sue Hunt and Karen Nelson.

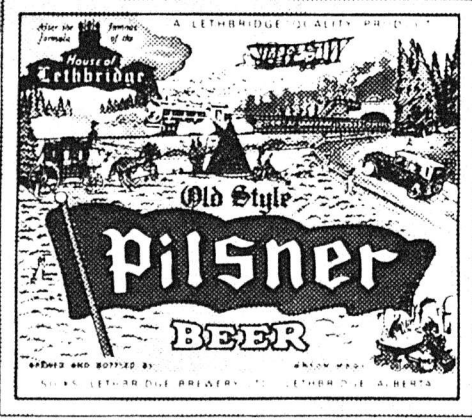
Joan Strain, U of A's only female diver in the meet placed second on both the one meter and the three boards.

The Pandas are training hard for their rematch against UBC squad Fe. 15-16 at the CWUAA conference championships in Calgary. The team's performance, although short of UBC's 144 points, may be judged as outstanding as the majority of team members produced their best performances of the season.

Pandas next test comes February 9th when they take on U of C and U of A at U of A.

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