

Grapplers Fight To Standstill

The University of Alberta Wrestling Golden Bears fought their opponents to a standstill, and came up with a 44-44 point tie for first place with the U of S Huskies.

The outcome of the meet last Saturday, was decided by the last fight of the scheduled matches. Bear Bruce Switzer steadily outpointed his Saskatchewan opponent and won a decision that gave Alberta 3 points and Saskatchewan 1 point, resulting in the tie.

STALEMATE

The final team scores of the 27 match triangular meet were: U of A Bears—44 points; U of S Huskies—44 points; and the combined Edmonton and Calgary YMCA's—20 points.

The Golden Bears gained their points by winning 11 out of 18 matches—six by pins, five by decision—and drew once. The Huskies won 11 matches also, five by pins, six by decision, with one draw.

The individual results were varied, with only two Alberta wrestlers turning in two wins for their two matches. Gord Hostland in the 191-pond class,



MATMAN MESSIER masterfully mats meek Huskie matman in gaining a one-point predicament. photo by Ed Deval

and Bill Zuk in the heavyweight division.

Vic Messier came close with a decision and a draw, while Switzer and Speers both won the single match they fought.

Three Saskatchewan wrestlers won both of their two matches. Jacks at 123, Friske at 130 and Alldred at 147, all turned in perfect scores.

The matches between Alberta and Saskatchewan contestants were of the full 10 minute duration, and matches involving men from the YMCA's were 8 minutes long.

ROAD TRIPS AWAIT BEARS

The coming weekend, the Wrestling Bears travel to Saskatoon, to muzzle the Huskies on their home mats. Next weekend, the Bears travel to Calgary for further practice for the finals.

The finals will be in Vancouver, in the nest of the Thunderbirds.

Bears Drop Two To Bisons Lose Smith In Process

by Bob Dwernychuk

If you stop one of the Bears all of the time, you can stop all the Bears most of the time. Garry Smith wasn't actually stopped in Manitoba last weekend, but a sprained ankle in the first game did the job even better.

Stealing victory Friday by an overtime score of 71-64, the ruthless Bisons went on to trample the Smithless Bears 70-54 in Saturday's rematch.

Down 30-16 a halftime, the Toba team started a comeback that was punctuated by Smith's injury with the Bears bearily leading and with only seven minutes remaining.

BISONS MAKE COMEBACK

The hard charging Bison comeback carried them to a six point margin. But the six remaining Bearmen (three had fouled out) gamely forced a tie, sending the contest into overtime.

"They had 12 players to our six and after going all out, using the press to tie, we didn't have enough left in overtime," explained Bear coach Steve Mendryk.

Smith still got 17 points before his injury, but this was impressively eclipsed by Bison Robin Fry's 33 points, 28 of which came in the second half. Fry is rated as one of the best, if not the best of the big basketballers in the league.

"These were the worst two games we've played this season," Mendryk confessed. And to Saturday's dismal loss must be added the further humiliation of having the Bears token effort televised on CBXT.

Reitsma led the Bears in Saturday's bout with 11 points while Jim Walker was not far behind with 10.

Dave Mills of the Bisons sunk 20 points for the U of M while Fry got 14 points and an impressive 17 rebounds.

Apparently Nestor Korchinski "never got on track," as Mendryk put it. "But once he cuts loose, he can really go," the coach added. Korchinski was held to 13 points in the two matches, but led the Bearmen in rebounds.

Reitsma, who "has been playing beyond expectation" according to Mendryk, and Ed Blott still managed to get their share of the rebounds in the losing cause.

SMITH INJURY COSTLY

Needless to say, losing Smith for the games was an expensive blow against the bears, and Mendryk feels that "If we had Smith we could have beaten them in both games."

Smith's injury occurred when he was unintentionally bodied after a jump shot, and he came down on his opponent's foot, turning his own ankle.

Referring to Smith's value to the team, Mendryk offered, "It's not just his points—nearly 20 a game—but also his playmaking ability that is needed by the team. Smith initiates the play on offense, and without him the team lacked guidance from the floor."

Bud Frazer, the Bison Coach thought that Smith is more valuable to the Bears than Lloyd Harris is to the UAC Dinosaurs and described Smith as all-star guard material.

Smith is the only Bearman to place in the current individual league statistics, placing fourth in both scoring with 70 points, and free throw percentage, with 72 per cent of this attempts good. Lloyd Harris of the UAC Dinosaurs leads the scoring with 139.

Next weekend finds the Golden Ones idle, but the following weekend has the Bears hosting the U of S Huskies.

"We're hoping that Smith is back by the next weekend, and it's simply a matter of whether or not Smith is ready, as even against Saskatchewan we need him," explained Mendryk.

Swimmers Win

The Golden Bears' swim team returned to their winning ways in a dual meet at Red Deer last Saturday. The Bears hammered a Southern Alberta All Star team 62 points to 33 points, sweeping seven of the eleven events.

Bill Gillespie of Lethbridge kept the South in the meet with three wins but the rest was all University.

Brian Heffel in his first year with the team set a record for the 50 metre freestyle and Bob Ruff won the diving in fine style.

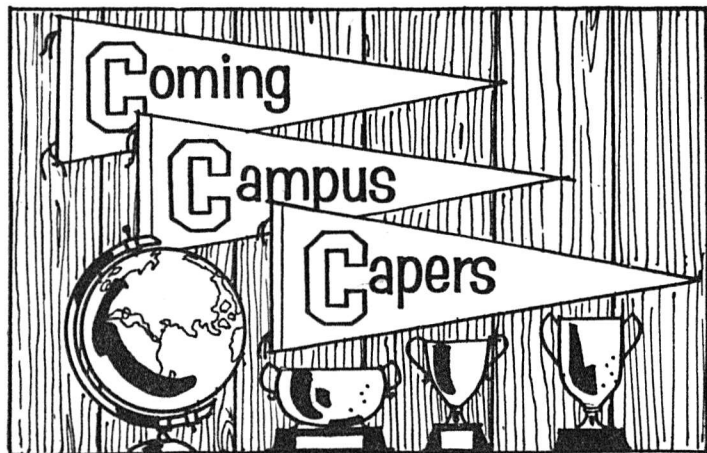
Erik Haites continued his winning ways setting records in the 200 metre butterfly and breaststroke events, and the 100 metre freestyle was won by Ross Norminton.

Art Hnatiuk swam well to take second place in the butterfly as did Bob Holzer in the breaststroke. Tom McCready was third in the 50 metre freestyle and Bob Wilson got a good second place in the 400 metre freestyle.

TEAM EFFORT

It must be realized that the less mentioned members of the team contribute in large measure to the overall successes. Places in this meet account for 23 of the 62 points scored.

Erik Haites, Golden Bear breaststroke and butterfly swimmer, has been chosen to represent Alberta at the Pan American Games trials in Vancouver. Erik has been a consistent winner for the Bears this year and his selection to represent the Province is a credit to the Bear swim team as well as his own prowess.



FEBRUARY

24—Musical Club Concert
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1—Students' Union Elections
Physio Formal
Greystone Singers, U of S
2—Men's Residence Dance
5—SCM Banquet
4- 9—Test Week
9—Bar None
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Judo Tournament
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Volleybelles Deadlock

by Sandy Kirstein

The U of A and the U of S women's intersarsity volleyball teams tied for top position in a volleyball tournament on Saturday afternoon with 3-1 records.

Teams taking part were the U of A, U of S and a CAHPER women's team from Edmonton.

In their first match against the vastly improved U of S team the

U of A volleyballers won by scores of 15-2 and 15-8. The U of S girls came from behind after a defeat of 15-10 to take the second and third games of the second match by scores of 15-8 and 15-13.

The U of S team is coached by former U of A basketball and volleyball player Miss Pat Jackson. The U of A coach is Miss Audrey Carson.

Two exhibition basketball games were held the same afternoon. In the first game the junior Cubs just barely missed winning and the Pandas won the second game.

Led by the 14 points netted by Phyllis Schmidt and the 10 added by Maureen Russell and Pandas easily defeated a senior women's team from Red Deer with a score of 50-19.

In a closely fought game the Red Deer Composite High School girls squeaked past the Cubs 25-24.

Leading scorers were Marna Moen and Arlene McDonald each adding 8 points for the Cubs.

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