

Only lacking divers

Swimmers are 'something special'

John Stewart
Sixteen medals, 15 athletes. "Something special" according to U of A swim coach John Hogg, whose Panda swim team finished everyone by finishing close second to perennial powerhouse University of Toronto while the Golden Bears took a credible third place at the CIAU aquatics national championships, last weekend in Montreal.

Going into the finals both Bears and the Pandas were ranked fourth in the CIAU.

Minus a diving core, the U of A teams were severely depleted, and their final position reflected this. The Pandas are the strongest women's swimming group at the nationals, the lack of a single diver left without the diversification needed to catch Toronto. Toronto women garnered 242 total points, followed by Alberta's 212 in Waterloo's 199.

In men's competition, the University of Waterloo team finished on top with 304 points, followed closely by Toronto (285) and the Bears (219 points).

According to Hogg, the relative performance of the Alberta swimming contingent "the best ever, especially in men's times."

The Bears were led by Stephen Badger, who won three individual and two relay medals. One of his individual medals was Gold and both record performances. In the 1500 metre

freestyle, Badger eclipsed the old mark by 20 seconds (15:59.5). Later, in the 400 metre free Badger touched at 4:02.20 for his second CIAU record.

Along with Dave Long, Derek Cathro and Brent Desbrisay, Badger won both the 800 and 400 metre relays, the former in a CIAU record time (7:47.14, two seconds better than the old mark). The fact that the Bears were able to win two of three relays was incredible according to Hogg, who said they "achieved almost the impossible" with their double-Gold performance.

Badger also finished third in the 200 metre butterfly.

Derek Cathro, in his last year with the Bears, took the silver in the 100 metre butterfly with a strong finish (56:05) and swam the crucial last leg of the 400 free relay.

According to Hogg, Cathro should have won the 100... "I still think Derek is the best butterflyer in the country, but when he swims head to head with Thompson (the event winner), he seems to always lose; it's just one of those things."

Bears' rookie Desbrisay, who has shown improvement all season, finished second in the 200 metre freestyle with a time of 1:55.51.

Derek Lund, who has been unable to train much of the season because of an illness, completed the 100 metre breaststroke in a "very credible

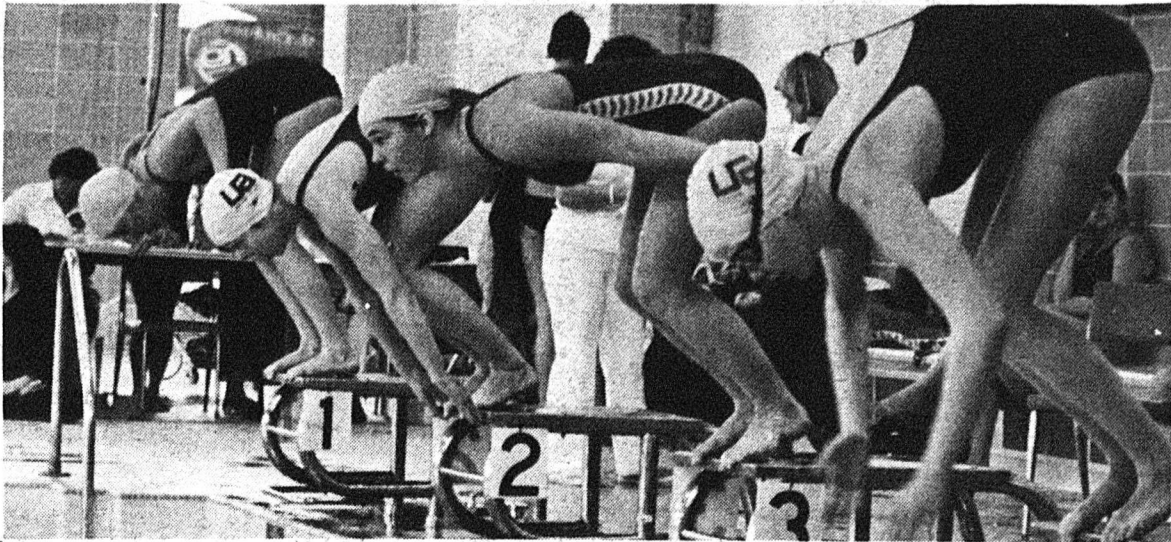


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time" of 1:07.78 to win a Bronze. The final medal performance for the Bears came from

the 400 medley relay team of Long, Lund, Derek and Doug Cathro. They won a Bronze.

The other members of the U of A men's squad are Mike Cook continued page 10

Golden Bear hockey

The play-offs are here!

Embarrassed after a defeat in their final game of the season, the University of Alberta Golden Bears are preparing for the finals in the Canada West Hockey schedule.

After a walk-away 6-0 victory over the U.B.C. Thunderbirds on Friday night, a complacent Bears squad went down to a narrow 6-5 loss Saturday evening in the last regular season game on the schedule. The T-Birds went to a fast 3-0 first period lead, with the teams tied 4-4 at the end of the second.

The Bears had the lead in shots on goal 48-30, but Coach Clare Drake credited B.C. Goalie Ron Paterson with an outstanding game to keep the Bears from winning the game.

Generally, Drake was satisfied with his team's effort. "The first period on Saturday night was our weakest effort," he said. "With the exception of one period I was very pleased with the way they played."

The final games of the Bear's long season in Varsity Arena began Friday night at 8 pm as the Calgary Dinosaurs come to battle for the Canada West title and the right to go to Concordia University in Montreal for the Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic Union finals.

The second game goes at 8 pm Saturday with a third game (to be played in the event of a two game tie) tentatively scheduled for Sunday at 2 pm.

Drake will be looking for a strong effort from goalie Ted Poplawski and hopes the line of Devaney - Broadfoot - Lomas will duplicate their play of the past weekend. They will have their work cut out for them, because if one team could be said to "have the Bears' number," it would be Calgary. In Varsity Arena, site of the three day tourney, the Dinosaurs have taken three out of four games, while the Bears have won all four of their matches held in Calgary's Foothills Arena.

With the exception of center Jim Causgrove, who re-injured a charley horse on his thigh, and Dale Ross (legs), the Bears are in fighting trim for this week's finals.

In other Canada West news,

the hockey alumni groups from the four conference teams will announce the winners of three individual awards Friday afternoon, and present two other trophies.

Golden Bears' goaltender Ted Poplawski will receive the Adam Kryczka Memorial Trophy, given annually to the goalkeeper with the best goals-against average during regular season play.

Robin Laycock of the Calgary Dinosaurs is the winner of the Dave "Sweeney" Schriener Award, given to the top scorer in

the league.

The three remaining awards are for best defenceman (nominees: Randy Gregg, Alberta; Ross Cory, UBC; Bryan Baron, Saskatchewan; and Rick Williams, Calgary), sportsmanship and ability (nominees: Jim Causgrove, Alberta; Dell Chapman, Saskatchewan; Jim Bertram, Calgary; and Jim McLaughlin, UBC) and top freshman (nominees are Greg Skoreyko, Alberta; Willie Desjardins, Saskatchewan; Jim Nill, Calgary; Jamie Orr, UBC).

Panda gymnasts' coach

O'Brien's Midas touch

by John Younie

When it comes to the sport of gymnastics, Panda coach Sandy O'Brien has always had the Midas touch. Some examples:

—all-round winner for UBC at the national tournament in 1969.

—finished 17th in world student games at Torino, Italy in 1970. Two weeks later, placed in the top half of the list at the world championships, held in Yugoslavia.

—national team member for five years, '67 to '71.

—head coach of Canada's World Student Games team in 1973.

—Assistant coach of Canada's '72 Olympic team.

That impressive list was added to this year, when Sandy's team successfully defended their national team title at the CIAU tournament in Vancouver. The icing was added to the cake when Sandy was named the CIAU women's gymnastics coach of the year.

When she first came to Alberta in '71, gymnastics was not big news on campus. "The program here wasn't all that strong," Sandy commented on Tuesday. The first three Canada West titles we won ('71 to '73) were because of good gymnasts who transferred in from other universities. Since then our program has developed tremendously with homegrown products."

Alberta's domination at the recently completed national tournament (Pandas first, Calgary Dinies second) when facilities and coaches are much more numerous in the eastern provinces — Ontario and Quebec especially — is a question the Panda mentor finds hard to answer. "I think part of the reason is our program for young kids is not as developed as theirs. Their young gymnasts enter university with ten years of competition under their belts and they're all burned out. Out here, the girls haven't had as much gymnastics, so when they come to university they are hungry for more and are able to do more."

An exception to the rule is team veteran Peggy Buread, who has been in gymnastics for sixteen years, but still enjoys the competitions. "It's been fun," Peggy said on Monday, while leaning on a pair of crutches, courtesy of a sprained ankle in the weekend tournament. "Sixteen years is a long time, but with coaches like Sandy, it makes things easier."

And what's in store for next season for the Pandas? "Peggy (Buread), Janice (Dever) and possibly Trish (McMillan) are gone after this year. We've got some good replacements coming up through the ranks, but I don't think we'll be as strong as we were this year. It's going to take a good coaching job, I think, to defend our national title."

Men's gymnastics

Relative' performance

Men's gymnastics coach Francis Tally pretty well summed it up. "Relative to what anyone else did, we didn't do as well, but compared to last year, we did a lot better." Tally was referring to his team's showing in the CIAU national tournament last week in Vancouver. "As a team, we slipped from fifth overall to sixth overall," Tally said on Sunday. "But our scores this year were much better than last year's."

Only two Bears made the individual competition finals held on Saturday. Randy Joines finished fifth in the vault, and James Hamilton ended up fifth on the parallel bars. In the events held on Friday night, Gary Carleton scored an 8.15 on floor exercise, but even with that fine routine, failed to qualify for the individual finals.

York won the team title and the Yeoman's Mark Esprect was the individual all-round winner.

Sports Quiz

Jonathan Berkowitz

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1. Who was the first black player in the American League of baseball?

With which sports are each of these people associated? a) Bill Radwick b) Bill Klem c) Jim Tunney d) Mendy Rudolph Match the following ex-heavyweight boxing champions with their nicknames:

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| 1. Primo Carnera | a. Brockton Bomber |
| 2. Jack Johnson | b. Galveston Giant |
| 3. John Sullivan | c. Manassa Mauler |
| 4. Rocky Marciano | d. Ambling Alp |
| 5. Jack Dempsey | e. Boston Strongboy |

Name the goaltenders who hold the club records for most shutouts in one season for each of the following NHL teams: a) Pittsburgh b) Toronto c) Boston d) Colorado e) Buffalo

Name the jockeys that rode each of these Triple Crown winners to victory. a) Seattle Slew b) Citation c) Secretariat d) Sir Barton

One man holds the single-season batting average record for the different National League teams. Who is he and what are the records?

Which of these players has never scored 30 goals in a single NHL season? a) Ernie Hicke b) Paul Henderson c) Andre St. Laurent d) Doug Pollock e) Derek Sanderson

Howie Howe had the most 20-or-more goal seasons (22) in the NHL. Name the two players who are tied for second place. In 1968, golfer Roberto de Vicenzo was robbed of the Masters by a clerical error in his scorecard. Who won the tournament as a result of the mistake and who made the error in recording Vicenzo's score?

For baseball fans: Who holds the major league record for most hit home runs in a career with 18?