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Reviews Sports

The true measure of a champion is the ability to win when there exists legitimate reason for failing.

It applies to the Golden Bears recently crowned WCIAA hockey champions.

Few will deny Bears were the best this time round. But that was hardly enough to cop WCIAA honors. It took a little courage, some guts, and most of all the capacity to forget a series of injustices dealt against them. In short they had to produce in the clutch all season long.

This club had the title all but wrapped up several times throughout the year, only to see it wiped out by other than their own doing. First there was the Utdale protest resulting in forfeiture of two games. The Bears fought back to once again take a commanding lead.

Then it was discovered Earl Gray was ineligible. Two more games down the drain. Having won every game on the ice, Bears went into the BC series tied with all teams at four wins and an equal amount of losses.

Any team can lose a game, maybe two, and the club was well aware they were overdue. But two losses at this stage meant bye-bye title. It had to be the height of discouragement.

I speak, of course of the team as such, the men who play the game. In accordance with league rules, there can be little real question that the club as a whole erred regardless how insignificantly in using ineligible players. However, it couldn't help but have adverse effect on the team which had been winning consistently.

The effect was obvious in that first BC encounter. Golden Bears though carrying their share of the play, simply ran into a bad night. They lost 5-0.

In the course of two days, Bears had in effect dropped from first to last place. There was muttering after the contest and it would take a great team to set it all aside. They did just that.

They came back the following night against BC. It was a determined club that poured nine goals past Thunderbird goalie Jack Harris. Tied with UBC, two points behind Manitoba Bisons, Bears dumped U of M twice last weekend. Coupled with a Thunderbird loss to Saskatchewan it gave Alberta the much deserved comeback.

Perhaps it didn't appear that way, but this was undoubtedly a case of getting up of the floor to win. It stands as a tribute to the pride and spirit of the newly crowned kings as well as the man who directed them, coach Clare Drake, who is back in his accustomed spot of having produced a winner.

Mr. Dean Opens Forum

Libel Laws Necessary

The laws of libel are necessary to protect the public from the defamation of character by news media.

This was the opinion of Mr. Basil Dean at the inaugural meeting of the Law Forum last Thursday in Convocation Hall.

People need protection, said Mr. Dean, because although they are theoretically permitted to start their private newspaper or radio station, the eight to ten million dollars make

this rather impractical.

Therefore, society should determine the power of the newspaper and equalize by common law the difference between the powerful and the ordinary citizen. Even a few large commercial organizations are unable to fight a determined, powerful publisher.

Common law modified by the Defamation Act in Alberta provides for the publishing of accounts of all public, lawful meetings. Anything said in these meetings may be published, even though it may not be very complimentary to the speaker.

Mr. Dean feels that although it is not in the law, a wronged person or a person who feels himself wronged should be given a chance for rebuttal.

One of the biggest risks in reporting and publishing lies in the fact that inaccurate reporting can occur. A paper has no legal protection against inaccurate reporting.

The paper is somewhat protected against inadvertent slander such as making fun of a fictitious name, which is later found to be in use. This more so in Britain than in Alberta.

READ FOR LIBEL

The publisher must assume full responsibility for what is actually published. Political reports, letters to the editor, cartoons and even critical reviews are all read with a view to libel. All suspicious material is either removed or checked by the paper's lawyer.

When slander has been committed, Mr. Dean feels that the judiciary does a good job of minimizing the statutory trend to suppression of personal freedom, and deciding the case in the best personal and public interest.

UBC Swimmers Win 4th Meet

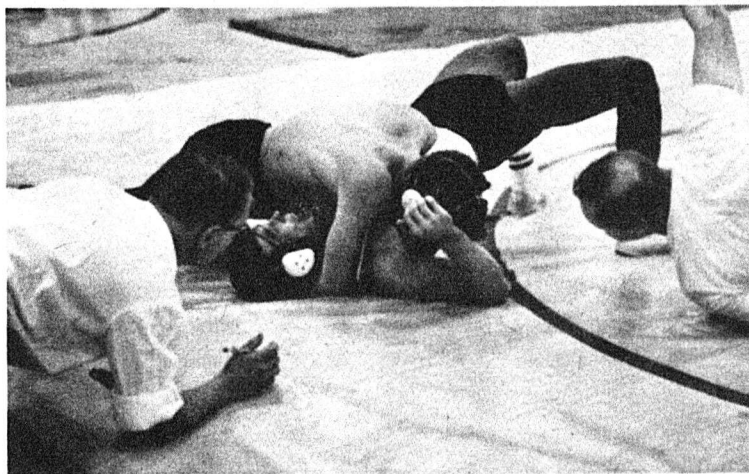
UBC women's swim team swam to its fourth consecutive WCIAA championship in Saskatoon last weekend.

On this occasion, however, the U of A Pandas put up a strong fight losing 81 to 64, well up from last years 40 point deficit.

The meet was held at the YWCA pool and Pandas were placed at a disadvantage in being permanently allotted an outside lane, a disadvantage which increased when it was found impossible to raise the water level to bring it up to the gutters.

The coast squad led by Bonnie Bertram and Susan Elliot won nine out of 11 events losing only the diving to Maureen McDonald of U of S and the 40 yard freestyle to Nancy Parsons of U of A. Parsons picked up three second places in addition, to emerge as the most successful Alberta swimmer.

Standout performances by Panda swimmers Mary Amerongen, who took five seconds off her previous best 100 yard freestyle time to finish third, Donna Moe, Gaye Stonell, Ann Bentley and Lynda Norman helped in the strong showing of the Alberta squad. Divers Bonnie MacPherson and Kay Ogle gathered second and fourth places respectively and other team members Bonnie Millar, Helen Kesner and Gail Anderson all contributed their share of the results.



ITS ALL OVER! Eric Shelton is shown here making the pin that gave him the Beaumont Trophy and his weight-class in the WCIAA Wrestling Finals in the PEB during VGW.

Some Good, Some Poor At WCIAA Tournament

By Clem Feldmeyer

With a sometimes good, sometimes poor display of amateur wrestling, the WCIAA Wrestling Championship Tournament was held here during Varsity Guest Weekend.

As usual, the U of S Huskies and the U of A Golden Bears were the top contenders for the team championship. This year however the Dr. D. S. Rawson Trophy, awarded the winning team, will be shared between these two rivals, as each had a team score of 41 points.

The UBC Thunderbirds had a team score of 33 points. The UAC Dinosaurs sent only a token team of two men, and although these men wrestled opponents from all three teams, the results of the matches did not figure in the team standings.

Eric Shelton, wrestling for the Golden Bears in the 137 pound weight-class, won the Walter J. Beaumont Trophy for giving the best display of wrestling throughout the competition. Shelton also won the trophy last year.

INDIVIDUAL WINNERS

The individual weight-class winners were: at 123, Green of UBC; at 130, Jack of U of S; at 137, Shelton of UAE; at 147, Allred of U of S; at 157, Hamilton of U of S; at 167, Messier of UAE; at 177, Speers of UAE; at 191, Switzer of UAE; and at heavy weight, Christiansen of UBC.

A total of 33 matches took place over Friday evening and Saturday afternoon; of the total, 18 were won by pins, 12 by decision, with one default and one disqualification.

The default occurred on Friday night when Alberta man Clarence Kachman received a broken nose while attempting to work free of his opponent. He was unable to continue, and thus defaulted the match.

BEARMAN DISQUALIFIED

Alberta man Denny Christianson was disqualified after he slipped while attempting a hold, and dropped his UBC opponent. Christianson had successfully completed the same hold about 30 seconds before, but had had it broken by the referee when the UBC man went out of bounds.

Under amateur wrestling rules, if

you force your opponent to the mat, you must drop to the mat before or with your opponent. Christianson failed to do this; and because his opponent was injured as a result of the illegal hold, Christianson was disqualified. The UBC man's injury proved to be minor.

Friday night's round of matches was a little slow, as the men suffered from first night nervousness. Jack (130 lb.) of the Huskies, Shelton (137 lb.) of the Golden Bears, and Carrow (191 lb.) of the Thunderbirds were adjudged the best wrestlers of this first round. Green (123) of the Thunderbirds, Shelton, and Messier (167) of the Golden Bears received similar honors in the second round on Saturday noon. Hamilton (157) of the Huskies, Jack, and Speers (177) of the Golden Bears were the best of third round Saturday afternoon.

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TEAM TROUBLES

Alberta's Ken Stuart, weighing in at 123, proved to be too green and was pinned in both of his matches. Denny Christianson, another first year man who weighed in at 130, had bad luck in his first match, and fought very well in his second match against U of S's Jack, but lost out on a 7 to 5 point decision.

Coffee Row

Phys-Ed Leads In Basketball

By Brian Flewelling

As the smoke clears following VGW it becomes apparent that the standings in the intramurals are undergoing final revisions. The revisions are in the form of results from basketball, skating races, badminton, and wrestling.

Physical Education acquired 524 points in basketball, despite losing the final game to the Residence "B" squad by a score of 32-26. The Phi Kappa Pi unit placed second with 342 points, Residence was third with 322, and well back in fourth spot was Arts and Science.

The Delta Upsilon fraternity dominated badminton by taking 180 points for their performance. Medicine came out with 79 points for a second place while Agriculture managed a close third with 77 marks.

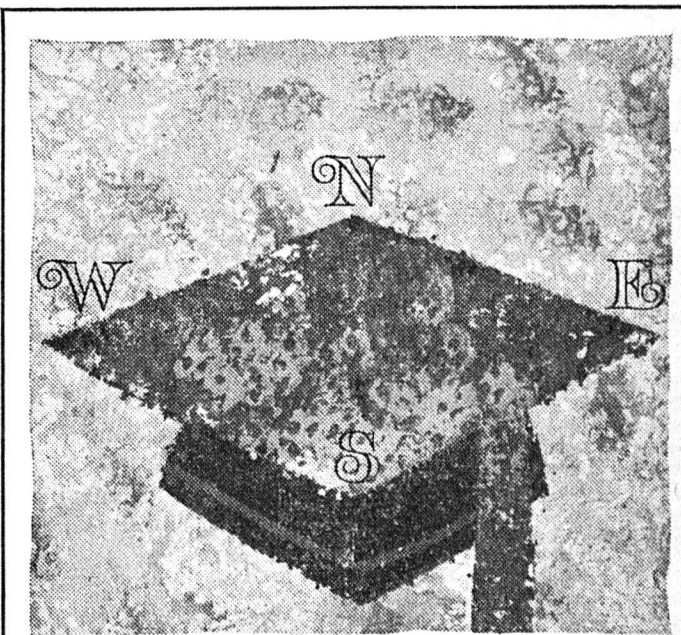
Lagore, pride of PKP, won the singles of the skating races on Saturday, Feb. 15. He was followed by Mahon of Lambda Chi Alpha. Phys. Ed. placed first in the relay events while LCA again took second. However, pointwise, LAC managed first with 157½, followed by PKP with 98 and Phys. Ed. with 82.

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The conqueror of the ex-Gateway Grappler was Mike Stanford, DU. Valgardson, PE, won the 191 division, Watson, Education, won the 177 division, Heffel, PE, won the 167, Nash, Medicine, won the 157, Clarke, Medicine, won the 147, Sutton, PE, won the 137, and Sereda, Kappa Sigma, won the 123.

Phys. Ed. earned 80 points on their total for their wrestling. In second spot was Medicine with 65, followed by PKP with 55.

It appears that Larry Maloney, student director of intramurals, is not too happy with the situation in volleyball. To quote him, "After the first night of volleyball there was a record of 13 defaults out of 24 games scheduled."



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