

Track team, Menard robbed of first

Last Feb. 27-28 in Saskatoon, on occasion of the Western Canadian Indoor Track and Field Championships, the Edmonton Bear team lost the championship title on account of the Track Referee's decision to disqualify two of the team's 400 m runners, Darrell Menard and Damien Gynane. Darrell Menard came home first, two seconds ahead of the others yet, he was accused of preventing another runner from passing him in the home straight. The fact that Darrell had taken the lead about a hundred yards before the finish line and that by the time he had entered he was well ahead of all the others, did not seem to make any difference.

The U of A's written protest did not cause the Track Referee to change her mind. The Jury of Appeal, a little later, verified the Referee's decision. Four gentlemen of this Jury signed a written statement, concurring with the referee's decision and disqualification. Ironically, one of these gentlemen later admitted not having watched Menard in the home straight because of his attention having been focused on Damien Gynane and Art

Bandenicks' rather spectacular struggle at the time. Yet, he signed the paper in "good" conscience. Another gentleman of the Jury was at the time occupied with his duties as a field event judge. He also signed the Jury's statement as fact.

Menard, who could not have interfered with anybody during the last thirty-four yards of the race even if he had wanted to because he was so well ahead of the others, and was clearly mistaken for his team-mate, Damien Gynane, was by this mistake, robbed of a championship title and a medal.

Coaches, even of the opposing teams, as well as some athletes of the U of S team openly sided with Menard and signed a statement on his behalf and for his cause. Nothing, however, was good enough to change the decision.

Damien Gynane got disqualified for what was termed as "having interfered with another runner while on the inside," clearly referring to the situation in which, while running on the inside land around the corner Art Bandenicks, leaning heavily against Damien in actual physical contact, forced him off the track for two strides and the latter getting back on to the

track making room with his elbow in so doing.

It was clear that if anybody was to be disqualified, it should have been Art Bandenicks.

These two disqualifications spoiled and altered the final outcome of the point competition: instead of winning the team title by two points, the Bears "lost" by thirteen.

In reality, Darrell Menard won three championships; the 800 m's, the 3000 m's (in 8:36.6) and the 4 x 800 relay in which he had a superb contribution by a most courageous and brilliant run (1:56).

Ken Wenman also shone: he won the pole vault with 5.03 m's (16'6"), a new conference record by two feet; the long jump with 6.82 m's (22'4"); he was fifth in the 40 yds dash (the video tape proved his actually winning fourth); and he got another point by finishing sixth in the triple jump, a complete

novelty for him. Besides this, he was a member of the 4 x 125 m relay team which finished second.

Ken, with his 16'6" pole vault, won the trophy that was awarded to the athlete with the most outstanding performance.

Don Klapecki outjumped everybody including himself, in winning the triple jump title with a distance of 14.57 m's (49'9 3/4"), while Vlad Dzavik, grabbed second place with a personal best indoor performance of 14.25 (46'9").

The 4 x 800 m relay team got the title with a good time of 7:57.0 Neil Munro, Darrell Menard, Kelly Simpson, Damien Gynane made up the winning team.

Sue Farley triumphed in the 40 yds hurdle event and finished second in the high jump. She also took part in the long jump, the 4 x 125 m and 4 x 400 m relay as well as the 300 m's. Sue

was the outstanding point scorer on the Pandas team.

U of A teams got six second places: Al Hone (40 yds dash), Darrell Menard (1500 m), Vlad Dzavik (Triple), Sue Farley (High), the men's 4 x 125 m relay, men's 4 x 400 m relay (Marchiel, Flett, Wenman, Hone; Polinski, Lange, Sutherland, Anderson respectively).

Six third places: Greg Flett (40 yds dash), Pierre Desrochers (40 yds hurdles), Barry Lange (Pole), Jim Stelfox (High), Women's 4 x 125 relay (Macdonald, Shipka, Sproule, Farley); Women's 4 x 400 m relay (Macdonald, Boyd, Farley, Shipka).

The Bears and Pandas are now preparing for the Alberta Age Class Championships to be held March 26-27 in the Fieldhouse. After that, preparations for the outdoor season will start.

Zemrau fills new post

Ed Zemrau, who formerly held the position of athletic director at the University of Alberta, has been named chairman of the university's newly created department of athletic services, Faculty of Physical Education.

As athletic director, Mr. Zemrau headed the division of athletics, which has now been restructured to become the department of athletic services. With the change to departmental status, came a competition for a department chairman which resulted in Mr. Zemrau's appointment.

A native of Edmonton, he

joined the faculty of the University of Alberta in 1960 as athletic business manager and assistant to the dean of the Faculty of Physical Education. He became director of athletics in 1963 and has held that position until now.

A founding member of the Edmonton Track and Field Association and former president of the Edmonton Power Boat Association, Mr. Zemrau is currently vice-president of the Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic Union and chairman of the Western Intercollegiate Football League.

Coach Abbott was satisfied with his team's showing as is illustrated by his comments after the game. "We played a good game. There were a few lapses which were upsetting but overall it was a good game."

The Alberta team took 2 of 6 minor penalties while bombing Bison goalie Edwards with 42 shots. Jack Cummings looked good as he handled 23 Manitoba drives.

Cummings also guarded the twine in the final game and made more crucial saves than Billy Graham. Cummings was definitely Alberta's best player on the ice while stopping 47 Dino drives.

The Bears were tense during the opening seconds of the final game but got a power play opportunity at 25 seconds and seemed to loosen up thereafter. The two teams played evenly until Shane Tarves connected on a bang-bang play on which Cummings had no chance. Bob Laycock scored the other 1st period goal for Calgary. Rick Miller was the lone marksman for Calgary in the second stanza

and Jim Carr scored for Alberta in the third.

Normally comments on officiating are not made here but in this case there must be an exception made. Both teams, but especially Calgary, were given a license to kill. The officials are lucky that no one was hurt because of their negligence.

"They beat us 8 times in a row. They're a fine hockey club. What else can I say?" were the words of Leon Abbott following his team's loss in the finals.

The Bears played a solid game, outgunning the Calgary squad 49-47 in shots. Bob Galloway was again sharp and the Dino defense was tough throughout the game forcing the Bears to take longer shots instead of working the puck in closer.

The Alberta team never quit even when down 3-0 to the tough Calgary team. "I think this is a credit to our hockey team," Abbott said as he pointed to the 33 shots taken by his team during the last period.

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"Everyone played super especially Jack (Cummings)," said Abbott, which is true. Each Bear did his best but without Clarke Jantzie and a fully recovered Oliver Steward, the Bears could not overcome the balance of the Calgary team. Oliver Steward surprisingly enough made the trip to cowtown and played with a heavily bandaged left thigh. His effectiveness, however, was still limited by his injury as he could not fly like the old Steward.

The disappointment of the Bears was mirrored in the dressing room by Jack Cummings. Even though he had a brilliant game, he sat staring at the floor for 25 minutes. Finally he was heard to mutter, "Just 2 more saves."

Offensively, the Bears had their share of chances but couldn't control the puck with the Calgary defense quickly covering up in front of Galloway.

Jim Ofrim summed up the situation when he said, "I think we've seen both sides of the coin now."

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