

NOTHIN' TO IT IF YOU KNOW HOW  
... and number-one Windsor Lancers certainly know how

—Al Fries photo

## Lancers overcome T' birds to continue reign as top dog

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The Windsor Lancers once again proved that they are the best basketball team in the nation but it took a little time to convince the western fans in the final game.

The Lancers, who had beaten the Dinosaurs last year in Calgary and won three championship finals in the previous four years, stretched their wins to four in the last five years, beating the UBC Thunderbirds 87-82.

In a play-off draw that saw the Lancers paired off with the Maritime team and the UBC team with a bye the first day, all things looked ready for a last day meet of the two top-rated teams in Canada.

The Lancers met the University of New Brunswick Raiders in a quarter-final game that was definitely a miss-match. The Lancers played one of the poorest games of their season as they beat the hapless Maritime team 71-52.

### SLOW START

The Windsor squad was led by captain Angelo Mazzuchin with 23 points, but they had their troubles in the first half, leading only 28-23.

The Maritimers were a poor representative of their conference and looked as if a good senior men's team from Edmonton could have soundly beaten them. The Raiders' top scorer was Dave Nutbrown with 25 points.

In the other quarter-final match, held in Calgary, the Waterloo Lutheran Golden Hawks defeated

the Bishop's University Gaiters, to head into the semi-final match against the UBC T'birds.

The Gaiters, representatives of the Ottawa-St. Lawrence Conference, travelled to Edmonton for the semi-final match of the consolation and squashed the Raiders 58-45.

### SLIM LEAD

The Bishop's team held a slim 20-19 lead at the half, and fine fast-breaking by guard Nick Busing pushed the Gaiters ahead to stay. Busing hooped 15 for the winners, while Rick Cotter pushed through a dozen in the losing cause.

At Calgary in the semi-final Friday night, the UBC Thunderbirds easily downed the Golden Hawks of the Ontario Intercollegiate league, 74-51. The 'Birds led 39-24 at the half and never looked back from then on.

Bob Molinski, of UBC, paced the winners with 20 points, followed by Neil Murray with 16. Norm Cuttifford hooped 11 for the Waterloo team.

In the final match in the Cowtown, the T'birds held a slim lead through most of the first half but were continually bothered by an excellent tight press by the Lancers.

### VARIED DEFENCE

The Lancers varied from a man-to-man to a zone defense, and rebounded strongly under their own basket.

The Thunderbirds blocked sev-

eral outside shots at one point in the first half to score on easy fast breaks. Bob Molinski of UBC guarded Angelo Mazzuchin of the Lancers really well, and kept the captain from scoring on many attempts. The Lancers tied the score 25-25 with six minutes remaining but the T'birds edged ahead 35-30 with three minutes left.

At the half, the UBC team led 38-34 with the help of some fine outside shooting by Phil Langley and Neil Murray.

In the second half, the Lancers kept bothering the Thunderbirds with the press, until they went ahead 52-49 with thirteen minutes left. The score remained very close for the first five minutes and then the Lancers suddenly built up a 76-69 lead on poor UBC passing, with less than seven minutes remaining.

### FOUGHT BACK

The Thunderbirds fought back with strong defensive rebounding to tie the score 80-80 with four minutes to go.

With a minute and a half remaining, the Lancers held an 84-82 lead and stalled the ball. Ian Dixon, who had played a tremendous game for UBC, committed his fifth personal foul to gain the ball.

The Lancers added another three points to win the cup and gold medal. Dixon led the scorers with 29 for UBC and was chosen the MVP (most valuable player) of the tournament.

## Western wrestlers finish strong second

Amazing, simply amazing!

These were the thoughts of Eastern Canadian wrestlers as they watched the WCIAA grapplers surge to an impressive second place finish in the CIAU championships.

The finals were held last Wednesday and Thursday during Second Century Week on the U of A campus.

All predictions before the tournament said that the Ontario-Quebec Athletic Association would win easily but the West came very close to upsetting them.

Forty-six wrestlers from the five Canadian conferences took part in the two-day round robin tournament.

The OQAA won the tournament with 127.5 points followed very closely by the WCIAA with 125.5 points.

Ontario Intercollegiate Athletic Association squeaked out a third place finish with 52 points.

### CLOSE FOURTH

Following close on their heels were the Ottawa-St. Lawrence Athletic Association with 50 points and the Maritimes Intercollegiate Athletic Association with 45 points.

Every member of the WCIAA team won a medal in their weight class.

Five gold medals of a possible 10 were won by the West.

Winners included Bullock, Jensen, Rozylo, Garvie, and Kerluke.

The Western team with their won-loss record and medals won is shown below:

WCIAA	W	L
Bullock (Sask.) (Gold)	4	0
Smith (Alta.) (Silver)	3	1
Jensen (Alta.) (Gold)	4	0
Rozylo (Alta.) (Gold)	4	0
Garvie (Sask.) (Gold)	4	0
Steward (Sask.) (Bronze)	2	2
Kerluke (BC) (Gold)	4	0
Clark (Sask.) (Silver)	3	1
Thornsteinson (Sask.) (Bronze)	2	2
Nemeth (BC) (Silver)	3	1

The OQAA represented by Stoodley, Hanson, Millard, Mitchell and Nixon took all other gold medals.

Alberta coach, Bruce Switzer, was pleased with his club's performance over the season.

Most of the Bears wrestling team will be returning next season so we should do very well in next year's competition.

## WCIAA fencers win

The WCIAA fencing team copped all the honors at the CIAU finals held in Calgary last week.

The meet was held in conjunction with Second Century Week.

Les Wong from the U of A was the individual star of the tournament.

He won the individual foil and epee competitions and helped his team win the all-round competition between the five Canadian conferences.

Cajo Brndo from College Militaire Royale won the sabre competition.

As a team, the West was impregnable.

They won the foil 12-11 and the epee 13-9 over the Ontario-Quebec Athletic Association and then went on to defeat Ottawa-St. Lawrence Athletic Association 12-11 in the sabre event.

Team members, besides Wong, included George Simpson from U of C and Jim Amundrud from U of S-Regina.

The coach for the WCIAA was Fran Wetterburg, who is also the Alberta coach during the regular season.

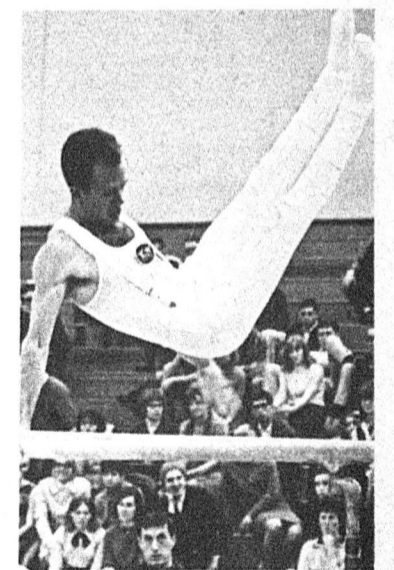
## Eastern swimmers tops at SCW

The Ontario-Quebec Athletic Association won top honours in the national swimming finals, as they edged out the Western Conference 606-590 in the two-day finals.

At the end of the first day, the OQAA held a slim one point advantage over the West, and strong swimming by the University of Toronto relay team in the final event of the second day assured the victory for the easterners.

The U of T team also finished in first place in the individual team standings, chalking up a total of 321 points, followed by the University of Saskatchewan with 239 and UBC with 188.

Lawrence Smuk of U of S made a clean sweep of the diving as he won on both the one and three metre boards, followed closely by Tony Schidlo, also of Saskatchewan.



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**BEST IN WEST**—And in rest of Canada, as far as intercollegiate gymnastics go. This is U of A's own Rick Danielson, the overall individual winner in the SCW national gymnastics championships.