

Bear wrestlers scrap to strong weekend

The Golden Bear grapplers wrestled last week's second place trophy to the Huskies and captured the team title at the University of Regina Invitational Saturday.

Still competing without a heavyweight or lightweight (110) they amassed a total of 60 points compared to a second place Saskatchewan (48) and third place Regina (44). Coach John Barry attributes this success to the gruelling practices of last week.

Wrestling superbly for the Bears were Glenn Purych (134 lbs.) and Mark Yurick. Both proved that their victories at the U of A Invitational last week were well deserved and if they continue at their present pace, will most certainly win Canada West titles.

In the 126 pound weight class, winner Scott Tate wrestled

Calgary's rookie sensation Jim Keeley for the fourth time this year. Scott won an extremely rugged and exciting fight to give them two victories apiece over the season.

Dave Judge had to settle for a second place trophy behind his nemesis from Regina, Murray Weisgerber.

Freshman Gord Glanz wrestling in perhaps the toughest weight class in the tournament

placed a respectable third behind former Canada West champs Bob Eklund and John Handbidge.

A surprise returnee to the wrestling team was Steve Tisberger who after an absence of two years, and shoulder surgery, proved that he needs only conditioning to regain his former status as one of the top three wrestlers in his weight class in the country.

Barry also mentioned the performance of rookies Eldon Reynolds and Lorne DeGroot. Both have a great attitude and although they aren't winning many matches yet, the coach feels they may be the big surprise this year in Canada West competition.

Next weekend the wrestling team is on the road again, this time travelling to the Calgary Invitational.

Volleyball Bears in Victoria

Led by head coach Hugh Hoyle, assistant coach Jim Smith and new addition Danyluk, the Golden Bear volleyball team took a jaunt to the coast over the weekend to compete in the University of Victoria International Volleyball tournament.

With Danyluk (tournament MVP and first team all-star) admirably aiding the cause, the Bears have quickly become the men's volleyball contingent originate on this campus in their years, according to Hoyle.

The Bears played a total of four matches over the weekend although they only won one as they were an important factor in the tourney. Friday the Bears won two first round matches, defeating Langara Community College (a late entry placement for the University of Victoria) 2-0 (15-11, 15-5) and the C. Winter Games team (15-9, 16, 15-5).

Saturday the Bears played two matches, the first to complete their preliminary round (a 2-1 loss to the Prairie Road Runners). As the result of finishing second in the first round of play the Bears then advanced to the championship round where they lost to Portland (2-0), U of Victoria (2-0) and Calgary Volleyball Club (0) before defeating the Road

Runners in a re-match (15-6, 9-15, 15-12).

The second Bears-Road Runners match was particularly gratifying for the U of A squad, as the Prairie club finished second last year in the national senior men's championships.


On Sunday the Bears met the Vancouver Volleyball Club and lost 2-0 (6-15, 7-15).

Hoyle said the tournament was "successful (for the Bears) in the sense that we beat some big

teams; we gained more poise; we know where we are weak, where we have to do work; and I'm

really encouraged." In fact the Bears finished sixth overall in the tournament, in front of Canada West opponents UBC and University of Saskatchewan.

The Bears' next Canada West competition is in two weeks, when they travel to Vancouver for the second of three western region tournaments.



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Curling Classic extended

The Golden Bear Curling Classic three day round robin affair, designed to identify a representative U of A interuniversity rink, (slated to compete in Canada West competition in February), went for naught last weekend.

Only three of the six teams that qualified for the Classic were eliminated, while rinks skipped by Jaimie Boyd, Vic

Adamowicz and Tom Pollard remain in contention.

All three rinks posted four win, one loss records, leaving them in a three-way tie for first place.

Organizers are presently attempting to locate ice to conduct an impromptu playdown this week to determine a U of A representative.

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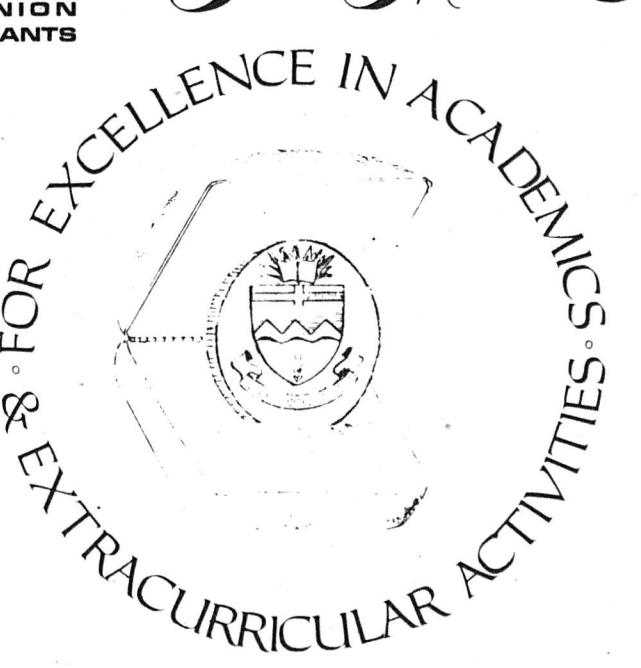


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