

Speaking on Sports

By BILL KANKEWITT

Horrors upon horrors, the Golden Bear hockey club has discarded its traditional gold uniforms in favour of spanking new green ones.

The Golden Bears are gone. We can't call them the "Green Bears" so a new name is needed. Perhaps something like the "Jolly Green Giants," or the "Green Machine" would do.

The next time you go to Varsity Arena you'll see coach Robin Drake leading his band of merry men in their Lincoln green suits. As a between period extra, the team will steal from the rich and give to the poor. Not only is this good public relations, but it will also enhance the team's "good guy" image.

The sweater of the new uniforms features sour green lettering on a myrtle green background accentuated by golf-green piping. The stockings are cucumber green with virescent stripes. The pants are high-lighted by a hangover green stripe.

Superstars now have green eyes

Coach Drake has been forced to change his definition of the "complete" hockey player. He is no longer the man who can skate, stickhandle, check and score. He is now the man who wears with pride his chlorophyll green sweat sox, his leek green underwear, and uses a viridine green attache case. A superstar is a player who has that little bit extra . . . Montpellier green eyes.

You can tell the rookies from the rest of the team because they are very green all over. Injured players are not allowed to bruise in black and blue anymore, only phenosafranine green. Centre Ron Reinhart will be wearing a Schwenfurt green helmet while Dan Zarowny and Milt Hohol will use yew green gloves.

Some serious problems cropped up when the Bears initiated their new suits in Denver two weeks ago.

Willow Dave Couves was chased around the ice by an Irish water spaniel. Luckily the tree-oriented dog settled for a goal post.

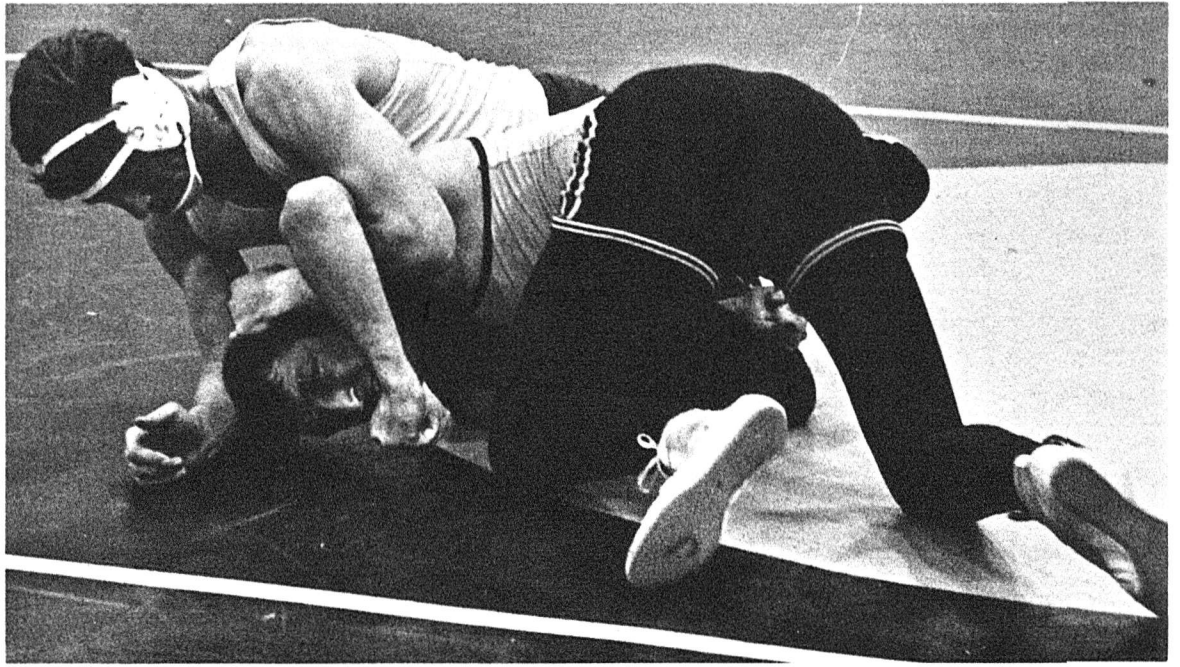
Smokey the Bear causes trouble

"Smokey the Bear" stomped out little "Red" McIntyre who went steaming down the ice with his red hair and green uniform looking like a forest fire on skates. He won't have to worry about Smokey any more. Some of the players' wives complained Red's hair clashed with his uniform so he's having his hair bleached back to its natural color . . . sap green.

On the other hand the uniforms have certain positive advantages. In the case of a brawl, the players are sure to have all the Irishmen on their side. Also, if they were to paint the ice green, they could develop a tremendous camouflage play.

Following the "Green Machine's" losses in Denver, coach Robin Drake said his merry men have made merry for the last time. In the words of the immortal poet:

Roses are red
Violets are blue
Gold is now green
And no Merry to you.



IT'S NOT OVER YET

. . . Bears' John Marchand refuses to yield

—Steve Rybak photo

Smith, Duniec lead U of A wrestlers to victory in Golden Bear tourney

By STEVE RYBAK

Holidays, a few practices and exams do not a wrestler make.

The U of A varsity wrestling squad handily won the first Golden Bear wrestling tourney Saturday, January 13, but not before a few surprises took place.

The biggest surprise for the Bear wrestlers was the U of C squad. No more are the Dinosaurs the league patsies. Wrestlers can't look forward to the Dinosaurs as a rest between Saskatchewan and UBC. Although Geoff Lucas, U of C wrestling coach, has only four veterans on the squad, he came away from the meet all smiles.

His boys tied the Bears 13-13; each team collected two pins, a decision and drew one match. Lucas brought a seven-man team up from Calgary to face an 11-man Golden Bear squad. In team standings the Dinosaurs ran out of gas and finished a disappointing fourth.

A very pleasant surprise for Dr. Burt Taylor, Bear mentor, was the very strong showing of an Edmonton High School all-star team. They took two titles and finished second in the team standings. Most of the high schoolers will be coming to the U of A and will be supplying the wrestling team with fine talent.

Besides taking the team trophy, U of A wrestlers came away with five individual trophies. Bill Smith (138.5 lbs.), team captain, and Dave Duniec (152 lbs.) paced the Bears with four pins in as many

matches. Bill Jensen took the 146 lb. class with three pins in four matches. Don Watts (132 lbs.) and Bruce Gainer (213.5 lbs.), a junior varsity wrestler, rounded out the U of A winners.

Brian Heffel, an ex-U of A wrestler, now wrestling for the Edmonton AAU beat Bob Ramsum, U of A, 1-0 for the 171.5 lb. title. Robert Wilson and Dave Frigon took the 114.5 and 125.5 lb. titles, respectively, for the High School All-Stars. Warren Smith (163 lbs.)

and Kirk Bamford (181 lbs.) were U of C winners. Terry Hutchenson, NAIT, took the 191.5 lb. class while the heavyweight honors went to Bob Rusbridge, Edmonton AAU.

If the Bears expect the same kind of success next year against American schools in the invitational tourney they will have to put out more, a lot more. This weekend the Bears head south to Calgary for an invitational meet with the U of C and the University of Idaho.

McDowell captures scoring lead during weekend action

SASKATOON—Veteran Mickey McDowell of the University of British Columbia Thunderbirds has taken the scoring lead after two weekend games in the Western Intercollegiate Hockey league.

McDowell picked up three assists and has ten points, including five goals. Dave Smith of the Calgary Dinosaurs moved into second place with nine points, one more than Wilf Chaisson of Saskatchewan, who did not play last weekend.

Dave Smith also took over the goal scoring lead as he scored four times when his Dinosaurs split a pair of games with UBC. He now has a goal total of six.

Dale Halterman of the league-

leading Alberta Golden Bears remains in the lead among goaltenders with a sparkling 1.66 average.

The Golden Bears, who were also idle last weekend, have four wins in six starts for eight points in the league standings. UBC moved into a second place tie with Saskatchewan. Each has six points, although the Huskies have played just four games. Manitoba and Calgary are tied for last place with four points each.

WCIAA HOCKEY SCORING SUMMARY

Player	Team	G	Asst	TP
McDowell	UBC	5	5	10
Smith	Cal	6	3	9
Chaisson	Sask	3	5	8
Desharnais	UBC	5	2	7
Belcourt	Edmon	2	5	7
Wiste	Edmon	2	5	7
Fidler	UBC	5	1	6
Basard	Cal	4	2	6
James	UBC	4	2	6
Cebryk	Edmon	2	4	6

WCIAA HOCKEY STANDINGS

Team	GP	W	L	Pts.
Edmonton	6	4	2	8
Sask	4	3	1	6
UBC	6	4	4	8
Manitoba	4	3	3	6
Calgary	8	2	6	4

GOALTENDING SUMMARIES

Goaltending	Team	G	GA	Av.
Halterman	Edmon	6	10	1.66
Vosburgh	Cal	7	21	3.00
Berinstein	Man	4	12	3.00
Hill	Sask	3	11	3.66
Bardal	UBC	6	23	3.83
Margach	Cal	1	7	7.00

Statistics do not include the games of Jan. 19 and 20.

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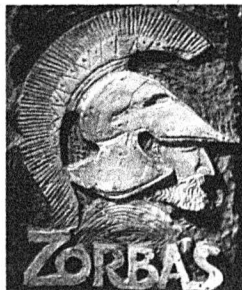
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