



—Ken Hutchinson photo

ALBERTA'S BRUCE LANGE CROSSES FINISH LINE IN 300 METRE EVENT
... during WCIAA track and field championships this weekend

Watson's tracksters finish third

The University of Alberta Track and Field team is on the right track.

The Alberta squad showed well this weekend as they hosted the Western Canada Intercollegiate Athletic Association Track and Field finals at the Kinsmen Field House.

Coach Geoff Watson's group managed to finish third overall and placed seven members on the WCIAA team which will compete in the Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic Union Track and Field finals in Winnipeg Feb. 14-15.

University of Saskatchewan placed first overall in the meet with 161 points. The University of British Columbia, with a very

strong women's contingent, finished second. Manitoba was fourth while Victoria and Calgary finished fifth and sixth, respectively.

Heading the Alberta representatives on the WCIAA team will be Bruce Lange, whose 36.4 second time in the 300 metres approached very closely the top times for that distance in both Canada and the United States.

Norma Ferguson set a new Canadian mark in the 60 yard hurdles, and will be with the team in Winnipeg.

Albertans qualify

Other Albertans to qualify were Dale Knutson in the 1,000 yards, Geoff Watson in the 60 yard run, Clyde Smith in shotput, Andy

Fedoras in the 300 metres, and Dennis Campbell in the 1,000 yards.

Coach Watson was very pleased with his crew's performance, and is already looking forward to next year.

"Many young athletes — Garth Rowe, Larry Brinker, Don Irwin, Brian Maldaner and Rose Mercier to name a few—are showing signs of maturing into great performers," he said.

"The team has a great foundation for the coming year, but track and field must be given much more support at the administrative level for the team to develop and realize the potential it now shows," he concluded.

Hockey action

Vindication is the name of the game tomorrow night as the puck Bears clash with the Edmonton Monarchs.

The clubs have met three times during the current season and Monarchs, of the Alberta Hockey League, have come away with two wins and a tie.

The Bears will use the contest as a preparation to Saturday's crucial game against Calgary Dinosaurs to decide first place in the WCIHL.

Monarchs recently picked up former Bear Milt Hohol and he will be playing against his former teammates for the first time.

Game time at the Sherwood Park Arena is 8:30 p.m.

DeKlerk hot as hoopsters split with Saskatchewan clubs

From Gateway News Services

Bears 99, Regina 59
Bears 82, Saskatchewan 86

SASKATOON—One man does not a team make—but it helps.

Dick DeKlerk went wild in Saskatchewan this weekend to collect 67 points but it wasn't quite enough as the Bruins split the series with the two Saskatchewan members of the Western Canada Intercollegiate Basketball League.

Friday the Bears mauled the hapless Regina Cougars 99-59 in Regina, but they were stopped by a determined group of Saskatchewan Huskies, 86-82 here the next night.

The plains must have reminded DeKlerk of his hometown Lethbridge, for he played inspired ball. In addition to a high point output, he collected 39 rebounds in the two games.

The Bears simply outclassed the struggling Cougars and rolled to the win Friday.

Saturday it was a different story as a fired-up band of Sled-dogs surprised coach Barry Mitchelson's crew. The teams battled back and forth with the Bruins holding a narrow 39-38 margin at the half.

Then the Bears went cold in the second half, much the same way as they did against Manitoba the previous weekend. For about five minutes they could not seem to hit the basket, and the Huskies poured it on to take the lead.

Too late

The Bruins pulled out of their tailspin with about two minutes to go and pressured the Huskies. But once again it was just too little too late and the Huskies held on to preserve the win.

Paul Pomietlarz with 17 points and Bob Bain with 13 followed DeKlerk's leading 30 for the Bears Friday. Saturday, DeKlerk again was top point man with 37. Larry Nowak and Bob Bain each garnered 11.

While disappointed about the loss to the Huskies, Mitchelson was generally pleased with the performance of his squad.

"We're finally starting to put it all together. We played well in both games, and Saskatoon just came up with a fine game to beat

us," he said.

Husky coach Don Fry concurred that it was his club's best game of the season.

WCIAA at a glance

The UBC Thunderbirds moved to within one game of a perfect season as they waxed the Lethbridge Chinooks 107-47. T'Birds remain at the top of the standings at 15-0.

Manitoba Bisons won their thirteenth game, defeating the University of Calgary 95-71 in Winnipeg.

The Calgary loss, coupled with a further one to the Winnipeg Wesmen, 86-75, dropped the Dinnies out of playoff contention and assured the Bruins of no worse than a fourth place finish.

In the only other weekend action, Victoria bombed Lethbridge 80-62.

Bears close out their regular schedule this weekend in Calgary and Lethbridge, against the Dinosaurs and Chinooks, respectively.

Then the following week it's off to Winnipeg for the first round of the WCIBL playoffs against Manitoba Bisons. The series is a best-of-three affair, with games Friday, Saturday and, if necessary, Sunday.

Victoria and UBC meet in the other semi-final in Vancouver.

WCIBL standings

	GP	W	L	GBL
UBC	15	15	0	—
Manitoba	15	13	2	2
Victoria	15	9	6	6
Alberta	14	8	6	6½
Winnipeg	15	6	9	9
Sask.	14	5	9	9½
Calgary	15	5	10	10
Lethbridge	15	3	12	12
Regina	14	2	12	12½

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