

Drake top coach — places three on first team

by Mark Spector

Three Alberta Golden Bears were named to the Canada West first All-Star team, while Bears' coach Clare Drake garnered Coach of the Year honors in voting announced Wednesday.

The Manitoba Bisons led the way with two players picked to both the first and second teams. Surprisingly, the Calgary Dinosaurs, runaway winners in the league this season, placed only one player on each of the teams.

The Coach of the Year honors went to Alberta coach Clare Drake for the second time in the last three years.

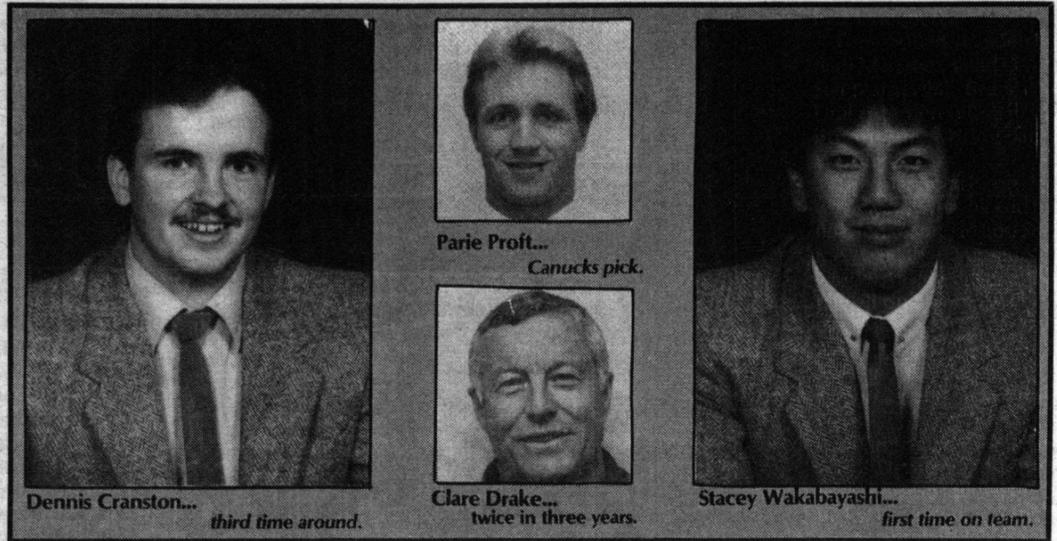
Defenseman Parie Proft and forwards Dennis Cranston and Stacey Wakabayashi all were first team picks. Rounding out the first team are Manitoba's Chris Saint-Cyr on

defense and Larry Dyck in goal, with Calgary's Paul Geddes at forward.

The second team consists of goaltender Ross McKay (Saskatchewan), defenseman Brent Meckling (Calgary) and Rick Strachan (Manitoba), and forwards Dan Leier (Sask.), Todd Elik (Regina), and Bob Lowes (Man.)

Cranston is the veteran of the squad in his third straight All-Star appearance. He was named to the first team last year and the second team in '85.

Saint-Cyr, a CIAU All-Canadian from last season, earns his second consecutive berth on the first team. His teammate on the Bisons, goalie Dyck, is the only freshman to make either squad. It is also the All-Star debut for both Meckling and Wakabayashi.



Dennis Cranston...
third time around.

Parie Proft...
Canucks pick.

Clare Drake...
twice in three years.

Stacey Wakabayashi...
first time on team.

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Dunsford leads gym Bears to CIAU's

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Read any sports page that you care to and make this comparison: how much coverage is there of mens sports as opposed to women's?

Unless you happened to pick up the latest edition of *Feminists Abroad*, you'll see that the guys have it.

When it comes to gymnastics here at the U of A though, it's been a different story. Finally, led by a miner's son named Malcolm Dunsford, the Golden Bear gymnasts are tumbling out from the giant shadow cast by the perennially strong Pandas.

And with at least four entries in the CIAU's at McMaster next weekend, things are getting brighter all the time.

"Just from last year's Canada West's to this year we've improved a whole bunch," states Bears captain Russell Sluchinski. "Saskatchewan beat us by about 37 points last year. They only beat us by two this year."

Three Bears were bunched up at meet's end, as Dunsford finished in sixth place (49.20) in the All Around and was closely followed by teammates Ron McLeod (7th - 84.95) and Gary Kapitzka (9th - 48.40). As a team, Alberta placed third behind Calgary and Saskatchewan.

Dunsford has made a habit of copping top spot amongst his cohorts this year, as he and McLeod tied for second All Around at the dual meet against UBC held here in January behind T-Birds

Miner's son hopes to lead Alberta to the gold

Kevin Seburn. He followed that up with an outstanding performance at the UBC Invitational, claiming the All Around title with a 48.9.

"My season has gone really well," admits the 5'8", 160 lbs. floor specialist. "I'm happy with the way I've progressed." Dunsford missed some very important years as a teenager when his family moved to the Yukon.

"It's important not to miss those teenage years. I kind of lost that

phase... but we have guys who just picked it up in their first year of university, so..." As for the travel, well, that's nothing new.

A native of Barnsley, England, Dunsford's family then moved to Africa, then Labrador, then the Yukon, then here. His first year in Edmonton was his first year at the U of A. On a steady rise, Dunsford will attend his second consecutive CIAU meet next weekend.

"We were just happy to find our

names on the list last year," he said of a mens crop of gymnasts that all started together four years ago. But the goals have changed. "I would hope to make the finals in floor, vault, and maybe parallel bars. But especially floor.

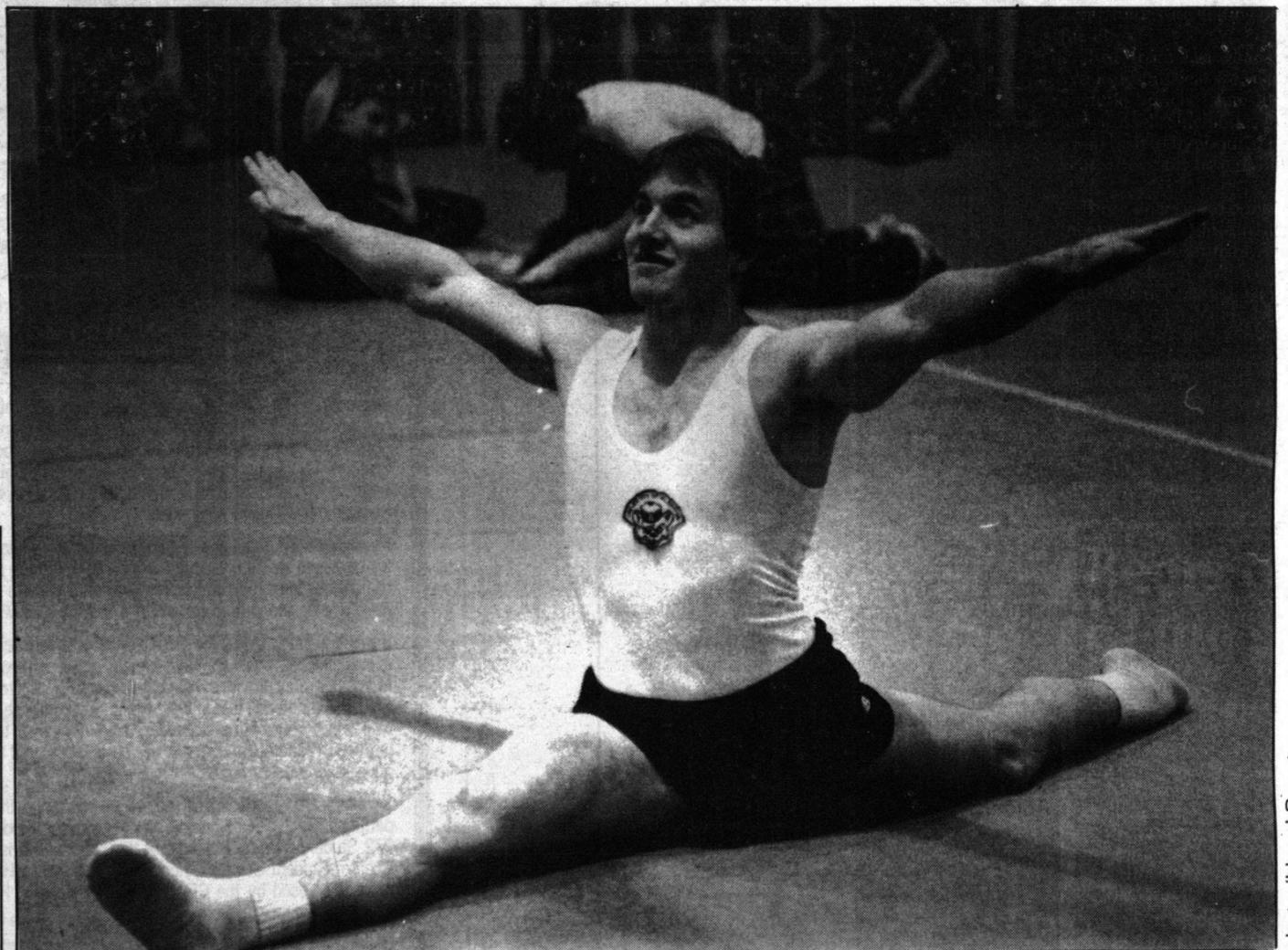
"I looked at the videotape of my routines (at Canada West's) and I basically just have to clean things up a little bit," he says of preparing for the nationals. "Just the little things

like an extra step on the dismount or something like that.

"It doesn't bother me to do the routines now. It's just a matter of building up stamina." For himself, that is.

For the Golden Bear gymnastics team, it's a matter of building up a winning tradition.

And McMaster University in Hamilton is as a good a place to start as any.



Malcolm Dunsford, an All Arounder whose specialty is the floor, leads five Bears to the CIAU's in Hamilton next week.

Bears out of the gold

Czechs 12 Bears 4

A 12-4 loss has extinguished the gold medal chances for Team Canada (alias the University of Alberta Golden Bears) at the World University Games in Czechoslovakia.

The loss Wednesday, in Canada's opening game of the medal round, left them in position only for a bronze medal.

They must defeat Finland Friday to be in position to claim the bronze.

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