

Grapplers throttle West

by John Barry

Seldom is a coach afforded the opportunity to publicly acknowledge his gratitude for a group of athletes under his charge. Not only did the team fare well in every competition they entered, but they gained a great deal of respect themselves as athletes and individuals.

This past weekend the Bears were awesome in Canada West competition. They won dual meets over UBC, Saskatoon, Regina, and Calgary. Final CWUAA standings have the U of A on top with 46 points. Their closest competitor was Calgary with 27 points followed by UBC and Saskatoon.

Six Bears won their weight classes, four placed second and two placed third. In all, seven wrestlers qualified for national championships.

Al Harmon wrestled extremely well losing only to two-time CUAU champ Ron Moncur of Calgary. Scott Tate handled his lone Canada West opponent, Keith Lightfoot of Saskatoon, but lost in an exhibition match

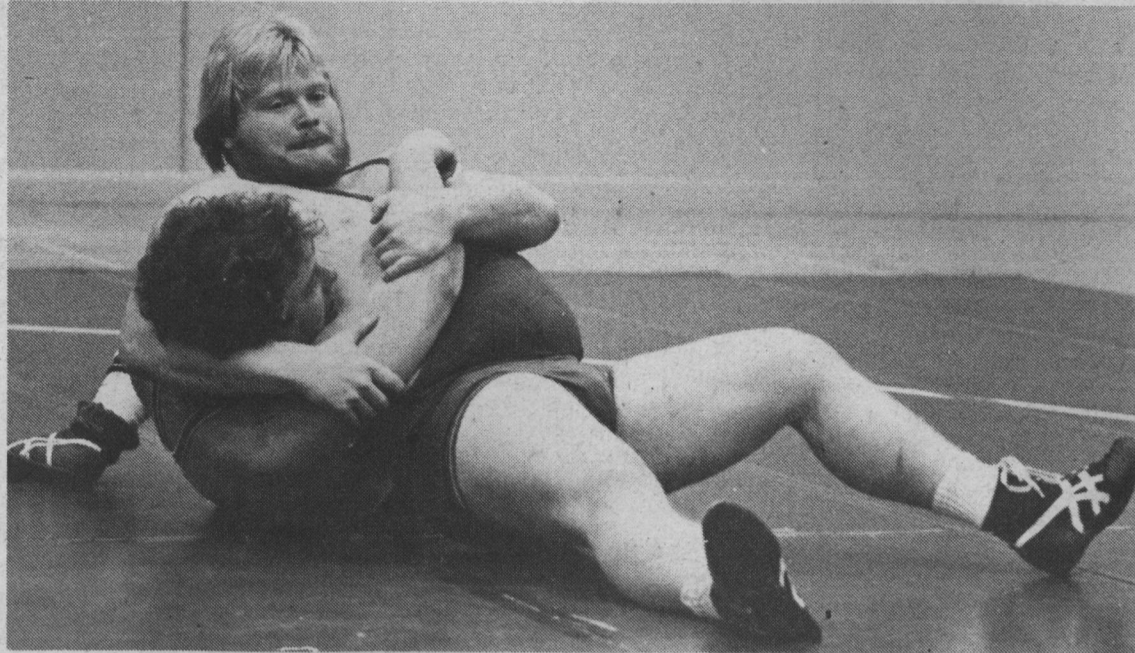


Photo Russ Sampson

Although a Bear is in trouble here, the mat-men crushed Western conference teams.

with Mark Jodoin of Lakehead. Tate, has vowed to win the CIAU's and avenge his defeat.

At 126 pounds, Glen Purych won an unprecedented fourth championship in three weight classes. He showed real grit in the final match with the score tied 7-7. Purych scored the go ahead point over Lakehead's Dale Adams.

Freshman Tom Mckee had a great tournament. He pinned all three Canada West opponents and lost by decision to Lakehead's Joe Picton. Considering Mckee's knee problems the team was lucky to have him compete at all. Now he has a shot at a national title.

Shawn Holmstrom had a disappointing weekend. Thurs-

day he came down with the flu and it affected his opening round matches. However, he finished in superb form by pinning Radcliff of UBC in a classic brawl and decided Lakehead's second place finisher Larry Moro.

Captain Mark Yurick, sidelined for the first half of the year with knee surgery, easily won his second Canada West

title. He gave Lakehead's Randy Budner a bruising battle, but lost 8-6. With a little work in certain areas Mark could beat Budner at the nationals.

What can you say about Pierre Pomerleau. We dragged him out of the weight room five years ago and after losing his first 20 matches he's seldom lost since. Pierre destroyed defending CIAU champion Lee Blanchard as well as Lakehead's Jon Taylor to capture the 167-pound title.

Another of our fine freshmen, Marc Landry, lost to two fine wrestlers, Lakehead's Bob Eklund, and Frank Schaller, also from Lakehead.

Earl Binder came out of retirement this year to dominate the 190-pound class. He had no trouble this weekend and could be a good bet to win the CIAU's.

Geoff Owen won a big match when he pinned UBC's Mark Wald. With another year's practice Owen will become a fine heavyweight.

A special thanks also to rookies Cory Russell and James Kendrick who filled in at the last moment for injured wrestlers Kelly Rich and Eldon Reynolds. Both created a great deal of excitement and proved a welcome addition to the Bears' roster.

Another West win Telegram for Dave!

by Karl Wilberg

In spite of injuries and the Journal meet the U of A track team captured its third successive Canada West conference title. Last weekend at the Kinsmen Fieldhouse the men led the U of S by 137 points to 96. The women's team, weakened by injuries, placed second with 86 points to Saskatchewan's 118.

Even though coach Gabor Simonyi was not surprised at the men's success, he was pleased with their domination. The men won most of the short track races and placed well in the field events. Frank vanDoorn broke a conference record for the 200m. In the 200m vanDoorn was followed by Alberta's Dan Biocchi and Jack Sugget. In addition, Sean Kehoe took the 50m and Brian McFadden won the 400m. The team's track success was completed by Pierre Derocher's 50m hurdle victory.

Still, the men's track success was only part of the victory. McFadden did well in the triple and long jump, in addition to his 400m win. Vlad Dzavik won the triple with a 13.55 leap. In spite of a bad knee, Sugget jumped 16.61 to win the long jump.

According to Gabor, the women's second place "would have been different" if not for injuries and missing competitors. For example, Becky Sjare is

training for the Olympics and Gabor believes she would have "won the shot-put for sure." In total he believes her loss cost the team 12 points. Moreover, Gabor considers the loss of Janet Schula and Sandy Herring represented about 40 points in all.

On the other hand remaining U of A veterans scored well. Margo Howe, chosen as the meet's most valuable female athlete, scored 22.5 points. In addition to the sprint events, Howe jumped 5.43m to place well in the long jump. Alberta's Sue Farley almost won the high jump with a 1.61m leap.

In total the women won the 50m hurdles, the 200m, the 50m, and the long jump. Generally, Gabor considers the results are in line with expectations.

In spite of the win it seems the number of Alberta athletes competing in the Journal games

may have reduced their victory margin. Competing in both events meant saving strength for the evening Journal meet. Consequently, Gabor states, "If we had been able to use people the way we wanted to we could have had 150 points."

The conflict between meets arose when the U of S, scheduled to hold the finals backed out, and Alberta took over. In spite of short notice Gabor was pleased with the event and thanked organizer Bernadette Dunn, city and U of A officials, and especially the Phys. Ed. 329 class. Throughout the year these people have cooperated to help the U of A track program.

In any case the team may next year be entered in a national championship. So far national finals have often been proposed, but have yet to take place. Still Gabor is "just hopeful they will come about" next year.

by Shaune Impey

To: Dave
Thanks.
Bill

While Bears' hockey coach Bill Moores may not have actually wired his gratitude to his Saskatchewan counterpart it certainly would have been appropriate.

Dave King's Huskies' 6-2 win over Calgary on Saturday allowed the Bears to grab first place in the Canada West conference.

Although the Dinosaurs can still tie Alberta in total points by winning their last two games against the Bears, Billy Moores' squad has an overwhelming edge in the goals for and against totals.

The Bears had a chance to enter through the front door after a 5-1 victory over UBC on Friday but a 4-1 upset at the hands of the Thunderbirds in Saturday's contest left their fate temporarily in the hands of the Huskies. A Calgary victory would have meant that the Bears would have had to win one of their two remaining games in Calgary.

In Friday's game at Varsity Rink the Bears put together one of their strongest efforts of the season in downing the T'birds.

The sparkplug for the Bears' offence was Chris Helland. Returning to the line-up after a month layoff due to a knee injury Helland showed that he was glad to be playing once again.

Although he didn't pick up any goals Helland had a pair of assists and was dangerous every time he was on the ice.

Moores was also quite happy to have number nine back in action. "He gives us three really consistent lines plus some of that intensity that we need. What a difference one guy makes."

Helland, who said "My timing is a little off and I gotta

get back in shape," will certainly help the Bears' cause as they battle Calgary in the playoffs at the end of the month.

The game started off with a bang as the T'birds opened the scoring at the 1:30 mark on a goal by rookie center Bill Holowaty. He slipped a backhand under Bears' goalie Ted Poplawski from close range.

The lead lasted only eight seconds however as the Bears came storming back with a marker by Ace Brimacombe.

The Bears went in front 2-1 just 60 seconds later as Brimacombe notched his second goal in one shift. Helland did the legwork in front of the net and Ace fired home his rebound over a sprawling Brent Stuart in the UBC cage.

Danny Arndt, on a neat three-way passing play with Jim Lomas and Terry Lescisin, increased the margin to 3-1. Brad Schneider then finished off a Helland centering pass to send the Bears into the dressing room up 4-1 after twenty minutes.

For the entire second period and most of the third the teams displayed fast skating and hard work but neither team could get on the scoreboard until Barry "Big Train" Stafford rounded out the scoring with just over six minutes to play.

BEAR FACTS

Dale Ross sat out for the second weekend in a row with a leg injury.

Mike Broadfoot might be back this year after all. He injured his shoulder early in January and it was thought that he was through for the year. However he has been skating and is a possibility if the Bears make the Nationals.

The Bears travel to Calgary tonight and Sunday to round out the regular season.

The playoffs will go Feb. 29 - March 1, 2 in Varsity Rink.

National finals this year will be in Regina March 13-16.

Tough angle

by Danny Nakamura

Saturday night the Bears showed why they will have trouble this year defending their Canada West and National crowns. Inconsistent play in both ends of the rink has plagued them all year and coach Billy Moores seems to be at his wit's end trying to make his troops realize this fact. Saturday the Bears added another dimension to his woes as lack of team play brought them down for their eighth loss of the year.

The victors were the UBC Thunderbirds as they scored the only goals of the first and second periods which were sufficient to put the lid on the Bears.

Already eliminated from post season play the T'birds got excellent goaltending from Brent Stuart.

After serving a two-minute minor for tripping, Bill Trenaman scored UBC's first goal.

Assisting on the play was Jim Allison. Just before, the Bears had an excellent opportunity to score when Jim Lomas hit the post on a powerplay. Although outshot 9-5 in the first stanza the Bears had a distinct territorial advantage but were unable to communicate and execute sharp passes.

The second period saw Bears play go from bad to worse as UBC's Terry Shykora scored on a pretty play knocking in a centering pass from Hugh Cameron. The play saw three Bears gawking in front of the net on one of their defensive lapses. The Bears' only goal came at the 4:14 mark of the third stanza when Garnet Brimacombe scored on an unassisted shot from the faceoff circle.

Pulling goalie Brad Hall in the last minute proved fruitless as the T'birds scored two empty net goals. Murray Fraser and Jim McLaughlin put the game out of reach for the UBC team.

Quiz answers from page eleven

- 1) Andy Brown
2. Rick MacLeish, 1972-73
3. Doug Favell, Bernie Parent, 4 each
4. Vic Stasiuk
5. Ed Van Impe
6. Rob Ramage (#1 by Colorado last year), Brad Marsh, Scott Campbell. Larry Riffin plays for the U of A Golden Bears. Pat Riffin is playing for the Atlanta Flames.
7. Flash Hollett
8. Jean Ratelle, Vic Hadfield, Rod Gilbert 133 goals, Goal-A-Game
9. (a)