

U of A winners

Gymnasts from the U of A dominated in the Klondike Challenge hosted by the Bears and

Pandas this past Sunday in Varsity Gym.

Reeve Martin of the Bears took top honors in the men's competition. He won three events and finished second in the other

three to finish with 48.95 points. Chris Grabowecki of Calgary was second at 47.70.

Martin won the floor exercise with 8.45 points, pommel horse with 8.65 and rings with 7.65.

This is Martin's first year with the Bears after four years of competition with a club team in

Victoria. He's a graduate of Ross Sheppard High School.

Eric Ruckenthaler and Brendon Carrigy, two more Bears, finished third and fourth. Ruckenthaler won the parallel bars and was second in rings while Carrigy was consistent with a fourth in every event except the horizontal bar where he was seventh.

Grabowecki was the winner on the horizontal bar and Kevin Williams of Manitoba won the vault.

The Bears easily captured the team event with 138.60 points to Manitoba's 126.30. Alberta won every event.

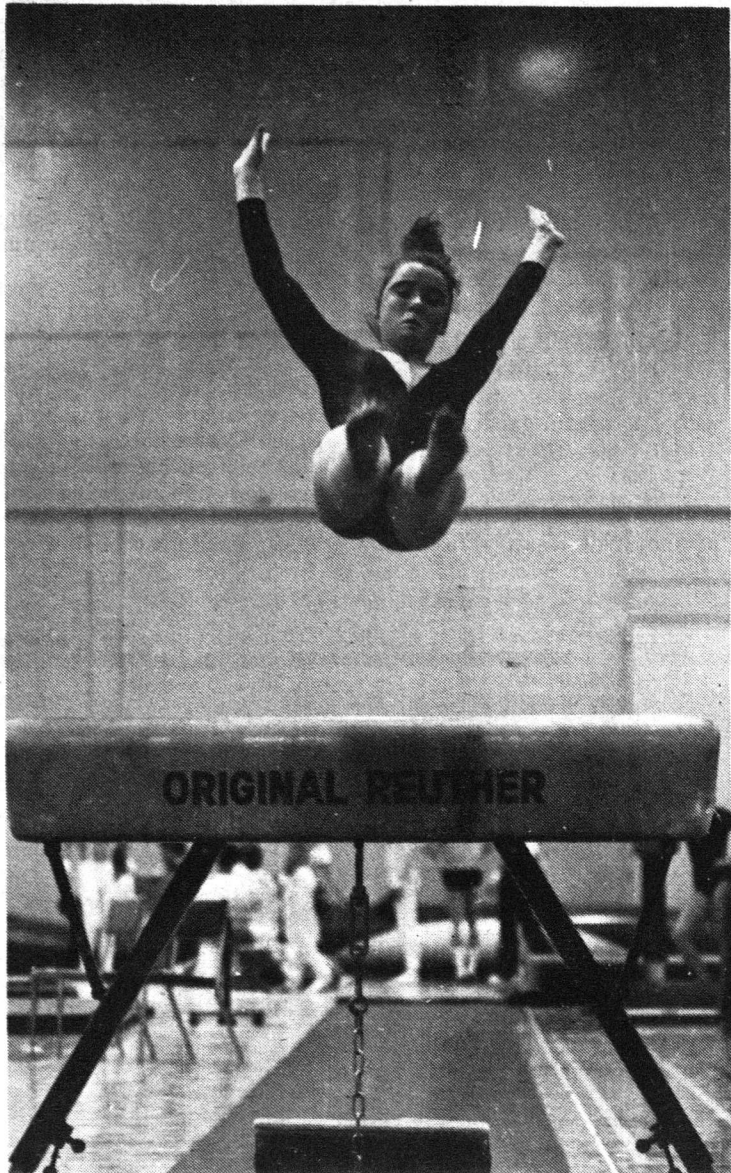
In women's action the Pandas took three of the top five places to beat out Manitoba for the team title.

Trish McMillan was a close second to Katrine Vanderlee of Calgary while Audrey Gee was fourth and Jane Chamberlin fifth.

McMillan was first in the beam and bars while Vanderlee won the floor exercise and the vault. McMillan's 32.40 score was good enough to qualify for the Nationals in Calgary later this year.

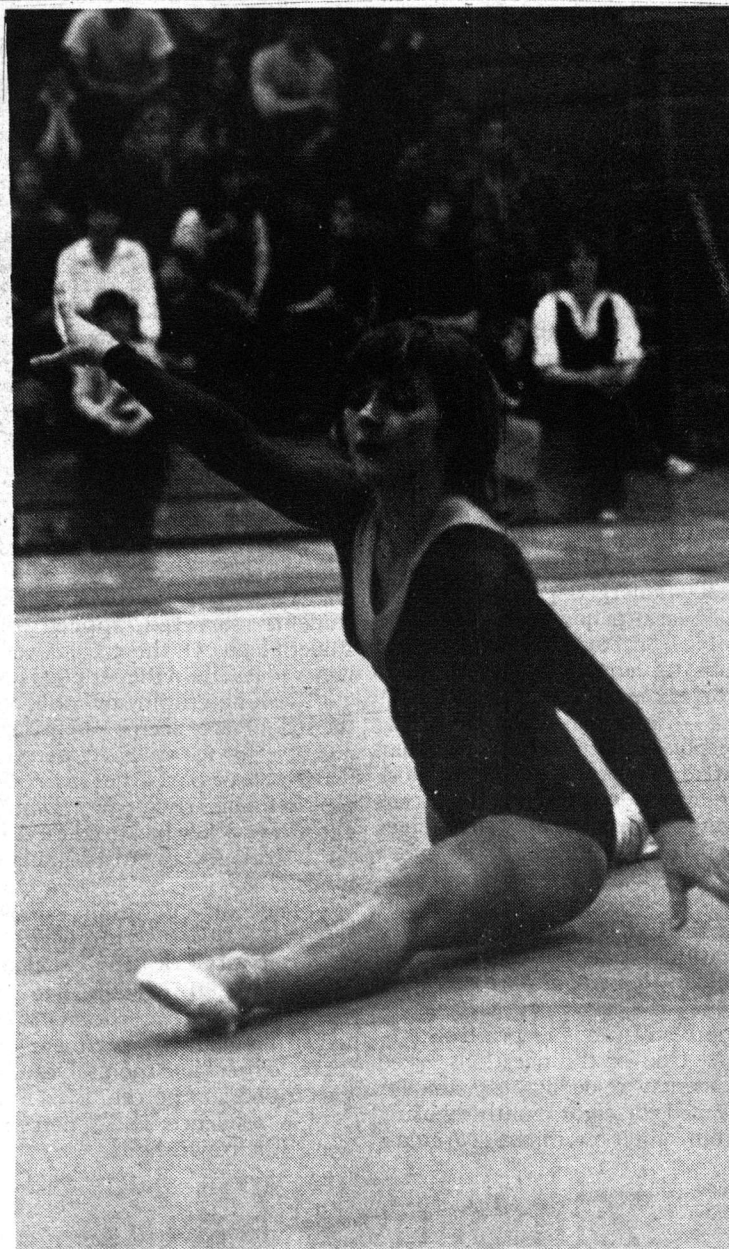
Chamberlin, who also qualified last week in Calgary, raised her score to 29.5 from 28.5. Gee didn't quite make the 31.8 score she registered in Calgary. She had 29.75 this weekend.

Next meet for the Bears and Pandas is the Canada West championships in Vancouver on February 20-21.



Audrey Gee gets ready for a two-point landing in Sunday's Klondike Challenge.

photo Bill Inglee



Panda Tricia Schoenemann concentrates on her floor exercise routine.

photo Bill Inglee

Pandas sweep but...

Any last hopes the Panda basketball team had of making the playoffs disappeared this weekend.

It wasn't through any fault of Debbie Shogan's crew however, as they racked up a pair of wins over the Saskatchewan Huskiettes in Saskatoon. Friday the Pandas shot a blistering 57 percent enroute to

a 73-48 win while Saturday the rebounding of Trix Kannekens sparked a 55-43 victory.

Unfortunately for the Pandas, while they were busy winning in Saskatoon, Calgary was pulling the same trick against Lethbridge. The Dinnies improved their record to 13-3 compared to Alberta's 10-6 mark.

Calgary needs only two wins in their last four games to clinch second and since they play the hapless UBC Thunderettes twice two wins will not be hard to come by.

Meanwhile the Bears continued to end up on the short end of the score as they lost twice to the Huskies. On Friday they lost 73-59 and on Saturday 76-58. Ken

Haak led the Bears both nights and had 27 points in two games.

Saskatchewan has now moved into a first place tie with Victoria. Both teams have 10-4 records. Last year the Huskies did not win a game and in 1978-79 were 1-19.

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Trix Kannekens had 44 points on the weekend and is in a close battle with Calgary's Janis Paskevich for league scoring honors.

This weekend the Bears and Pandas are hosting the fourth place Pronghorns and Lady Pronghorns. Game times on Friday and Saturday are 7:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

V'ballers victors in Victoria

Brian Watson's volleyball Bears are starting to peak at just the right time.

After a slow start in Canada West play, they posted a come from behind 3-2 win over Calgary

to cap a perfect weekend in tournament number three in Victoria. The Bears also beat Lethbridge 3-2 and posted 3-1 wins over Saskatchewan, Victoria and UBC.

Alberta has now moved to within one point of the leading Saskatchewan Huskies and one ahead of Calgary in the battle for the two playoff spots.



In the two previous Canada West tournaments, the Bears posted 3-2 records and were unable to beat Saskatchewan. Besides losing to Alberta, Saskatchewan also lost to Victoria.

A fourth and final tourney takes place at the U of A on February 20-21 with the top two teams then playing a best of five match for the Canada West championship.

In women's play the Pandas had their third straight 1-4 tournament to remain in fifth spot. They beat Lethbridge 3-0 to extend the Lady Pronghorns winless streak to 15 matches.

The Huskiettes topped the standings with a 5-0 record. They are undefeated and lead UBC by three points.

This weekend the teams travel to Grande Prairie for an exhibition tournament.



Bear Jeff Gourley looks like a wide receiver hauling in a touchdown pass on this play.

photo Tom Freeland

World record for Newhouse during Moscow games

Golden Bear track star Ian Newhouse set a world record in Moscow, Idaho, on Saturday.

Newhouse ran the 300 meter hurdles in a time of 37.0 seconds to shatter the old mark of 37.51 held by Washington State's Darrell Seymour. The record had stood since 1978.

Other firsts for the U of A came in the women's high jump, women's 1500 meters, men's 1500 and men's 5000.

In high jump Marianne Frigon nosed out teammate Jennifer Grainger for top spot. Both cleared 5'3" (1.60 m) but Frigon

had fewer attempts so was awarded first.

Panda Bev Bush ran the 1500 meters in 4 minutes and 39.5 seconds while Bear counterpart Blair Rosser finished in 3:59.2 to give Alberta dual victories.

Kim Maser captured the 5000 meters in 15:14.4.

Golden Bear football player Mike Wolfram took third in the men's high jump with a leap of 6'3" (1.9 m).

The U of A will host the Canada West track and field championships on March 6-7 at the Kinsman Fieldhouse.