

# U of A matmen ride high in tourney

This past weekend the "grappling Bears" travelled to Saskatoon for the Husky Invitational Tournament. After the dust had settled the Bears had won eight of ten weight classes and took second and third places in the remaining two.

Denis Cleaver won the 118 pound class.

In the 126 lb class, Sheldon Tate won very decisively receiving no bad points by pinning all the opposition. Included in the pin list for Tate was reigning 114.5 lb junior champion Bill Campbell from University of Saskatchewan (Regina). Tate has been out of action for most of the year because of a serious neck injury. He is a freshman from Harry Ainley.

Russ Pawlyk again showed that he was top class in the west by defeating everyone in the 134 lb class. He beat Gil Wirt of Saskatoon by a 4-2 decision. Wirt is a junior champion also.

Gerry Daniels placed second behind Regina's Burnett in the 142 lb class. Daniels showed a lot of moxie in his first real start of the year.

Gerry has been plagued with rib injuries most of the season.

At 150 lb, Phil Robertson from Queen Elizabeth once again dominated his class. Bill Nallet, Bear coach, felt Phil fought in the toughest class and if there was a wrestler of the tournament award, Phil would have been the one to take it home.

In the 158 lb class, Erl "The Crowbar" Finell finished a strong first. He beat Adams, a Saskatchewan Provincial champion 4-1.

Billy Brooks was back in action following a two week layoff from competition. He beat Anderson again by a pin. Anderson has beaten Harry Curtis from Lanehead University and is picked to win the GPAC crown. Brooks also pinned Hart of Saskatoon and Bell from Regina 13-2.

In the 170 lb class, first year wrestler Al Hancock finished third but had the eventual winner, Frey of Saskatchewan, on his back but couldn't finish the pin. Al wrestled well and placed better than was expected.

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At 190, Andy McLeod of Bear and Saskatchewan Roughrider football fame put it all together on top for the Gold. He tied Kemp of Saskatoon and defeated Troughton (an Ontario High School Provincial finalist) 4-3 and Hitchcock of Saskatoon 4-0. Kemp tied McLeod in the last minute on a debatable call. However, Kemp and Troughton tied. Andy had to beat a tough Troughton to win it. McLeod showed his toughness by fighting a heady match and not letting Troughton's reputation enter into the fight.

A "big" surprise in the Heavy weight division where Jay Hetherington, a freshman from Scona, won. Jay threw Gibbons of Saskatoon for the gold. Gibbons, a 300 lb footballer won the Golden Bear Invitational earlier this year by crushing Jay. However Jay's hard training the past few weeks paid off as he had no points against on four pins.

Hallet and Ole Sorenson, Bear coaches, feel that the team is putting it all together

at the right time. Tis coming week in Calgary, the Western Championships go and hopefully, the men will duplicate last weekend's effort.

Final team standings

showed a sweep for Bears: 112 points out of a possible 120, Saskatoon was next with 66, Regina 46.5, Calgary, 14, Kelsey Institute (Regina) 14, and NAIT 7.

## Bearcats nip Vikings

With the return of Howard Crosley and Ken Vetoich to their defensive unit, U of A Bearcats travelled to their third meeting with Camrose College Vikings on Friday. Before a rambunctious crowd of about 1300, Bearcats came away with a 4-3 victory, their third straight over Camrose.

Vikings chased Bearcats the whole game but could never overcome the 3-0 lead Bearcats built over the first two periods.

Defenseman Larry Wall gave Bearcats a 1-0 lead three quarters of the way through the first period.

A rare credit to Bearcat challengers this year was the

14-12 shooting margin Vikings had at the end of the first period.

Bearcats had a better all-round second period outshooting Vikings 15-8 and gathering themselves two more goals. Jim Oftrim drew a round of factious applause, boos and cat calls after pounding one in on his former teammates. In the final minute and a half, John Devlin hopped on an Oftrim rebound and popped in number three for Bearcats.

Two goals in 27 seconds slipped by bearcat goalie Craig Gunther giving extra life to Camrose during the first half of the third period but Bearcats quickly began taking the paly back to the Vikings. Devlin put in his second rebound of the night to give Bearcats a two goal cushion.

The large home crowd never said die and urged their team on through the dying minutes of the game. Vikings pecked away at Bearcats defense and were finally rewarded with a well-placed deflection from a point shot over Gunther's shoulder.

With Darcy Lekenchuk off on a questionable interference call and Larry Wall out of the game after a aparring match (a regular affair with Wall) Vikings had 22 seconds to score. Bearcats held well and Vikings never came close to their tying goal, the game ending 4-3.

## Gym Pandas unbeaten

University of Alberta defeated for the first time the historically strong Eastern Washington State College gymnasts in the Calgary Invitational meet last Friday.

Pandas remained undefeated in the Western conference taking top team honors with a score of 104.10 points.

Eastern Washington State College was the next highest team with 99.95, University of Calgary 90.1 and Eastern Montana College 82.00.

Top Panda was Lenka Svatek who showed one of her best bar routines ever to come out tops in that event. Lenka also took honors for first all around with 30.85 points.

Linda Chulos of Eastern Washington nudged closely behind with 30.50 and another Panda, Barb Rutherford, took third with 29.6 points.

Pandas found this a rather different meet due to the inconsistency in judging. American performers showed superiorities in tricks but Canadians found the combination of good composition and dance with tricks could bring them further.

Pandas seem to be ready for the Canadian Western Championships next weekend in Vancouver.

The Canada West meet will determine the top six all around gymnasts to attend the National Intercollegiate Championships March 2 and 3 in Toronto.



One of many "fans" who turned out to see weekend action.