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Volleyballers to Israel

For 26 members of the University of Alberta intercollegiate volleyball program, the end of a long season is in sight, but only if they use a telescope.

Both the Panda and Golden Bear volleyball teams, their coaches and managerial staff, are scheduled to leave Edmonton May 9, on their way to Europe.

During their 22 day tour the U of A teams will travel from Amsterdam to Paris and then to Cologne by bus, before flying to Israel to play in the prestigious Israel International Students' Sports Week competition.

In September of last year men's volleyball coach Hugh Hoyles received a circular from the Sports Week people inviting

the U of A to enter the competition. Fortunately, both U of A teams were accepted and they will be privileged enough to meet teams from Sweden, Switzerland, Brazil, Berlin and West Germany during their stay in Tel Aviv.

Hoyles recognizes the trip as a unique opportunity, saying that its "a nice combination, volleyball and culture. I think that is what sports is all about."

The U of A competitors will also play a series of exhibition matches: in Paris (May 11 and 12) against the Racing Club of France; and against some West German club teams in Duren.

At the present time the Golden Bears and Pandas are in the process of fund raising and

are looking for support. Already the U of A Alma Mater Fund Allocations Committee has donated \$3000 toward trip costs.

Panda hockey

Second best

The U of A Panda Hockey Club captured second place at the Intermediate 'B' Provincial Ladies Tournament held at Innisfail last weekend. The tournament was a two division round robin event with four teams in each division, the winners of each division meeting in a single game for the provincial title.

The Panda's defeated all opponents in their division. They beat the Olds team 2-1 Friday night, defeated Lethbridge Labor Saints 4-2 Saturday and easily took Nampa 12-1 Sunday, before they were slated to meet Innisfail Lion's Ladies in the final Sunday afternoon. Innisfail had beaten out Medicine Hat, Calgary Gold 'n Blues and Jasper to reach the final.

The Innisfail team, playing for a near capacity home crowd, put together a fairly consistent game to defeat the Panda's 4-1. The Lions team was not as evenly matched across the lines as the Panda team was, but they did have a few very strong players. Colleen Finney, a basketball star from the University of Calgary played an impressive enough game for Innisfail to put away two picture perfect goals as well as capture the first star for the game. The Panda's just did not seem to get the breaks as they banged pucks off posts, crossbars and goalie pads all afternoon.

As well the Panda's were without the services of Shelley Noton, benched on doctor's orders. Chris Mack suffered a broken hand during the game and Paula Ryerson broke a finger but both completed the contest. The game was very fast and very physical but the Panda's simply could not capitalize on their chances.

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The end of a long year Sports Shorts

by John Stewart

Finally.

Everything is over (except exams, sadly). The intramural program on campus has drawn to a close; the recreation program is complete; and the intercollegiate season (except for volleyball) is finished.

This year's intramural-recreational events and activities drew a record number of participants.

And this year's intercollegiate program engendered an unprecedented sum of accolades.

Two national championship teams: the Bears hockey squad and the Pandas gymnastics contingent. Both for the second consecutive year.

In addition, both the hockey team and the women's gymnastics team repeated as Canada West conference titlists. As an added attraction, four other U of A intercollegiate squads captured conference trophies.

Both the men's and women's track and field teams won the Canada West on home ground (well, the Field House anyway). For the women, it was their first conference championship in recent times.

The Golden Bear gymnastics team had not won a conference crown in seven years, but they pulled it off this season, while hosting the annual two day affair.

But the Bears gymnasts were not the only team on campus to come up with a surprise. The U of A wrestling team stunned a strong University of Saskatchewan group, and themselves, to win the Canada West garlands.

Team accomplishments were only part of the story though. Several U of A athletes received personal accolades, including several All-Canadian (and one outstanding player) awards. Defenceman Randy Gregg of the Golden Bears hockey team was named the Outstanding Player in Canadian college hockey. He was also named to the All-Canadian team, along with U of A team mates Chris Helland (at forward) and goaltender Ted Poplawski.

On another personal level, Panda gymnastics coach Sandy O'Brien was named CIAU coach of the year.

In soccer, the Bears' Grahame Fishburne was named to the All-Canadian squad, during the first year of full schedule play in Canada West.

As a unit the football team was unable to win top honors, but several individuals fared well. Defensive lineman Dave Willox was the recipient of the lineman of the year award in Canadian college football, as well as being named to the All-Canadian team. Bears Dave Zacharko (linebacker) and Leo Blanchard (offensive lineman) also made the all-nation team.

All three All-Canadian Bears were then named to the Can-Am team, where they were joined by U of A centre Mark Coflin. Coflin, Blanchard, and teammates Kerry O'Connor and Wes McHarg recently signed training camp contracts with the Edmonton Eskimos.

Panda basketball centre Trix Kannekens was named a second team All-Canadian.

Terry Danyluk, a former national volleyball team member, joined the Bears at mid-season, but still played well enough to be named to several tournament all-star teams. Counterpart Debbie Shade, of the Panda volleyball team, spent the winter being courted by the coaches of both the Junior and Senior National squads.

Wrestler Scott Tate, Mark Yurick, and Glen Purich qualified to fight in the CIAU finals after winning their respective weight classes in conference competition. Tate later won the national junior title.

Track star Gerry Swan sang his swan song at the U of A, being named the co-recipient of the athlete-of-the-meet award (along with teammate Ian Newhouse, who earlier in the season had run the world's second fastest indoor 400 metres for 1979).

Janet Shulha was named co-outstanding female athlete of the Canada West track meet. Last week, hurdler Sue Farley was named the most outstanding U of A female athlete of the year.

And, in a fitting gesture, the U of A named Gregg the school's male athlete of the year, in this his last season of intercollegiate competition.

And that's it (with apologies to all I missed). The university athletic scene has faded away and so have I (you won't miss me).

According to Baudin the weekend should be a breeze for the Panda Bears: "There's not much competition for us (at the junior age group) in Alberta."

If the U of A squad manages to win the provincial tournament, they will have qualified to compete in the National Junior

Finals, scheduled for the U of A Main Gymnasium May 4, 5, and 6.

Short Sets

The Senior Pandas, who last weekend qualified for the national senior finals, will compete in that event April 27, 28 and 29 in Toronto.

WHA memorial

Sports Quiz

by Jonathan Berkowitz and Shane Rollans Answers page 11

1. Which four players were barred from Team Canada 1972 because they had signed contracts with the newly-formed WHA?
 2. Name the first coaches of these WHA teams. (a) Alberta Oilers (b) Los Angeles Sharks (c) Philadelphia Blazers (d) Quebec Nordiques (e) Minnesota Fighting Saints
 3. Which of the following players scored the first goal for the Alberta Oilers in the opening game of their inaugural season? (a) Billy Hicke (b) Ron Walters (c) Dennis Kassian (d) Ron Anderson (e) Val Fonteyne (Bonus: Name the opposition and the starting goaltender for the Oilers)
 4. In the first WHA season, who was named: (i) most valuable player, (ii) best goaltender, (iii) scoring champion, (iv) best rookie, and (v) most gentlemanly player?
 5. Name the AVCO Cup winners for each of the years that the WHA has been in existence.
 6. With which WHA teams did these NHL players play? (a) Bob MacMillan (b) Rick Smith (c) Jimmy Jones (d) Vaclav Nedomansky (e) Tom Edur (f) Cam Connor (2 teams)
 7. Name all the NHL teams that do not have an ex-WHA players on their current roster.
 8. Name the twelve original franchises in the WHA. Remember that some of these franchises moved without ever fielding (in this case, icing) a team.
 9. Only nine active WHA players are playing for the teams that originally signed them in 1972. Name them.
 10. In the first WHA draft, each team was allowed to protect four players, with the rest going into a universal draft. Name the four players protected by the Edmonton franchise (then called the Oil Kings).
- Trivia: The Minnesota Fighting Saints drafted Wendall Anderson, the governor of the state of Minnesota, in the first WHA draft. Anderson was a former U.S. Olympic player and active in senior hockey.

Ski team's

Season is over

Despite receiving what organizer Karl Wilberg termed "minimal support" the U of A ski team has just finished a successful season.

In spite of funding that was "almost a laugh" according to Wilberg, the squad had several on-hill highlights. Most recently, team member Mark Stein, competing in the last Alberta Cup race of the season (the Prestigious Fortress G.S.), finished in the top ten.

Stein finished eighth overall on Saturday, the first day of the two day competition, and ninth Sunday. Saturday Stein was just three seconds back of the leader (Ken Germaine). Sunday he finished with a time of 1:22.90.

The Prestigious featured several Alberta 'A' skiers, as well as a number of competitors just returned from Canadian finals in Quebec.

Citing an example of the type of financial support the ski

team garnered, Wilberg noted that his group only received \$150 from the University Athletic Board (UAB).

There is one Alberta Cup race left: the championship event.

Panda Bears

Junior volleyball

A junior-age team, representing the U of A will travel to Calgary this weekend, to compete in the Provincial Junior Women's Volleyball Championships.

The team, headed by Pandas coach Pierre Baudin and dubbed the Panda Bears, is comprised of those members of the current Panda roster who are of junior age and certain members of the Junior Panda squad.

The seven members of the