

UNB captures provincial crown

Judo domination continues despite injuries

The UNB Judo Club continued to dominate the New Brunswick judo scene last weekend at Sackville as they swept three first place trophies and the championship in the team division at the Provincial Judo Championships.

Judoka from UNB also took three second places, two third places and three fourths.

In five-man team competition UNB beat the Mount Allison University club 30 to 16 to take the honors in that division. A total of ten teams were represented in the contest.

The competition began in the under 139 lb. yellow to green (Y-G) belt division which had one of the largest divisions in the tournament. Marcel Morency made his way up through the ranks before being knocked out of contention in the semi-finals. Morency's final standing was third.

Mike Hethrington maintained his status as a champion by defeating all comers in the under 154 Y-G division. Hethrington dominated his opponents both in the air and on groundwork (grappling).

Also in this division from UNB was Kevin Hibbard who finished fourth.

UNB had two competitors in the under 176 lb category Colin MacDougall and Ron Ward both finished well down in the standings despite showing their toughness and skill.

UNB had no competitors entered in the remaining two Y-G categories.

The blue to black (B-B) belt competition featured good competition despite low numbers of fighters. Worthy of note in the

of Mt. A. in the final seconds of the match and finished in his perpetual fourth place.

Gerry Peters finished second in the under 176 lb. +B-B division to Antonio Goupil of U de Moncton. Goupil usually competes in the under 205 lb. category and consequently surprised everyone when he was light enough to enter the lower weight division.

Fred Blaney successfully defended his Heavyweight title.

Lucy Bertin a first year practitioner in the art, placed third in the under 115 lb. division, while Tina Hicks battled her way to fourth in the under 130 lb. category.

Linda MacRae continued to demonstrate good form while she lasted to the finals in the same division as Hicks before losing to the winner, Madelane LeBreton.

Due to injuries, UNB could not field its regular personnel for the five man team competition. The only regulars on the squad were flyweight Morency and heavyweight Blaney. Coach Chung (lightweight) and Hethrington (light heavyweight) both received injuries in the individual fighting.

Middleweight Peters decided to forego his position to Ward so as to allow him to gain experience in tournament fighting.

Rounding out the team were Smith in the lightweight bracket and Best in the Lt. heavy spot.

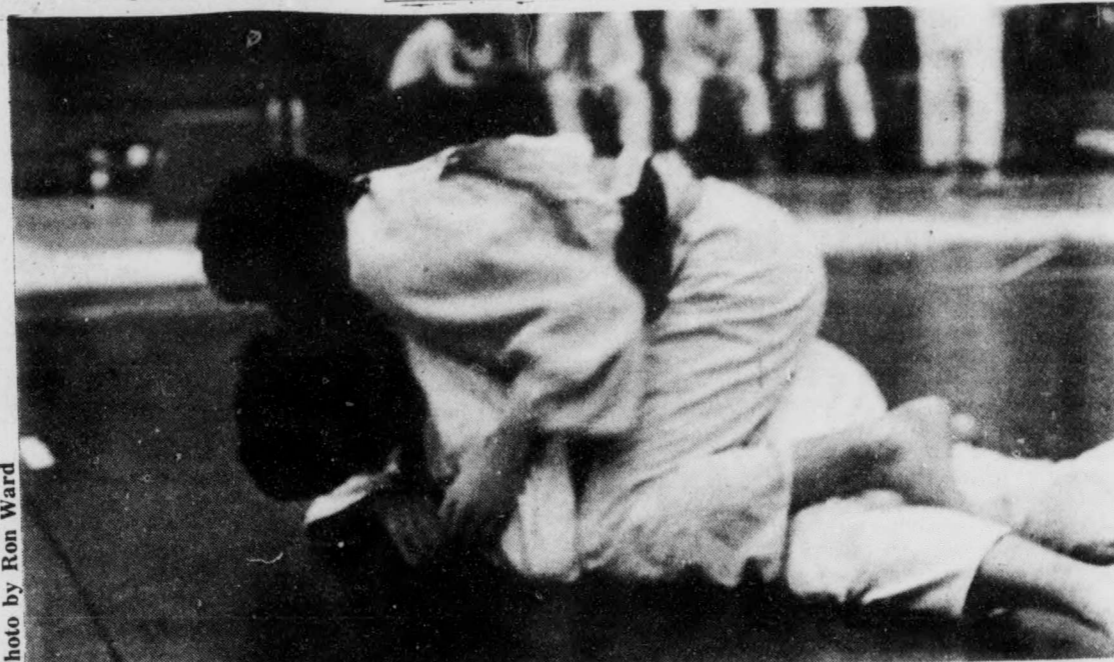
UNB met Mount A. in the final and were easily the favorites since their team consisted of two brown belts, a blue, a green and a yellow while the highest rank of the opposition was a green belt.

standing up without entering groundwork. This strategy was employed by Best because his opponent was reputed to have his strength lie in the grappling techniques.

The match went to the time limit with the six point decision going to the Mount A fighter, who had the upper hand in the few moments that the fight went to the ground.

This left Blaney relatively pressure free. As a result the big man was easily able to defeat his adversary with a combination of a beautiful uchi mata (inner thigh throw) and ground techniques.

RESULTS	
Yellow to Green	Womens
139 Renald Elward, Ron Ramsey	115 Carol O'Toole, Doreen Frenette
154 Mike Hethrington, Stephen Perry	130 Madelane LeBreton, Linda MacRae
176 Ron Poirier, Ron Ramsey	145 Linda Savoie, Edith Blanchard
205 John Bureaux, Jean Hallet	+145 Bernice Marcoux, Corinne Thomas
+205 Miles MacAllistar, Ian Barry	
Blue to Black	Team UNB
139 Harold Stears, Dave Burchill	Marcel Morency
154 Samson Chung, Bill Smith	Bill Smith
176 Antonio Goupil, Gerry Peters	Ron Ward
205 Jean Claude Cormier, Jacques Borduas	Tom Best
+205 Fred Blaney	Fred Blaney



DOMINATION - is just what the UNB judo club did this past weekend in Sackville. With their winning consistency, the Samson Chung coached group captured the provincial championship crown.

Rebels are still elite with 8 wins- no defeat

By RODDY MACKENZIE

The UNB Red Rebels showed their hometown supporters why they should be considered favorites for this season's Intercollegiate Volleyball championships, as they downed the Dalhousie Tigers three games to one in a crowd-pleasing Atlantic Conference match on Friday night at the Lady Beaverbrook Gym.

In recording the victory over the defending Atlantic Intercollegiate champs, the Rebels kept their league record intact at eight wins and no defeats.

In one of the closest fought games witnessed in recent years, UNB downed Dal. 16-14 in the opener, which took almost forty minutes to play. The Rebels then retained their momentum and took game two, 15-11, before Dal. used a renewed middle attack to rally from a 10-5 deficit and capture the third game 15-12.

Sparked by alert backcourt play, the UNB squad wrapped up the best-of-five match by dumping the Tigers 15-6.

Inconsistent setting marked Dal's play throughout the match, while they lacked the power they have been noted for in recent seasons. On the other side of the net, the Rebels' attack was aided by steady setting and smart play at the net in the form of blocking and spiking.

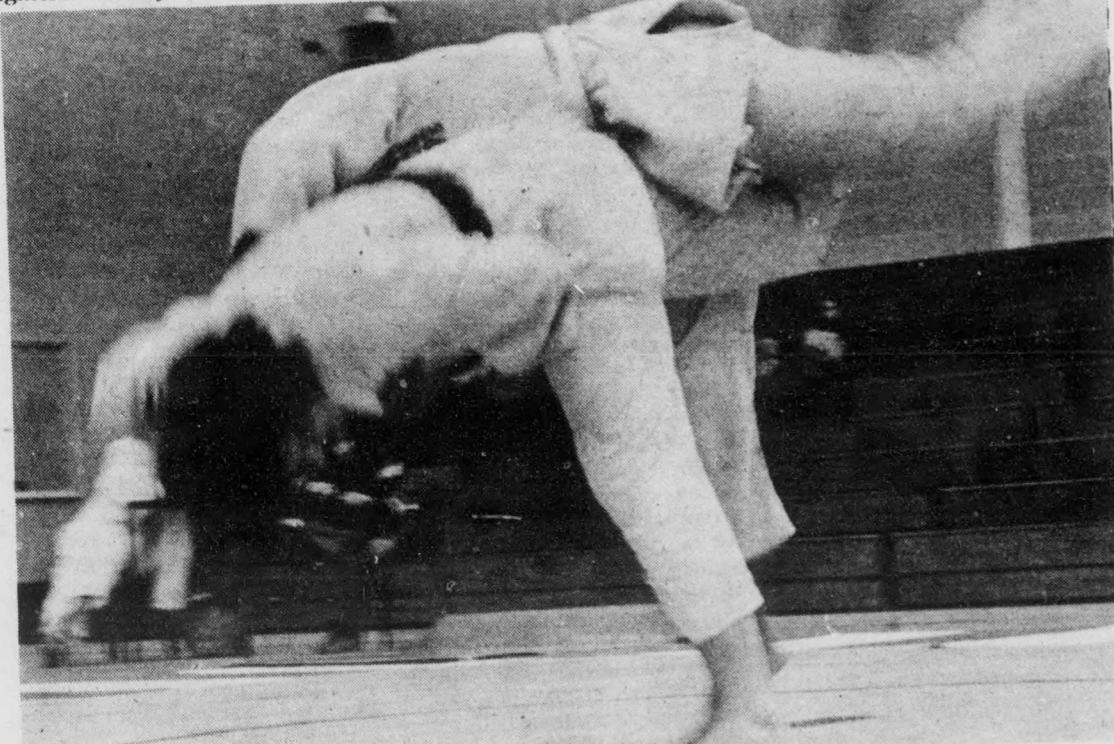
The Rebels were determined to beat the Tigers from the outset and except for one span of time in game

three, showed intense concentration and all-out effort. Bumping off Dal in the impressive way in which they did now gives the Rebels a definite psychological edge going into the Atlantic Intercollegiate Championship scheduled for Mount Allison University Feb. 13-15th.

Following their victory on Friday night, the UNB team returned once again to their home confines and downed the Mount Allison Mounties three games to none. Using mostly second stringers, the Rebels easily handled Mounties, winning by scores of 15-2, 17-15, and 15-13. The UNB six dominated their opponents in all departments to remain undefeated for the season.

This was the final home appearance for the UNB varsity for this season, as they close out their regular schedule today, when they travel to Sackville to play the Mounties and then proceed to Antigonish to meet St. Francis Xavier and one other club, either Acadia University or Halifax Celidh.

With their play improving each time out and having now recorded a victory over Dalhousie, the Rebels may now consider themselves as principle contenders for the Atlantic title, which gives the winner an opportunity to advance to the National Championships against four of the other top teams in the country on Feb. 20-21 in Winnipeg.



Fred Blaney catches his opponent off guard with an uchi mata throw in the team competition. Blaney finished off his adversary with a powerful hojodomo.

flyweight (139 lb) division was newcomer Dave Burchill of Newcastle who defeated more experienced players on his way to second place.

The under 154 B-B division saw three entries from UNB, including coach Samson Chung, who took the honors to successfully defend his title.

Bill Smith defeated teammate Tom Best to go into the finals where he finished second to Chung. Best succumbed to Harold Blaney

Morency and Smith won both of their matches by ippon, which is worth ten points Mount A's spirit was not broken, however, as Ward was beaten for ippon.

As fourth fighter, pressure was on Best to win as a loss would tie the match and leave winning up to the fifth and final fighter, Blaney.

Best, who weighed in at 139 points, went out against his opponent runner up in the under 205 lb category, with the intention of staying "in the air" or fighting

An exhibition match between a pick up team and the UNB squad followed with the outcome not in favor of UNB.

Following the competition, gradings were held for advancement in belt ranking. Smith was graded to brown belt. MacDougall, Hethrington and Glenn Smith advanced to blue.

Several UNB Judoka are now in the process of training for the Atlantic Championships to be held in St. John's Nfld. in two weeks time.