

Sports

Grapplers gain five gold: place second

by Andrew Sinclair

The Dalhousie wrestling team, led by gold medalists Greg Wilson, Peter Coulthard, and Mark Baccardax, amassed 35-1/2 points over the weekend to place second behind the winning Acadia team in the Dalhousie Wrestling Extravaganza.

Acadia established itself as the team to beat on the first day of the two day meet, as it won three golds and accumulated 26 points in the take down tournament Saturday afternoon. Dal went into Sunday's freestyle competition held with St. F.X. for second place with 15-1/2 points, half a point ahead of Mount Allison, but three golds and a silver on Sunday brought their total to 33-1/2, eight points ahead of the third place Antigonish squad. Acadia finished with 50 points.

Head Coach Greg Wilson, winner of the 175 pound class in both the take down and freestyle competitions, was pleased with his team's effort. "We made a few mistakes on Saturday," he said, "but experience, coupled with the help of the clinician, rectified the problems and allowed us

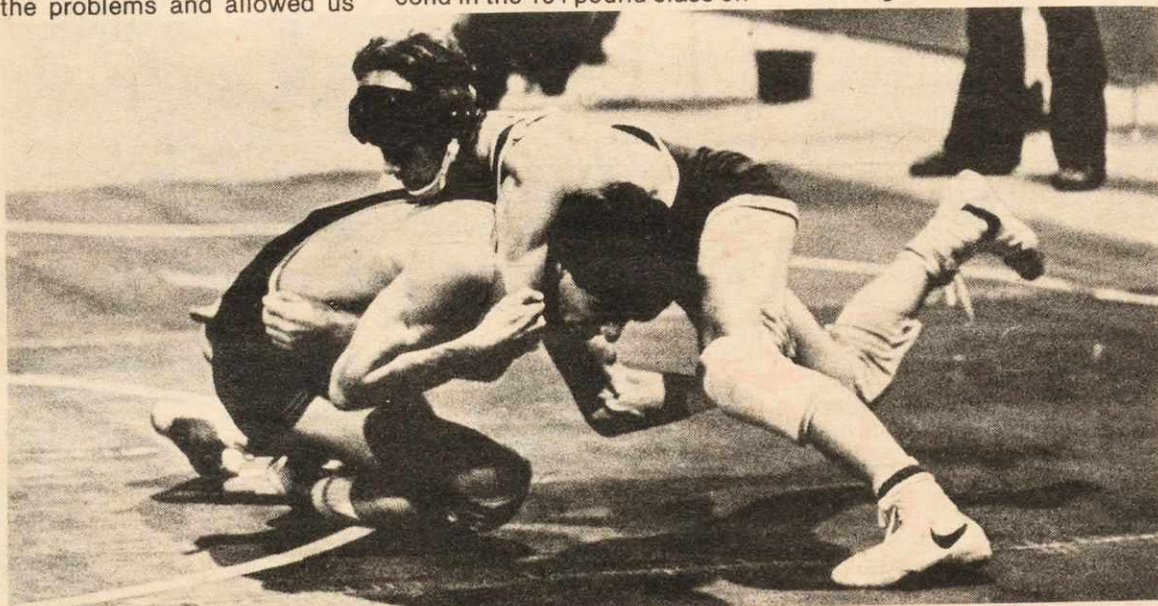
to win decisively." Wilson also said that he was expecting a very good season for the team and predicted a minimum of three Dalhousie entrants in the C.I.A.U. championships.

Mark Baccarax, who placed third in his class on Saturday, but came back to win the freestyle competition on Sunday, agreed that the break was helpful. "On Saturday they were giving me trouble with their counters, so this morning (Sunday) I worked on my defenses and was able to cope with them." Dal's third gold medalist, Peter Coulthard, was undefeated in the tournament, but said that he was "lucky that I got my weight down so that I could fight in my normal class." Even so, he said, he experienced some very tough fights from some of the lighter wrestlers in his class.

Also wrestling for Dal were Blaise Landry, Tim Matheson, Mike Messiman, Frank Vassalos, and Richard Guest. Landry placed third in the 130 pound class in the take down tournament, but was knocked out of competition by team mate Coulthard on Sunday. Matheson, who finished second in the 164 pound class on

Saturday, grabbed the silver again on Sunday by pinning Marcel Begin of LaPocatiere, Quebec, in the final seconds of one of the most exciting matches of the weekend. Neither Vassalo nor Guest fought in the freestyle competition. Vassal received a head butt in his first match on Saturday, and the resulting cut required stitches. He returned to take third place in the take down event, but was unable to wrestle the next day. Guest, eliminated in two straight matches on Saturday, did not show up for the freestyle competition.

Other winners were from Acadia, Tim Murphy, Joe Fleming, Dennis Mahoney, and Mike Brady, from St. F.X., Joe Green and Jim Yip, from Mount Allison, John Mascherim and C. Parker, from Memorial, Derek Locke and Alain Clarke, and from LaPocatiere, Mario Leveck. Locke, who won the 138 pound take down title and the 155 pound freestyle championship, was named the outstanding wrestler of the meet. The High school title was won by the Resource Centre for the Hearing Handicapped.



A Dal wrestler in trouble at the Dalhousie Wrestling Extravaganza.

Bronson's last word

Flag Football fans have probably read of Smith House's victory over Phi Delta Theta in a game which took three and one half hours to complete. This was a semi-final match-up and earned the Smith team a position in the championship game against the Bronson House Buccaneers. With all the attention given to Phi Del and Smith, the Bronson win over the latter team seems to have gone unnoticed.

Admittedly, the Smith-Phi Del game was a marathon session worthy of note. However, it is not one which should have been reserved for the championship game since that match-up was far superior. After all, a game between SMU and Ottawa might be close and exciting, but regard-

less of the outcome, either team would get blown away by a team the calibre of say the Edmonton Eskimos. This was the case with Smith House when they met the awesome Bronson Bucks in the championship final. The Bronson defense shut down the Smith advancements, robbing the "Crimson Tide" of even a single point during the game. Bronson quarterback Mike Brooker connected with receivers Paul McIntyre and Mark Surette for countless yardage, leaving a very confused Smith defense running in circles. Bronson's running plays featured Ed Corbett and Dave Talbett, substituting for the previously injured Khaled Islam.

A key passing play which had been developed by Bron-

son prior to the November 16 game saw Mike Brooker hit Mark Surette with a short pass and Surette hit his way in for the major score. "Sure we only won by a touchdown," says team co-captain Andrew Grose, "but we've proven our ability to beat the Smith squad in regular season and didn't see the need to run up a score!"

Bronson finished the football season undefeated in league play, although the team did give up a win to the U.P.E.I. champions in Charlottetown exhibition play last October. "We've reorganized our team since that game," explains Grose, "and I feel that the Bronson team which defeated Smith could walk all over U.P.E.I. given a second chance."

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