Wrestling

Dalhousie finishes fourth in AUAA

The Dalhousie wrestling team wrapped up its season by finishing fourth at the AUAA championships held at Memorial University on February 16 and 17. The team won one gold, three silver, one bronze, and three fourth place finishes.

Greg Wilson, at 167 pounds, won his weight class in a very convincing style, either pinning his opponents or defeating them overwhelmingly. It was Wilson's fourth consecutive AUAA championship. He will now move to the national CIAU tournament to be held March 2 and 3 at the University of Guelph. He is expected to do well, perhaps matching his 1977 performance at the tournament when he won a silver medal.

Finishing in second place were Peter Coulthard, 126 pounds; Bill "Stumper" Sanford, 142 pounds; and Alex Faseruk, 190 pounds. Peter Coulthard duplicated his 1978 finish which earned him a silver. In the round robin tournament, Coulthard actually finished in a tie for first place, as he and his opponent from UNB had accumulated the same number of bad points. The tie was broken since Coulthard had lost to the UNB wrestler in another section of the tournament.

Bill Sanford was on a comeback season, having sat the 1977-78 campaign out. He wrestled extremely well and earned a second place finish. In the 190 pounds division, Alex Faseruk managed a

second-place finish after losing only to an opponent from the Université de Moncton. In his match for second or third place, Faseruk pinned his opponent from Memorial in the third round in order to secure the silver medal.

The sole bronze for Dalhousie was earned by Lloyd Gaskell, 220 pounds. Fourthplace finishes were awarded to Peter Boudreau, 109 pounds; Debashish Bhattachaya, 134 pounds; and Tim Matheson, 158 pounds. A fifth place went to Ted Lemoine, 177 pounds.

Next year, the team will be without Greg Wilson, Bill Sanford and Alex Faseruk, all of whom are graduating. For coach Bill McLeod it will be a rebuilding season. McLeod

intends to do some recruiting in Ontario and at the Maritime Wrestling Championships which will be held March 10 and 11 at Halifax West High School. Some Dalhousie wrestlers will be competing in the Maritime Championships that weekend.



Dal's Tim Matheson in action at MUN

The purpose of this column is to give recognition to various Dalhousie athletes who have made outstanding contributions to their respective teams. The athletes are chosen by means of a selection committee under the direction of the Dalhousie Athletic Department.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK (Feb. 19-Feb. 26)

ALASTAIR MacDonald (Basketball)

"The most intense competitor I've ever coached", is the way Al Yarr describes the Tigers' dynamic point guard. He has been the team's leader all year, but in the last five games he has really come to the fore, averaging 20 plus points per game and shooting at an incredible 60%. In addition to leading the offense, Alastair plays tough, aggressive defence and in the last game against SMU, he single-handedly broke the Huskies full court press. He is a 2nd year physical education student who played his high school basketball at St. Pat's

KATHY ANDREA (Volleyball)

Outstanding rookie from Dartmouth, N.S., her steady and sometimes brilliant play this weekend almsot led the Tigers to win the AUAA Volleyball Championship in the final versus Memorial University. Kathy's progress this year has been one of the keys to this year's successful season and Coach Lois Mac-Gregor is eagerly looking forward to next year, and even better things. Kathy's blocking and power hitting have improved to the point where she is a threat every time she touches the ball. Kathy is a 1st year Arts student.



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