

UNB gymnasts downed by former team-mate

Dalhousie University won the university division of the UNB Invitational Men's Gymnastics meet this weekend with a score of 124.9. They were led by ex-UNB gymnast Ken Salmon. Ken, now at Dalhousie University won the all around title with 43.8 points, placing first on floor exercise and rings. But the small, spirited UNB men's gymnastics team performed extremely well. They were led by Dan Beaman, who had an all around score of 39.7, good for sixth place. Dan, competing with very badly blistered hands still managed to place third on pommel horse, and second on vault on his way to reaching his best all around score this year.

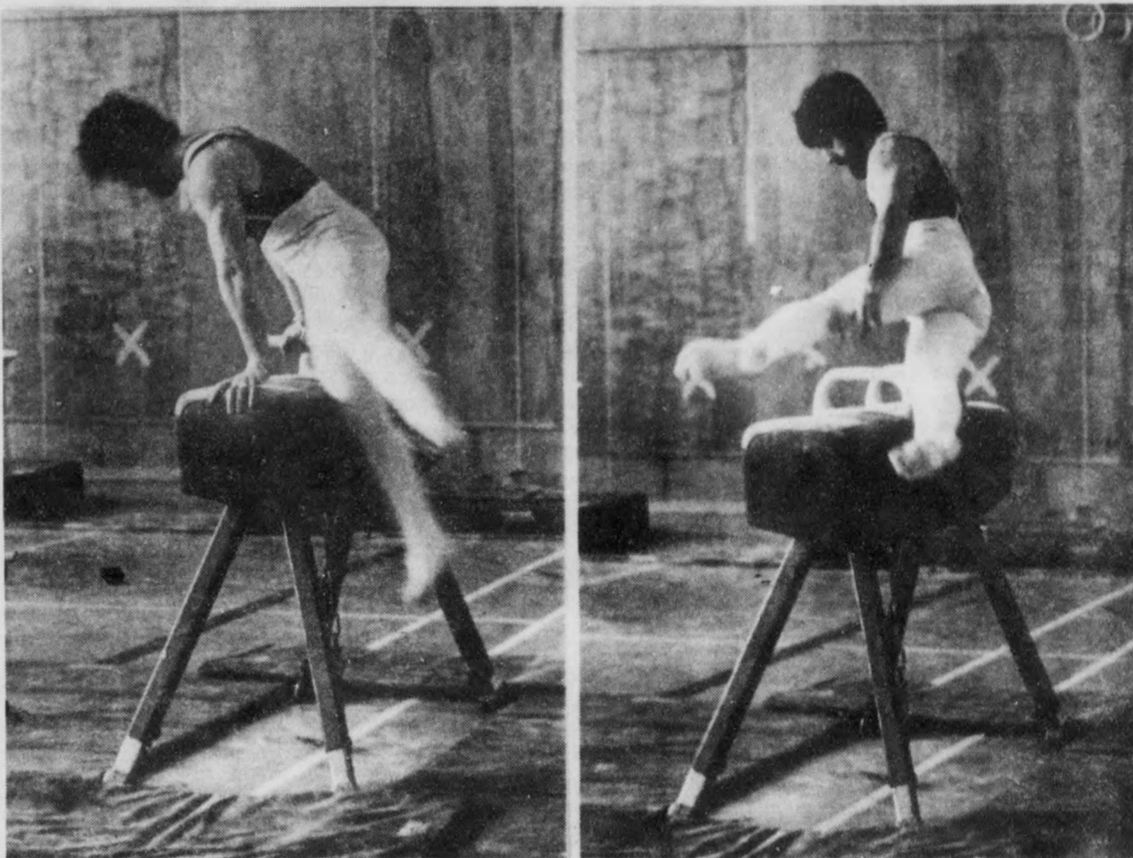
Freshman, Rick Weiler from Chatham, N.B. had his best meet of the year. Rick raised his all around score three points to 36.00 and placed fifth on horizontal bar. John O'Keefe with a sixth place on parallel bars and a steady all around performance also contributed to the UNB team score. Although UNB placed third in the university division, their team

score of 110 is now less than one point behind second place U de M at 110.8.

In the Winter Games division, N.B. Winter Games defeated N.S. winter games 187.6 to 178.6. After a rather poor performance last weekend, Jamie MacKinnon of Fredericton Eagles finally performed as hoped for and scored 39.9 all around to lead all N.B. winter games with a fifth place all around finish. Coach Owen Fraser is quite pleased with the team's performance as it is the first time they have come out ahead of N.S. this year.

With two weeks to go before Brandon, the gymnasts are right on schedule. The team is composed of two other FHS students besides Jamie MacKinnon. They are Rudy Stoczek and Terry Noel. Rick Weiler, Dan Beaman from UNB and Keith Pellerin from Moncton are also on the team.

UNB's final meet of the year will be the AUSA Championship to be held at Dalhousie University on February 16.



Up and over- John O'Keefe of the UNB Men's Gymnastics team during competition Saturday

Photo By KAVANAGH

Track takes a licking but keeps on ticking

By JACQUES JEAN

UNB Track & Field athletes competed in two indoor track meets this past weekend. The first one was held at the CEPS at the Universite de Moncton.

In sprint events, UNB was represented by Tony Salmon and Perry Biddiscomb; both running the 50 meter and the 200 meter events, with Biddiscomb also running the 400 meter. Salmon recorded a time of 6.19 seconds in the 50 meter and 24.02 sec. in the 200 m. Biddiscomb covered the 200 m in 24.02 sec. and ran the 400 m in 59.3 seconds.

Gerry Saunier was UNB's only competitor in the 800 m race, running the distance in 2 min. 13.6 seconds.

The University of New Brunswick's only victory in Moncton was by Jacques Jean who clocked a personal best time of 4 min. 11.9

seconds to take first place in the 1500 meter. Joe Lehman placed second in the same event with a time of 4 min. 13.3 seconds. John McCarthy, running in the second heat, covered the distance in a time of 4 min. 26.7 seconds, which is only one second away from his personal best time in the event. A Perry Biddiscomb; both running the 50 meter and the 200 meter events, with Biddiscomb also placed third in the 3000 m with a time of 8 min. 51.5 seconds.

The Moncton meet was the second out-of-town indoor track and field meet attended by UNB athletes this winter. On Saturday, January 20, UNB runner Peter Richardson, John McCarthy and Jacques Jean, along with their coach Mel Keeling, drove to Colby College in Waterville, Maine. There, Peter Richardson won the 1 mile event in a time of 4 min. 13 sec. McCarthy and Jean also ran the mile with personal best times

of 4 min. 45 sec. and 4 min. 31 sec. respectively. Coach Keeling said that he was very pleased with the performances put out by his runners at the Colby meet.

The second track and field meet of the past weekend was held at the Nashwaaksis Junior H.S. Field House. UNB's Mike McFarland had a busy afternoon, competing in the 50 meter sprint, the high jump — jumping 5'7" to take first place — and the shot put, with a toss of 10.7 meters. Perry Biddiscomb and Gerry Saunier both competed in the 300 meter events. Saunier took first place with a time of 38.6 sec. while Biddiscomb clocked 41.5 sec. over the distance.

In the 1 mile event, Jacques Jean finished in second place with a time of 4 min. 34.8 sec. while Peter McAuley took third spot in 4 min. 36.5 sec. Martin Brannon finished behind McAuley in fourth place with a time of 4 min. 38 sec.

John McCarthy ran the distance in 4 min. 40 sec. to take sixth place.

The most impressive performance of the day was put out by UNB's Paul Guimond in the 3000 meter walk. Guimond covered the distance in a time of 13 min. 41 sec., establishing a new provincial record for the event. He also qualified himself for the National Championships to be held at the end of this month in Edmonton.

UNB Track and Field athletes have regular training sessions at the Nashwaaksis Jr. H.S. Field House at 5:30 p.m. every Monday and Thursday. Middle distance runners train at Fredericton High School on Monday nights at 5 o'clock along with the Thursday work-outs at the Field House. Anyone interested in joining the UNB Track and Field team is welcome.

A blaze of glory

The U.N.B. Red Blazers were in P.E.I. last weekend for an invitational tournament, and although they did not finish on top, the team performed exceptionally well. The tournament included 8 teams, including 2 teams from Mass. and one from Ontario.

Saturday afternoon in the first game of the tournament UNB faced the P.E.I. Spudettes. The girls had a hard time getting themselves together and settling into the game, and by the end of the first period they found themselves behind 3-0. However, with the exception of a spudette goal mid-way through the second period, the Blazers held off the Spuds. attack and played a strong 2 periods. It was the first tournament for many of the girls and that definitely had an effect on their style of playing.

Saturday night the Blazers played the U.P.E.I. Panthers in an exciting match which proved victorious for U.N.B. An excellent effort by both offense and defense had the Blazers on top 7-6 at the end of the third period. Dorothy MacFarlane, Kathy Dickinson, and Mary Walton all scored for the Blazers, while Donna Carter and Nancy Wight had two apiece.

Assists went to Cheryl Fleigu, Carter, Walten and Deb MacLoon.

The girls played a hard game and showed determination in the last few minutes of pressure from the Panthers to hold on to their lead. Goaltender Karen "LeRoy" was on her own after Val Macallum was injured in the first game and she did a commendable job in nets for the Blazers.

Sunday morning the Blazers met up with North River Mass. in a rough match. North River went ahead 2-0 before U.N.B. managed to hit the score board. A couple of unfortunate calls found the Red Blazers down 3-1 in the third period. Nancy Wight netted one more for the Blazers on a beautiful set up from Deb MacLean, but when the final buzzer went off the Blazers were short by one goal. The girls played an excellent game and their defense was a key factor in their performance as they out-played the American team for 80 per cent of the game.

The weekend proved to be a very good one bringing the team together for their first real competition. On March 2nd there will be another tournament in Woodstock in which UNB will be a definite threat!

Swimmers and divers prepare for AUSA's

With less than a week before the swimming and diving team leaves for Newfoundland, members of both those squads are hard into the last phases of their training.

The swimmers are now involved in the taper aspect of the practices in which they concentrate on

speed and intensity. The divers are now working on perfecting their lists of dives and working out any problems they may have in those dives.

The swimmers are out to qualify more of the team for the national championships that will be held in

Montreal during the March break. Both the men and women have qualified two people to send to that particular championship.

For the men, Dave Banks, and Bruce Williams have bettered standards in at least one event while Danielle Balla and Laura Kikpatrick have done so as well. The divers have qualified

several people as well. Gary Kelly and Paul Sutcliffe will travel for the men and Betty Middleton will go for the women.

Besides these people, other members of the team will have an opportunity to meet standards next weekend in Newfoundland. Several people for both the men and women are close to making their times or scores and should be able to qualify at the conference championships.

There was no UNB Curling last Sunday night, but we do have our regular ice time for the remaining three Sundays in February, the 11th, 18th, and 25th. Playdowns for the men's AUSA team are nearly completed, and the winner could be decided this Sunday when Mike McCrean meets John MacDonald. We will also be sending a mixed and a women's team to the AUSA's, which will be held in Moncton on March 1, 2, 3.

Once again, we know that Sunday at 10 p.m. is not the greatest time to go curling, but we encourage all members to attend this Sunday. There are not many ice times remaining, so make an effort to get out and enjoy a break from studying, watching the tube, sleeping, or trying to think up ways to annoy your roommate.

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