

SPORTS

Swedes sweep to title

By Jeff Irwin

The World Junior Curling Championships held at the Aitken University Centre ended on a disappointing note for Canadian Curling fans. Last Saturday Mert Thompson's Manitoba rink went down to defeat 6-2 at the hands of the Soren Grahn foursome from Sweden.

The Canadians and American faced each other Friday afternoon in a tie breaker for the last semi-final berth as each team held a 6-3 record after the round robin play. The Canadians defeated the U.S. 8-6.

Friday night the Canadians played the Scots for the Bronze medal. Poor play by both teams characterized a boring game. The final score was 4-2 for Canada and they advanced to face the Swedes on Saturday.

The Swedes, the only undefeated rink during the round robin play, won the toss and took two points in the first end and stole one in the second. Canada's Mert Thompson took one in the third to make the score 3-1. The Swedes blanked the fourth end and picked up one in the 5th. Thompson blanked the sixth and the Swedes stole one in the seventh to make the score 5-1.

In the 8th end Thompson was forced to give up the hammer and take one point making the score 5-2. Thompson tried to hit and roll out to maintain last rock but his final stone curled a bit too far and left him sitting on the 4 foot.

In the ninth end Canada's lead Mike Friesen set up a corner guard which the Swedes tried to remove. It was left on the 12 foot just barely counting. Friesen then set up a right guard which the Swedish lead Anders Svennersted removed and rolled out himself. Canada's Tod Gagne slid a

counter into the 12 foot with his second stone. The Swedish second Henrik Holmberg knocked that out just barely missing the bitter on the 12 foot and winding up on the four footing Bill McTavish froze beautifully to that rock but the Swedes were able to bump him out of the way and leave themselves on the four foot. McTavish tried the freeze again, but was too heavy and knocked the Swedish rock out of the house. Jarund, the Swedish mate, knocked that away. Thompson drew to the button. Grahn took that out and stayed. Thompson played the takeout and stayed. Grahn did the same to score one in the ninth. The score going into the tenth and final end was 6-2.

In the tenth end Canada had to pick up four points. Friesen set up a corner guard just biting on the 12 foot. Svennersted played the hit and roll. Friesen set a guard just to the right front of center. Svennersted removed that as well. Gagne was called to draw to the house but was too heavy and rolled through. The Swedes blanked, Gagne had to stay and did. Jarund missed the take out. Thompson instructed McTavish to set a rock on the opposite side of the house. With too much weight he went through and that was the end, the final score 6-2 for the Swedes, as it was pointless to continue with no mathematical chance for the needed points.

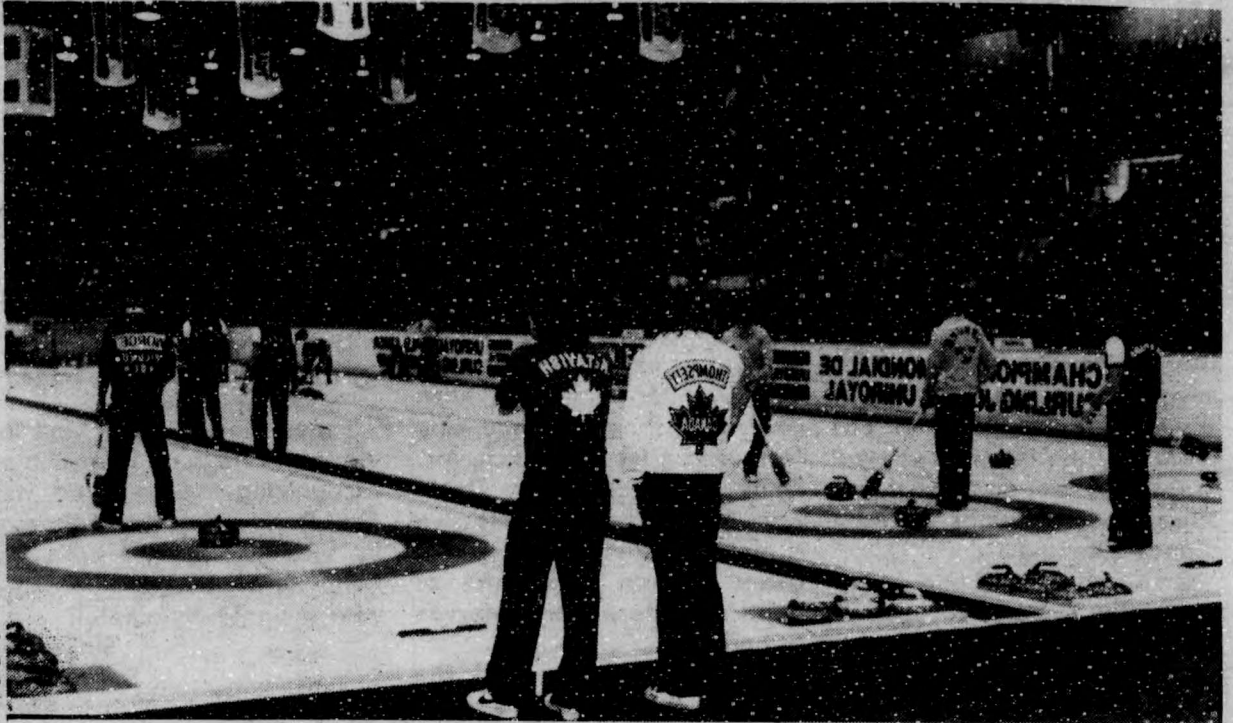
The closing ceremonies commenced with the RCR band marching on to the ice leading the non-placing team. The Scottish Bronze medal winners were led out by a lone piper and then the Pipes and Drums of the RCR's led the first and second place teams onto the ice. Presentation of the medals was made by the President of Uniroyal. The selection of the All-Star team included the lead

Mike Friesen and second Joel Gagne of the Canadian team and the the make Niklas Jarund and skip Soren Grahn of the Swedish team. The presentation of silver plates to the members of the All-Star team was made by Premier Richard Hatfield. Most sport-

smalike player award was given to Christoph Moeckel, skip of the German team. Then the event was declared closed by the President of the Royal Canadian Curling Club of Scotland Jim Whiteford. As a grand finale the combined Pipes and Drums and RCR Band

played Amazing Grace.

Generally a week of excellent curling at the Aitken University Centre. Talking to the individual curlers through the week they all seemed to enjoy themselves and were impressed with both the facility and the organization.



Mert Thompson and Bill McTavish, Jr. watch the opposition during round-robin play at the Aitken Centre last week.

STU Athletes Honored

By Dave Mombourquette

The St. Thomas University athletic awards banquet was held on Wednesday March 17, in the STU cafeteria, before a group of about two hundred athletes and guests.

John Dallaire, a member of the hockey Tommies, debuted as Master of Ceremonies, opening the show with an introduction of the head table guests. After a brief prayer by STU president, Rev. George Martin, the guests sat down to a buffet, which was soon folled by the guest speaker. Owning the spotlight this year was Dave Peterson, the president of the N.B. Intermediate Hockey League, who gave a well received talk on the escalation of violence in sports in general, and his league in particular.

With all of the preliminaries dispensed with, the banquet got around to its main purpose, honouring the school's athletes. As the awards were passed out, it quickly became evident who the star of the show would be. First year stu-

dent Leanne Fitch filled the bill, capping off her MVP awards in both basketball and field hockey, with her selection as the Outstanding Female Athlete of the Year. Garnering the award as Outstanding Male Athlete of the Year was the popular Kirk Firlotte, who also copped the award as MVP of the hockey team, for his work in the nets.

The only other athlete to receive two major awards was second year student Kathy Alchorn, gaining recognition as the school's top track and field practitioner, and being named the Most Improved Player on the women's basketball team.

The M.C. did not go unrewarded either, as Mr. Dallaire walked off with the prestigious John Frederick Walls Memorial Award for the second year in a row. The award is presented to the student showing the best combination of academics, athletics and character.

Other major award winners included: Steve Horseman, MVP men's basketball; Will Vickers, Most Improved

Player, men's basketball; Alan Doucette, Rookie of the Year, men's basketball; Brian Whitehead, Outstanding Golfer; Phil Northy, MVP men's rugby; Cathy Gillespie, MVP women's rugby; Beth Moore, Most Improved Player, field hockey; Peggy Dunlap, Rookie of the Year, women's basketball; Fred Slipp, Most Gentlemanly Player, men's hockey; Zoey Chesley, Top Defensive Player, women's basketball; Tom Casey, MVP Junior Varsity hockey; Gary Bedwick, Rookie of the year, men's hockey; Bill Hogan, Inter-residence Sports Award; Ken Bourgeois, Outstanding Contribution to Intramurals.

Brian Kelley, Jamie Waycott and Cindy Burt each received Sports Governing Board Medallions, and "T" awards. "T" awards were also presented to Tom Casey, Glen Melvin, Kathy Olive, Danny Smar, Fred Slipp, Derek Sellar, Paul Sullivan, and Greg Irving.

Special awards were presented to Karen Johnson of the field hockey team, and Allison Purdy, the hockey team's "Best Fan."

Red Peppers N.B. champs

Although the UNB Reds Volleyball season has come to an end, the ladies remain active as a club - UNB Red Peppers. Last weekend the Red Peppers defeated Patchack, a team from Moncton with scores of 16-4, 15-7 and 15-1 in the provincial Double A championships held here at UNB. The Red Peppers will be representing N.B. at the Atlantic AA championships to be

held on April 3rd and 4th in Charlottetown, P.E.I.

On the other hand, the men's team was not so fortunate. The Rebels finished third overall losing to U de M 10-15, 7-15 and to Sunbury 7-15, 9-15. Sunbury, a club team from Oromocto were the eventual winners, beating U de M 15-5, 15-11, 15-12. They will advance to the Atlantic along with the Red Peppers.