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Alberta team tops in judo

The U of A Judo club's annual Invitational Tournament was held last Saturday, December 4th, with close to 100 competitors flocking in to represent city and university clubs from B.C., Alberta, and Saskatchewan.

Provincially, Alberta came out on top with five firsts and three seconds. The Calgary Hiros and South Calgary Club each got a first, U of A won two firsts, the Lethbridge Y received a first and a second, and the University of Lethbridge received a second.

B.C. placed 8 people in the standings, three in first and five in second. The Prince George Club received three seconds, the MacKenzie Club won two firsts and a second, UBC had one first, and the Victoria Club received a second.

Saskatchewan, who didn't manage to send anyone last year, had seven competitors this year, and the U of Saskatchewan won a first.

For U of A, Colette Bielech won a first in women's SHIAI and another with Gord Okamura in the NAGENO KATA competition. U of A also placed third in the three out of four men's weight categories, however, only first and second place finishers were official.

Luc Presscau, from U of L, with just a year under his orange belt, fought his way through the ranks of brown and black belts in the middle weight category into the semifinals where he then lost and placed third overall.

Butch Sloan, second degree

black belt, from MacKenzie BC won all his matches with IPPON, a full point, and placed first in the featherweight category.

This year there were a lot more competitors in the women's SHIAI competition than in previous years, and with higher belt degrees, an indication that SPAI for women is becoming more accepted and more popular.

The U of A Judo club wishes to thank all those who helped organize, set up and carry out the tournament, as well as those who devoted their whole Saturday lugging equipment around.

RESULTS:

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Featherweight - under 139 - 1. Butch Sloan, MacKenzie, BC. 2. Mathew Connors, Prince George, BC. 3. Gil Hachey, U of A.

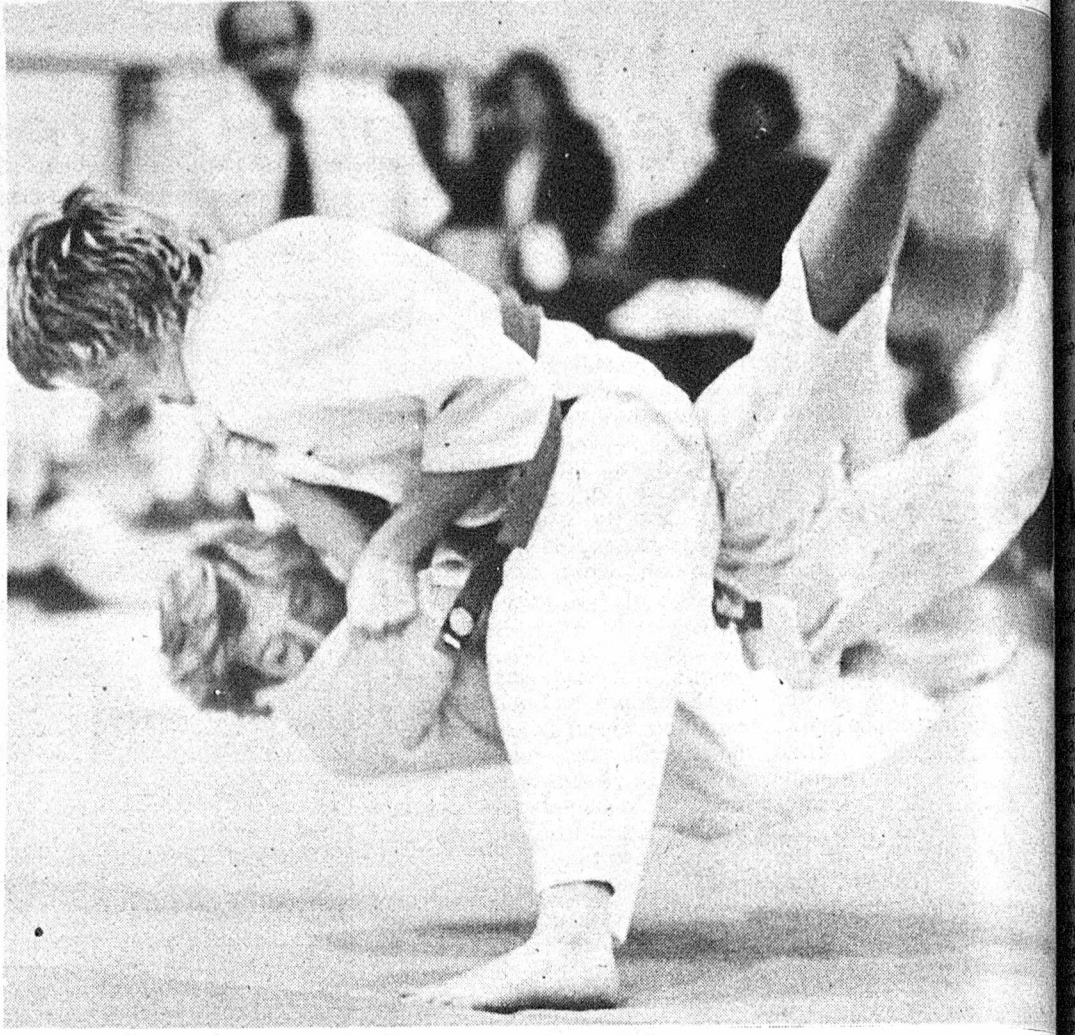
Lightweight - 139-153 - 1. Gerard LeGal, Calgary Hiros. 2. Mark Grant, Victoria BC. 3. Pete Kacarvich, U of A. Middleweight - 154-176 - 1. Greg Lyon, UBC. 2. Russell Ko, Prince George, BC. 3. Luc Presseau, U of A. Lighthavy-heavyweight - over 176 - 1. Joe Meli, Lethbridge Y. 2. Tom Greenway, Lethbridge Y. 3. Casey Van Kooten, U of A.

WOMENS:

Lightweight - under 120 - 1. Shirley Adamson, S. Calgary. 2. Mrllyn Berube, U of Sask. Mediumweight - 120-140 - 1. Marion Kloos, MacKenzie, BC. 2. Audrey Robinson, MacKenzie, BC. Heavyweight - over 140 - 1. Colette Bielech, U of A. 2. Cina Opel, U of L.

JUNO KATA: (Demonstration) Lottie Poulson, U of L and Mrs. F. Senda, Lethbridge Y.

NAGE NO KATA: 1. Colette Bielech and Gord Okamura, U of A. 2. TIE: Mathew Conner, Prince George BC and Mark Grant, Victoria BC, and Russell Ko and Tom Roth, both from Prince Georae. BC.



Close to 100 competitors flipped over the success of the U of A judo club's Invitational tournament held on campus last weekend. photo Brian Gavriloff

Hockey games up in air

by Darrell Semenuk

Golden Bear hockey coach Clare Drake will take a squad of 18 players eastward during the Xmas break for a crack at some American competition and compete in a tournament as well.

The Bears will play two games against the University of St. Louis Billikens of the Central Collegiate Hockey Association December 26, 27. The team had also hoped to compete in a tournament in Toronto involving the University of Toronto Blues, York University and University of Quebec at Three Rivers on the 28th and 29th.

But word this week puts the outcome of the tournament up in the air. "There's some sort of labour problem down there," explained Drake. "There's a

strike on. I don't like the sound of it." But Drake added that the tournament could go on despite the labour situation in Toronto. "There may be a possibility of playing the games in York."

The final word on the tourna-

ment won't be known around the 15th of December when Ed Zemrau, athletic director at the U of A, returns to meetings in Toronto.

There's no uncertainty about the St. Louis games though. The Billikens, who are aiming for the fourth conference title, finish with an overall record of 24-10-5-1.

The team is led offensively by Gary Murphy (31-33-64) and Wayne Ormson (22-30-52). Goalie Lindsay Middlebrook has goals against average of 2.99 last year, third lowest in the nation.

The Billikens play their home games in the St. Louis Arena (seating capacity 18,008) which is also the home of the St. Louis Blues of the NHL. The Sunday game (Dec. 26) will be broadcast live on CFRN radio at 6:50 p.m. Edmonton time, the Toronto broadcast is tentatively set for 5:50 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 28.



Clare Drake

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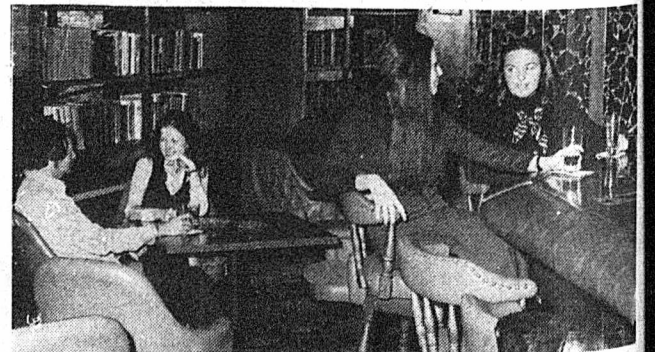
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