

# Black Bears win AIAA Wrestling Championships

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UNB's wrestling team the Black Bears finished their undefeated season by winning their first AIAA championship, the competitions were held at Moncton University last Saturday.

The Black Bears collected three firsts, three seconds, a third and fifteen pin points to lead the nine universities entered.

#### Final Standings were:

UNB	70
MUN	58
SMU	49
St.FX	40
U de M	24
Dal	23
ACA	18
Mt.A	13
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Weight Class	Winners
118	Sangster-Dal
126	Barry,S.-SMU
134	Barry,M.-
UNB	
142	Bingham-
UNB	
150	Budgen-MUN
158	LeBlanc-
St.FX	
167	Young-MUN
177	Dupuis-U de
M	
190	Galloway-
UNB	
H.W.	Haskell-Mt.A

Two interesting points to note

here, are that Sean Barry from SMU is Mike Barry's brother from UNB. Haskell from Mt.A was their only entrant in the tournament and collected all of their thirteen points.

UNB started off the tournament fast by collecting five first round pins in the 118, 126, 134, 142, 190 lbs. classes and from their on in the lead all the way.

In the 118 lbs. class, Chuck Wright greatly improved his wrestling from last year and came up with a second place finish. He pinned his first two opponents and then lost out in the final to Sangster from Dalhousie. If Chuck has a nemesis then it's Sangster who has dominated the 118 lb. class all year.

In the 126 lb. class Jim Rand also started off quickly by pinning his first two opponents including one of the fastest pins of the tournament. His third opponent was the eventual winner of that weight class, Sean Barry who pinned him. His last match decided second or third place and was against Gale of Mem. and unfortunately Jim was pinned for a third place finish.

In the 134 lb. class there is very little that you can say about someone who totally dominates his weight class. Mike Barry does just that. Mike pinned all four of his opponents

including three first round pins. Mike did this after suffering a broken nose in his first match, but he still continued on dominating.

In the 142 lb. class Grant Bingham's fate was somewhat similar to Mike Barry's. Grant too, dominated in his weight class. Grant pinned his first opponent quickly in the first round but had a little more difficulty with his second. His second opponent gave Grant an illegal body slam and several winded Grant. It was not until the third period that he got his momentum back to pin the man. His final opponent was Darrel McGregor of St.Francis Xavier who was his same final opponent at the tournament that he won at Acadia. This time he finished him off quickly pinning him in the first round.

In the 150 lb. class Bill Chapman came through with an excellent second place finish. Bill had been troubled by stomach and had very little conditioning since the tournament in Acadia. He won his first match by outlasting his opponent who was coming on strong in the final round. Bill took the decision on points, then he took on Rick McNeil from St.FX whom he pinned in the third round. In his final match he lost a decision to the eventual winner Budgen from Memorial and thus came in

second.

UNB did not have an entrant in the 158 lb. class and its entrant in the 167 lb. class, Wally Kaczowski, did not fare too well as he lost a decision and got pinned to be eliminated.

In the 177 lb. division Gary Godwin came up with a fine effort to place second. Gary won three of the four matches he wrestled. The only one that he lost was to Regie Dupuis who was the eventual winner of the 177 lb. class. In his winning ways he picked up two pins.

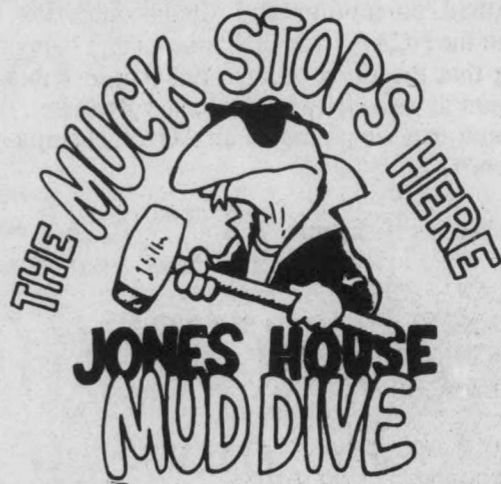
In the 190 lb. class UNB had another champion. Gary Galloway won all four of his matches including his first two by pins. His last match was also the last one of the day. His opponent was Bill Georgina with whom he went the full nine minutes winning the decision 9-3.

In the Heavyweight class Bill Sullivan was heavily outweighed by his opponents and was pinned twice and eliminated.

The defending champions, Memorial University of Newfoundland, came to win again and put on a very strong show to place second. The team that had come to UNB's invitational was missing four of its team members.

Their were a total of sixty-seven pins recorded throughout the match. UNB and MUN were tied for the lead with fifteen each and SMU was a close third with eleven.

All of the weight class winners now go on to the national championships being held in Ontario this year.



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