

Judo club leads N.B. to victory

Many upsets were recorded by members of the UNB Judo club as they competed in the Atlantic judo championships last weekend in Moncton. Along with those upsets, the club garnered three first place and three second place finishes.

Leading the club was one of the coaches, Fred Blaney. Blaney won the under 209 pounds blue to black division for the third year running. Before the meet, Blaney felt that Fred Dyke from Nova Scotia, who is a highly ranked competitor on the national scene, would be his stiffest competition and in the finals, the two were pitted against each other. The eventual outcome was that Blaney handily defeated Dyke, a second degree black belt who has finished in second place at the Canadian national championships. Blaney has a first degree black.

Blaney said that he was now looking forward to this year's nationals. "My win gives me confidence," he commented.

He said that the biggest upset of the meet was Tom Baird's win in the heavyweight white to green belt division. Baird has only been practicing judo for two months and according to Blaney, his final match was the most exciting of the day.

Baird threw his opponent from PEI for a half point (one full point is required to win) and then held him down on the mat. His opponent escaped and

attempted to pin Baird who finally worked into a pin to finish the match. Blaney said, "It was a really good fight. Tom felt elated about the win."

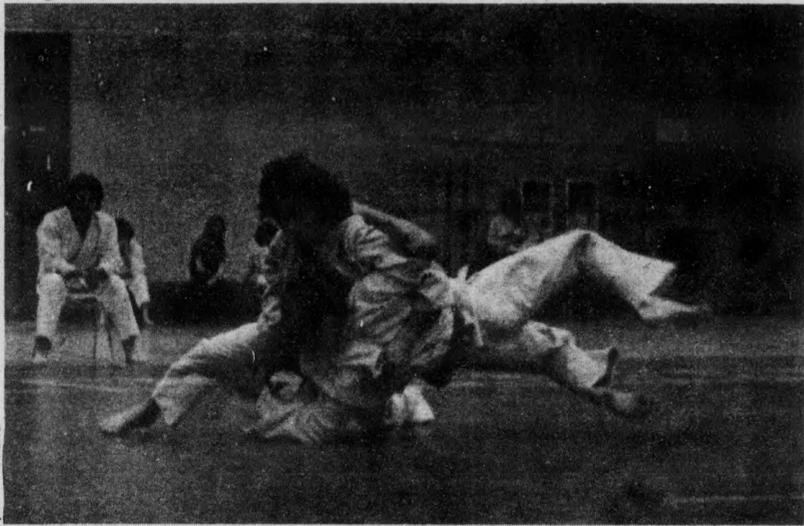
In the white to green 157, Vance Pendleton swept the division with style and class according to Biney Linda MacRae, fighting in a higher weight category than usual, fought very well to a second place medal.

Another upset was a victory by Mike Hethrington in the 172 black to blue belt division over the eventual winner of the category Hubert Marchbank. On his way to the silver medal, Hethrington met Marchbank three times posting two losses and a win. Marchbank won the open weight class at a UNB meet earlier this year.

Hylas Chung, fighting in the under 132 pound blue to black category, finished second to Nova Scotia's Geordie Whitney.

Other members of the club who travelled to the meet "fought well" according to Blaney despite not finishing in the medal standings. These members were Alex MacDonald, Lucie Bertin, and Mary Christie.

The New Brunswick team far outdistanced the other provinces taking 91 points. Second place went to Nova Scotia with 37. Blaney said that this meet was the first one at which a New Brunswick team pulled together as a team and that reflected well on



The UNB Judo Club capped off a successful season by taking three firsts and three seconds in the Atlantic Championships.

NB judo compared with other provinces.

He said that NB had someone in all of the final matches but one and took 12 gold medals and many silvers and bronzes. He summed it up by saying that it was "impressive." Blaney said that he was unsure about when the next competition for the club would be.

Rugby club plans spring tour

The UNB Rugby Football Club will leave here April 27 to make what promises to be their most demanding spring tour yet - this time to Pennsylvania. Last spring they returned from Virginia with a 5-4 record. Two full teams will be

travelling, with the "B" side scheduled to play as many matches as the "A"s. The first team schedule is as follows: April 28: YALE at New Haven, April 30: PHILADELPHIA at Philadelphia, May 3: WHITE-

MARSH at Philadelphia, May 5: EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA OVER-30 SELECTS at Philadelphia, May 7-8: PENN STATE INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT at State College, Pa.

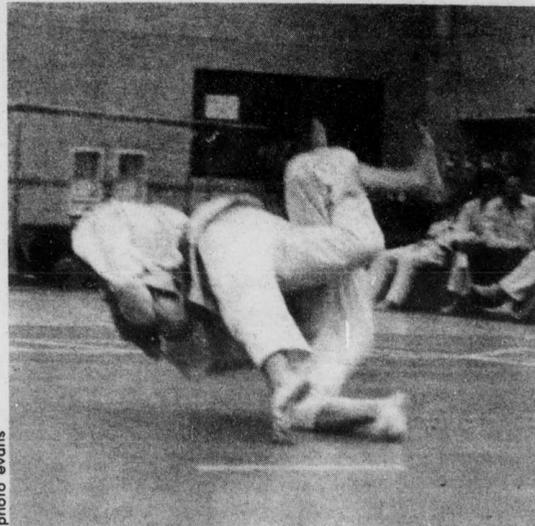
The opposition in the Tournament will be formidable: Penn State; Army; Navy; Princeton; Baltimore; Akron; and last year's winners, Toronto Nomads. It is understood that the NBC sports program "Grandstand" will be televising the championship game of the Tournament.

UNB will arrive back in Fredericton on May 9th. Coach Bob Cockburn believes this touring team to be his strongest yet. Last spring, he says, UNB did well even though they had a mediocre set of backs. This time the backfield will be led by three outstanding players - scrum-half Ed Janesz, formerly of Ohio State RFC; out-half Jeff Mephram, who was injured and unable to play last spring; and inside centre Jim Garvey, formerly of University College Dublin, who was selected to play for the Irish Universities Selects against the New Zealand All-Blacks.

The backfield will be supported by a pack of forwards who are, Cockburn says, at least as good as the pack that intimidated and whipped the Virginia champions, James River RFC, a year ago.



Touch that rock and I'll break your face!



Hylas Chung took second place in the 132 lb blue to black belt division.

El-Khoury seventh in Nats

In his first national level wrestling meet, UNB Black Bear Gabriel El Khoury finished seventh in a field of 28.

El Khoury was competing in the 143 pound division in the National open wrestling championships which were held in Hamilton, Ontario last weekend. He was selected to represent the Atlantic region after winning the Atlantic Open championships and the New Brunswick championships.

El Khoury said that he was satisfied with his performance and added that he almost beat one of the higher rated wrestlers from Ontario.

Coach Jim Born of UNB, who was present at the meet as one of the Atlantic region coaches, said that El Khoury had wrestled well despite his lack of experience at that level. He added that the experience would help the rookie member of the squad 'up the ladder' in wrestling circles.

Concerning next year's Black Bears, Born said that the team would be losing only one member, Rod Bell, due to graduation and that the 'future looks good'.

Also representing the Atlantic as a coach was Bob Thayer of Dalhousie University which won this year's Atlantic intercollegiate championships.