

## Black Bears to come on strong this year

Jim Born, UNB head wrestling coach, doesn't come right out and say that his team will recapture the Atlantic Universities Athletic Association title, he just hints at it.

Born is very confident that his team can accomplish the task and unabashedly says, "It's the best talent we've had in the six years that I've been here. We have a lot of talent and a lot of keen wrestlers."

Born's record with the UNB Black Bears speaks for itself. In the past four years UNB has taken the AUAA title three times. Last

year they were narrowly edged out by Dalhousie University.

Born and Assistant Coach Mike Ballak, a former UNB wrestler, do not pin their hopes on any one wrestler. The team is composed of a blend of intercollegiate veterans and strong rookies with impressive high school records.

The squad has three AUAA winners on the roster this year, Ric Cuthbertson of Chomedey, P.Q., George Pineau of Oromocto, N.B. and Rod Bell of Dollard des Ormeaux, P.Q., all of whom won their weight divisions in last year's

AUAA championships. Bell went on to take a bronze medal in the Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic Union nationals.

Phil Knox of Beaconsfield, P.Q. won the AUAA two years ago but took the 1975-76 season off to train for the Olympic Trials. He was a member of the Canadian Junior World Championships greco roman wrestling team but an injury to his hand forced an early end to his endeavors.

Other AUAA veterans on the squad include Dave Niles of Fredericton, N.B. who finished

second in his division last year, and Steve Saunders of Hampton, N.B.

Three rookies from the Montreal area sport impressive records. Perry Kukkonen and Dan Berman both of Pointe Claire won the Montreal city championships while Rick Fray, of Beaconsfield took second place in the same competition.

Gabriel El-Khoury of Fredericton also has valid credentials in the fact that he won the New Brunswick High School title last year.

The final member of the squad is John McTiernan of Minto who will be wrestling for the first time.

167 lb. class. McTiernan and Saunders competed but were eliminated in the early rounds.

Missing from the roster were Bell, Cuthbertson, Pineau and Jim Neville. With the added skill of these wrestlers, Born feels that the outcome of the meet would have been different.

Born is also worried that Cuthbertson will be unable to rejoin the squad due to personal problems and is presently in the process of attempting to aid Cuthbertson in his difficulties. He said that if Cuthbertson leaves, the rest of the team would just have to work that much harder to make up for the disadvantage of having to compete with less than a full strength roster.

Commenting on the team, Pineau indicated that he felt that this year's team was much stronger than last. "The fact that we have national calibre wrestlers builds up a reputation for us. It's also good for the guys because we have the main coach (Born) who gives overall help and the other people assist in practise. It brings the team closer together." Pineau recently competed in and won the Montreal Open.

Kukkonen feels that the more experienced wrestlers have greatly aided the rookies on the team. "To me, I've learned a lot more than in previous years. Guys like Knoxie (Phil Knox) know what they are doing and are good to have on the team."

This weekend the Bears travel to the Acadia Open in Wolfville, N.S. The next home meet will be held during the first week of February.



Photo by Tom Best

Debating may be intellectually fulfilling, but occasionally it helps to drag someone down and strangle them....

## UNB Red Raiders lose to Acadia

It is well known, of course, that Acadia has a varied assortment of tall men, leapers, shooters, ball handlers and rebounders, but last weekend's 92-61 defeat of the Red Raiders cannot be blamed on lack of size or experience. Teams which are overall undersized can be

### Reds take 1st place honors

The 11th annual UNB Volleyball Invitational Tournament was held last weekend, with the "Reds" capturing first place honors in the women's division.

Friday night the action had the Reds well on the road to victory with wins against Saint Thomas and Mount Allison. An early morning match on Saturday proved no great problem to the Reds as they continued to dispose of the Moncton Juniors and finally, the University of Moncton.

Finals activity proved exciting, as should any playoff match. The UNB women seemed to handle U de M easily in the first game; but, U de M was not to be beaten that handily as they gathered an 11-3 lead in the second game. However, the Reds, in one of their famous comebacks, won the game 15-13.

In intercollegiate play, the Reds hold a 2-0 record this weekend. They continue with games at Mt. A. and U de M.

successful in Canadian basketball, then sixth ranking Carleton Ravens being an example which springs immediately to mind. Carleton has not a man on their roster over 6'3". Carleton's secret is defensive team work and shot selection, something the Red Raiders apparently forget as soon as they step onto the court. When the opponent is not a particularly sensational team, sometimes individual effort is all that is needed to win. Sometimes it isn't. And when the other team is damn good, shooting every time you get the ball and failure to box out your man on defense means that you will lose by 30 at least.

Things actually appeared quite good for the first fifteen minutes of last Saturday's game. The UNB guards, Florean and Cheam, had Upshaw and West bottled up out front and big 6'8" Ed Shannon did not get the ball inside.

Acadia then went to super-shooter Alvin Jessamy in the corner at the start of the game, but he was not hitting the basket. Down at the other end of the court turned-on Tom MacMillan of the Raiders hit consistently throughout the half but he was not handed the ball often enough.

By the last two or three minutes of the half UNB's zone defense was beginning to weaken as it was virtually three Acadia players on two Raiders under the boards. Shannon, Jessamy and Doug Roberts, averaging 20 pts per game were pitted against MacMillan and Nixon. Coach Don Nelson

attempted to remedy this situation by putting Tim Howatt into the game along with MacMillan and Nixon, but at the start of the second half, Howatt was back on the bench for some unknown reason.

With Shannon powering his way up for four quick hoops in the last minute of the first half, UNB found themselves down by 13 pts. as they came back out of the dressing room. To overcome a 13 pt lead held by a team which would probably play better in the second half than in the first would require a miracle but one did not occur.

The UNB offense never got underway. Bruce McCormack never connected with his outside shot, Andy Cheam never got open, and Nixon had trouble rebounding.

The Raiders were probably hurt by the absence of reserve Marc McGeachy, who is out with a bruised heel.

For Acadia, Shannon and Roberts continued to pour points in, winding up with 23 and 19 pts respectively, and Robbie Upshaw not noted for his shooting hit 8 for 10 from the top of the key.

Luigi Florean and MacMillan were the only Raiders to score in double figures, both picking up 18.

The Raiders are at home again this weekend, meeting Maine - Fort Kent, currently in first place in Main Small - College basketball tonight at 8:00 and Dalhousie tomorrow afternoon at 3:00.

Photo by Tom Best

Last weekend the Bears competed in the Moncton Open, finishing in second place to Dalhousie. The final score is some indication as to the closeness of the meet but Born feels that if UNB had had it's entire team present, the Dalhousie squad would have been unable to overcome UNB.

Dalhousie won the meet by virtue of a 61-54 tally but UNB was competing with only seven wrestlers. Dalhousie had a full complement of 12, one for each weight class.

The Bears took a total of four first places in the meet, mostly in the lower weight classes. Fray took the 109 pound class, Gubby El-Khoury took the 134, Niles dominated the 142 category and Knox won the 158 division. Kukkonen placed second in the

## Recreation program under way

The spring term is well underway and so is a new UNB-STU women's recreation program. Last week the Bruns listed the activities available for the coming week and this procedure will hopefully be followed throughout the term.

Those at Ringette and Volleyball last week are to be congratulated as are the women from McLeod who participated in their Residence day at the gym. It's great to see people making use of the program, so women are urged to return and to bring friends.

With one week of activities finished it is evident that the main problem with the program is a lack of participation. Last week's volleyball session had about 20 and ringette had 19 participants. With these sessions open to all girls of UNB and STU, these figures are very small.

There is a trophy for participation which has been donated by the Daily Gleaner and as of December 31, 1976, the points toward this were as follows:

- McLeod - 75
- Maggie J. and Murray - 55
- Vanier - 52
- L. Dunn - 44
- Tibbits - 30
- Off-Campus - 10.

Upcoming events:  
Sun. Jan. 23 "Lady Dunn Day" at Gym; Fitness Classes - Mon., Wed., Fri. 12:30 to 1:30, Main Gym; Tues., Jan. 25 "Free Skate", 5-6 p.m. Aitken Centre; Wed., Jan. 26, Volleyball, Main Gym, 8:30 to 10:00.

## Gap closing

Women are gradually closing the gap with men in competitive sports and may equal them in the near future, according to an Australian geneticist.

Dr. K.F. Dyer says a study of male and female athletic performances in 15 countries indicates that lack of sports opportunities, rather than physical differences, have kept women lagging behind men in sports competition.

Dyer notes that women were not permitted to enter the Olympic games until 1928 and points out that women have been steadily gaining ground on their male counterparts ever since.

Women's times trail men's by only six to 10 per cent and if that trend continues the two sexes could soon be equally competitive in sports, says Dyer.

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