

UNB Bears come to grips with new season

By TOM BEST

Jim Born, coach of the UNB Black Bears wrestling team, has no illusions about this year's team. "We have a long way to go but through hard work we have a long shot," Born said when referred to his chances of capturing the Atlantic universities championship.

"Most of our talent is centered in one area, from 134 to 142 pounds. Our goal is to win the championships but we have a long way to go." In referring to this weekend's season opener in Maine, Born said that "It will be a good indication of what we have. Last weekend, University of Maine in Presque Isle won a meet in Nova Scotia. They had over 90 points and Dalhousie, the nearest competitors, had only around 30." Last year, Dalhousie edged out UNB for the AUAA title.

Born said that "Most of the veterans on the team realize what we have to do. The younger guys have to fit into the idea of the older guys. They have to get accustomed to the university level.

The kids have to learn to diet properly and to train properly in order to become a championship team."

There are five rookies on this year's squad. Chris Knox sports the most impressive credentials. The Montreal native won the city high school championships last year and so far this year has shown good determination.

Reid Barnett, also from Montreal, finished second in the city championships last year and Born is relying upon him to fill in the big shoes of the 220 pound class. The other three rookies on the team, Bill Peppard in his second year at UNB, Leo McGee from Charlottetown, PEI, and Curt Doucette of Moncton, have all had limited wrestling experience but Born said that they show a great deal of promise.

The veterans on this year's team are led by Phil Knox and Dave Niles who both were AUAA champs last year. Also returning are Dan Berman, Gabriel El-Khoury, Perry Kukkonen and Rick

Frey. The former three finished second in their divisions last season while Frey came in fourth.

One veteran who will be a big asset to the team is Mike Ballak, a three time AUAA champion. Last year, Ballak did not attend school but was an assistant coach for Born. This year, Ballak is back in classes and is expected to boost the team in their efforts.

Born said that they will wrestle in the states on four occasions in an attempt to get needed experience and variety in their competition. He also said that he expected Dalhousie to be the biggest threat to the Bear cause. He added that they had lost four wrestlers from last year but that he was sure that their replacements would be able.

At the last meeting of the Canadian Amateur Wrestling Association, Born, who is president of the organization, was selected to act as the coach of the Canadian entry in the 1979 World Cup competition.



Thanks for everything, Amby Legere

BY JEFF IRWIN

The "winningest coach at UNB" is retiring after 32 years of service to the students and faculty at the university in the intramural program. Mr. Amby Legere was not always involved with the intramural program, he did a lot of coaching of several varsity teams including boxing, diving, mens and womens swimming, cross country and track and field to mention a few.

Amby coached the swim teams for 25 years and the cross country team for 20. It was not until recent



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years that the intramural program was placed under one directorship and placed in the capable hands of Mr. Legere.

Mr. Legere commented that he was very happy with the intramural program, but he also said that there was a lot of room for improvement as is the case with any job, else wise there would be no job to do. When asked how the program of today compares with the one that existed when he came here in 1946, Amby said that it was greatly improved and had a wider variety of sports.

"When I first started it was directly after the war and all the veterans were returning to university. At that time there were about 1350 students enrolled in the university, the participation was low in intramural competition, but it has grown consider-

ably, percentage wise, over the past 32 years.

He said that he felt the intramural program at UNB was second to none in the Atlantic Provinces, and on a competitive level with the rest of Canada.

When asked about future plans, Amby commented that he was going to take a trip to Florida and relax for awhile. Mr. Legere plans also to do a lot of heavy fishing as

he is an avid fisherman. His plans might also include some volunteer work and some bartending.

Mr. Legere commented that he has had a very enjoyable life here at UNB and has gained a lot of inner satisfaction and gratification in the field of sports here.

Well from all of us here at the University we wish you all the best of luck in the future and you can be sure we will all miss you.

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employees and any profits generated in the operation will be donated to the Canadian Rehabilitation Council for the Disabled, N.B. Branch Inc. (C.R.C.D.)

John Bouza, former manager of the Capital Winter Club and the Capital Racquet Club, will become manager and head teaching pro at the new club.

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Renovations to the building at the Coliseum are well under way right now and anyone interested in learning more about the Fredericton Racquet Club, Inc. is welcome to visit the Club or phone John Bouza at 455-2111.

Gymnastics

Last weekend, the UNB Saltos gymnastics team, coached by Pierre Gervais hosted a meet which featured the top competitors of the Atlantic region. UNB student Bert Principe, competing for the Fredericton Eagles club, finished second overall behind Scott Hill of the Eagles. Ken Salmon of the Saltos was the top UNB gymnast, finishing third in the large field.

Principe was edged out by Hill who obtained a mere .50 points more than him. He won the parallel bars event and finished second in the floor exercise, vault and horizontal bars events. He also finished third in the pommel horse and rings.

Salmon won the rings and pommel horse and finished third in the parallels and horizontal bar.

The highlight of the meet was a double back somersault performed by Hill in the floor exercise.

The Saltos next meet will be February 4 when they will host the UNB invitational which will feature the top gymnasts in the Atlantic and Quebec regions.



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