

Meds have UAB trophy sewn up

With less than a month to go in the men's intramural program the final unit standings are starting to take shape. The faculty of Medicine, at press time, looks like a shoo-in to cop the UAB aggregate trophy for top unit. The Meds have not only participated in large numbers under the direction of unit manager Mike Bullard but also have won many of the intramural competitions.

The doctors hold a comfortable 600-point edge over second-place Dentistry—the Dents' only hope of

catching up is to capture all the honors in volleyball and hockey.

Wayne Page of Phys Ed has other plans, however. His crew is only a slim 200 points out of second place and the jocks are traditionally strong finishers.

Law and Kappa Sigma round out the top five but their positions are precarious with St. Joe's, Dekes and Phi Delt's breathing down their necks.

At present six men are in the running for top intramural athlete. Dennis St. Arnaud and Rick Melnyk

have oodles of participation points and played for the Kappa Sigma championship hockey squad. St. Arnaud also won his weight class in wrestling.

Three Med boys, Gord Arnett, Tim Lavens, and Jim Fisher, have garnered a bundle of points in basketball to hoist themselves up in the individual race.

Bob Brust of Theta Chi has shown prowess in track and cross-country running and must be also considered a potential winner.

The men's intramural program officially ends on March 19 and by then close to 5,000 different males will have participated in at least one activity.

Curling

Over 90 teams took to the ice last week for the annual men's intramural bonspiel. When all the rocks had been thrown a team from the Geography department curling for Arts and Science took home the "A" event trophies while a Medicine foursome captured the "B" event silverware.

Bill Shaw skipped his teammates—Neville Ward, Rod McGinn and Ray Towle—through the 'spiel and ended up with six straight wins. Shaw's squad defeated Ron Warner of Dentistry in the finale.

The "B" final was a cliffhanger all the way. Harvey Haakonson and his team of doctors Lee Siebert, Norris Rich and Terry Sosnowski outlasted the Wayne Curtis aggregation from Education. Only a heart-breaking miss by the Education skip in the last end prevented them from entering the winner's circle.

Unofficial team standings show Dentistry in first place, with Engineering, St. John's, Arts and Science and Education rounding out the top five.

Basketball golf

One of the novelty events in the men's intramural program took place last Thursday in the Education gymnasium.

The event—basketball golf and freethrow competitions.

The golf section consists of marking nine spots on the floor at varying distances from the basket and a competitor tries to complete the course in as few shots as possible.

The freethrow event is simply taking 25 shots from the freethrow line and tallying the number of successful shots.

Frank Sutton (Medicine) was the best golfer of the evening taking only 11 shots to complete the course. Jim Ebbels (Phi Delt), Lloyd Skuba (Dent) and Conrad Sollid (Dent) each scored 13's to tie for second.

Bill Terry of Dentistry was successful on 24 of 25 freethrows to take top spot. Rich Dorwart—an Engineer—was second with 23. Doctor Frank Sutton proved his golf score was no fluke as he was good on 22 of his shots.

Dean Burr of LDS and Jim Ebbels tied for fourth with 21.

Dentistry and Medicine were one-two when the statistics were compiled. St. Joe's, Law and Engineering rounded out the top five in that order.

Du Maurier International Ski Meet underway in Vancouver

VANCOUVER—The eyes of the sports world will focus on this west coast city Thursday through Sunday when the du Maurier International will take centre stage on picturesque Grouse Mountain.

More than 100 of the world's top skiers from 14 countries will compete in this, the only World Cup event staged in Canada. The du Maurier International is only one of three World Cup ski events held in North America.

The skiers will be vying for double honors, too. They'll be racing for the du Maurier Cup—one each for men and women—to be awarded to the overall winners of the slalom and giant slalom races.

And, they'll be seeking to add to their World Cup point totals. The Evian Trophy—again, one each for men and women—is awarded to competitors who compile the most points at 19 World Cup meets held in Europe, the United States and here this week.

For the past two seasons, the du Maurier International has been the deciding race for World Cup individual championships. Nancy Greene Raine took the women's cup in 1968 before a hometown crowd at Rossland, B.C., while Jean-Claude Killy of France clinched his title at the same meet. In 1969, Austria's Gertur Gabl and Karl Schranz took the men and women's individual honors at Mont Ste. Anne, Quebec.

Schranz, 31, is once again locked in a bitter struggle for the men's title. He currently leads the men's World Cup standings with 146 points. But right back of him with 140 points are Patrick Russel of France and Italy's Gustavo Thoeni, the most improved skier on the World Cup circuit this season. He was not ranked high by any FIS standings for 1970.

The women's World Cup race is almost exclusively a French thing.

Versatile Michele Jacot, 17, is the current leader with 170 points. She is followed by teammates Francoise Macchi (145 points) and Florence Steurer (124 points). Three other French women are also in the top ten. They are Ingrid Lafforgue (tied for fifth at 115 points), Isabelle Mir (eighth at 100 points) and Annie Famose (tenth at 81 points).

Judy Nagel and Barbara Cochran of the United States are sandwiched between the French girls. Miss Nagel is in fourth place with 118 points. Miss Cochran is tied with Miss Lafforgue.

Hint of the Week

Yes, friends, amid midterms and playoffs and things we still have time to put out this week's hint.

Hockey is the sport of the moment, what with NHL, the WCIAA playoffs and intramurals, so we decided to include a tennis hint this week.

Actually our hint is more of a point to ponder. How many tennis buffs have ever tried to "love 40?"

The large crowds gathering to watch the races will, of course, be pulling for Canadian victories and it is felt that the home crowd support might be enough to inspire winning performances from the 50-member Canadian team, largest at the meet.

Given the best chances of earning a du Maurier Cup for Canada are 16-year-old Betsy Clifford of Ottawa, who has earned more points than any other Canadian in World Cup events this year, and Judy Crawford, 18, of Toronto.

Miss Clifford is currently in seventh place in World Cup standings with 101 points. She astonished the ski world two weeks ago at the FIS world championships at Val Gardena, Italy, by winning the ladies' giant slalom.

She added to her point total this past weekend at Jackson Hole, Wyoming, by placing third in slalom.

Miss Crawford also pulled a pleasant surprise at Val Gardena, finishing fourth in the downhill, her highest placing ever on the World Cup tour.

The World Cup Coup Des Nations Trophy is another story—spelled France.

The talented French team is expected to add to its already impressive total. The men and women from France have compiled 1,469 points to date, compared with 755 points scored by defending champion Austria. The United States is in third place with 503 points.

Canada is in seventh place with 116 points, 101 of those points amassed by Miss Clifford.

To meet the challenge from the world's best skiers, Grouse Mountain has been finely honed. More than \$500,000 in improvements has been spent to spruce up the grand old lady for the event.

Experts agree the selection of Grouse Mountain for the du Maurier International is an outstanding one. Four years ago, the Canadian national team spent several days on the mountain and said the giant slalom course was one of the finest in the world.

Back on February 10, Jean Claude Killy tested the giant slalom and slalom courses and said: "They will be a credit to Canada."

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