

UNB Saltos complete best gymnastics year yet!

The UNB Saltos, the men's gymnastics team, has just completed their most successful year ever. They just returned from the CIAU gymnastic championships, where they placed fourth behind York, Laval and Calgary. UNB has been last in this meet ever since national championships began in 1968.

Although they only moved up one position, other statistics indicate that this is a dramatic improvement. UNB's team score was up 30 points from last year. Their team score of 198.3 would have placed them third last year. The calibre of the CIAU meet is considerably higher this year with the average all around score up three full

marks. All UNB gymnasts all around scores are up at least four points.

UNB was led by graduating team captain Pierre Gervais with an all around score of 43.2. This was good enough for a 15th place finish, the best finish ever by a UNB gymnast. Ken Salmon continued his rapid improvement by placing

18th with 41.8. This is nine points higher than his last year's all around score.

The other members of the team were Mike Patterson, Bob Johnson, Dennis McKinley and Bert Principe, who placed 23rd, 29th, 32nd and 34th respectively. Bert Principe was injured and unable to perform on floor and vault.

American games and at the Olympics, was pleased with this year's performance by UNB and is looking forward to a successful season in 1976-77.

He also wished to thank several individuals who contributed to the success of this year's team, especially Rob Paradis, the assistant coach, and Dan Levert, the team manager. He also extended gratitude to Rudy Stocck, Ken Daley and Sandy Perley who officiated at the UNB hosted meets.

It will be difficult to match this improvement in future years. However, prospects for continued growth are good. Only two of the team graduate and at least two freshmen are expected to attend UNB who are already capable of scoring 35 points. Our improvement this year is directly related to the fact that 3 of the team train year round. Next year's team will hopefully be composed of 6 year round gymnasts.

In individual events UNB also showed well. Pierre Gervais became the first UNB gymnast ever to make finals with an 8.85 on rings. He finished sixth in the event after finals. Mike Patterson received 8.25 on floor exercise for a tenth place finish and Ken Salmon received 8.3 on vault for an 11th place.

Highlights of the year include winning all of the Atlantic conference (AUAA) meets and breaking twelve UNB and AUAA records. Coach Don Eagle, who was selected to judge at the Pan

Three medals, sixth for Beavers

By TOM BEST

UNB's men's team to the Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic Union (CIAU) swimming and diving championships held in last weekend in Waterloo consisted of five swimmers and three divers. The small group brought back one medal in swimming and two in diving as they finished sixth overall out of the twenty-one teams competing.

Dave Banks took the bronze medal in the 1650 meter event and fifth in the 500 meter, while John Thomson finished third on the three meter board and fourth on the one meter. Dale MacLean captured second on the one meter and ninth on the three meter. All of the team finished in the top ten in at least one event.

Coach Gary Brown said the

calibre of the meet was "very high" and said several Canadian records were broken. Canada is rated fourth in the world in swimming.

Brown said the relay team would have been more competitive if Paul Steeves had not sustained an injury to his shoulder. Steeves had the potential to be a finalist in the 200 meter breaststroke event.

In assessing the performance of his team, Brown felt most of them had improved their times in the individual events and was pleased with the overall improvement of the team since last year's national meet. He said that when he first coached the UNB team at the CIAU's, the team finished near the bottom of the standings but that every year the standings had improved.

To improve in such a manner, he said that the swimmers would have to place in at least the top six in the heats or finals.

He indicated that the Atlantic Conference (AUAA) was strong and that his team members had been emphasizing training to win the conference titles instead of training specifically for the nationals.

"The swimming competition gets tougher every year in the AUAA. The standards were very high this year," Brown added.

Even though the team will be losing three members next year, Brown is optimistic that the Beavers will improve their national standings again. "The boys have a desire to be winners," Brown said, "and are capable of moving up."

Bell pins AUAA's only medal

By TOM BEST

The long season of wrestling has virtually come to an end with two tournaments held over the March break. Three of the Black Bears travelled to the Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic Union (CIAU) wrestling championships in Thunder Bay, while on the following weekend four UNB athletes went to the Atlantic Open championships held in St. John's Nfld.

At the CIAU's, UNB's Rod Bell took the Atlantic conferences only

medal with his third place finish in the Heavyweight class. George Pineau, fighting in the 109 pound class finished fourth while Rick Cuthbertson was eliminated in the early rounds of competition.

Coach Jim Born said that although the Atlantic conference finished last in the tourney, this year's performance was the best ever by the conference. As an example of improvement, Born said that last year only two wrestlers from the Maritimes didn't get pinned while this year,

only one quarter of the entire team was pinned. The team lost the majority of their fights by decisions.

Born said the calibre of competition this year was greatly improved over former years. Several American teams also visited the area this year and provided wrestlers with a good deal of experience.

Following the CIAU competition, the Bears went to the Newfoundland meet. The squad was supplemented by Dave Niles and Mike Ballak, who, although not on the UNB squad officially because of eligibility reasons, trains with the squad and wrestles for Born's Wrestling Club. Pineau did not compete because of sickness.

Niles captured the gold medal in his division as did Bell. Cuthbertson took the silver in his category while Ballak came home with the bronze.

Niles was also chosen to represent the Atlantic area at the Canadian Open championships to be held in St. Jean, Quebec.

Born is looking forward to next year and expects the team to be much stronger. "This year was a building year. The boys are young and will get experience." He cites Niles as the most improved wrestler but adds that all of the wrestlers on this year's team have done well.

victories. He has organized the UNB Shield each year since 1972, and the tournament has become the equivalent of an AUAA Championship in fencing. Individually, he has been UNB's most successful competitor, winning several N.B. Championships as well as many medals and trophies outside N.B. For the last three years, he has coached at the club.

Both of these fencers have contributed a great deal to the club during their years at UNB, and they will not easily be replaced. However, the club has a new executive (Cal Lambert - President, Martin Rosenbloom - 1st V-P, Sandy McAuley - Secretary-Treasurer) and Dr. Barna Szabados will remain as coach.

UNB will host the N.B. Fencing Championships Saturday, March 20, in the Main Gym, from 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. This will be the last time Heans and Morrison compete for UNB in a club-hosted tournament. In May, several team members will compete in the Easterns in Halifax, and the Nationals in Saskatoon.

Morrison, Heans finish service with fencers

This coming May, the UNB Fencing Club will lose two of its staunchest members. Both Larry Heans and Roland Morrison will be graduating from UNB, after long years of service with the Club.

Heans has been a member of the club since 1972. Since then he has become a club instructor, a member of the N.B. Fencing Team at the 1975 Canada Winter Games, and one of N.B.'s top fencers. He currently holds the silver medal in epee in N.B., and a bronze in foil. Club secretary-treasurer last year, he is currently President of the UNB club, while also Secretary of the N.B. Fencing Association. Currently he is engaged in organizing the N.B. Junior Olympic Fencing Championships in Chatham, March 27.

Morrison joined the club in 1971. From 1971 to 1973 he was Club President, though he relinquished this position upon entering Law School at UNB. He has been the driving force in the club during his five years at UNB, and has led UNB to several intercollegiate

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