

Acadia, UPEI hopeful

by Carol Montgomery

The UPEI Panthers upset the top-seeded Acadian Axemen to capture the AUAA Basketball Conference Championships Saturday at the Halifax Forum.

The victory marked the Panthers' second conference banner in three years. They upset the country's second-ranked team, the Axemen, 72-68.

UPEI coach George Morrison, who was thrilled with the win, praised sophomore forward Peter Gordon for his efforts. "Offensively, you have to look at Peter Gordon, who was fantastic. He just made stuff one-on-one when Acadia had shut everything else down. It's hard to think he could do much more than he did today."

Gordon hooped a high 34

points in the game. He was the unanimous choice for the tournament's most valuable player and has averaged 20.6 points per game in league play and was voted to the first all-star team.

Regardless of the loss, the Axemen gained one of two wild card berths in this week's national men's basketball championship.

The Brandon Bobcats, who completed a sweep of the best-of-three Great Plains final with a 95-72 decision over the Regina Cougars, are the top seed for the national tournament, which begins Friday at the Halifax Metro Centre. They are followed in order of seeding by Victoria, Acadia, Western Mustangs, Saskatchewan, Bishop's Gators, UPEI, and Carleton Ravens.

Friday afternoon, defending national champion Brandon will

play Carleton, and Western will meet Saskatchewan. Although the order of the games has yet to be finalized, one will go at 1:00 p.m. and the other at 3:00 p.m.

Friday night, Acadia takes on Bishop's at 7:00 p.m. and UPEI goes up against Victoria at 9:00 p.m.

Volleyball win

The Dalhousie men's volleyball Tigers captured their eighth AUAA championship in nine years over the weekend, posting a regular season record of 18-0, a playoff record of 2-0 and a game record of 60-2 for 1987-88.

The Tigers defeated Memorial University in the championship round 15-1, 15-1, 15-6 after defeating Moncton 15-6, 15-6, 15-6 in preliminary action.

Brian Rourke was chosen AUAA MVP, while Brian Johnston and Travis Murphy were named to the AUAA all star team. Veteran Tiger coach Al Scott was selected AUAA Coach of the Year.

The Tigers will travel to Guelph to compete in the CIAU March 17-19.

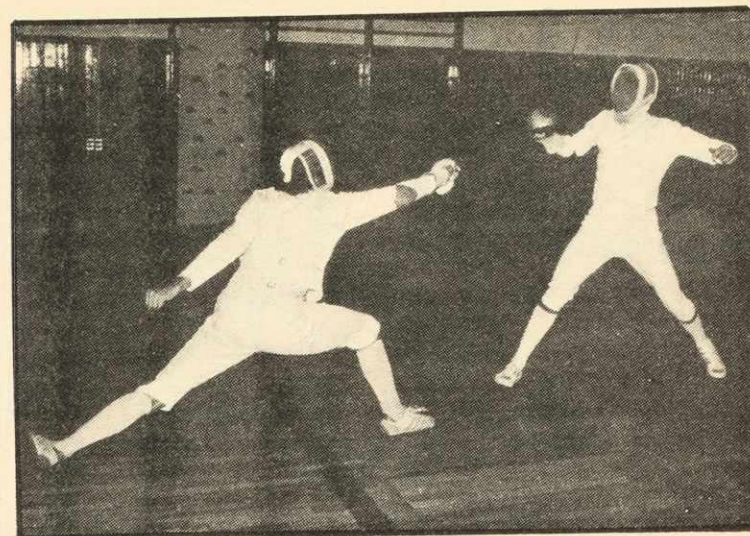


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Fencers demonstrating use of the sabre.

Fencers successful

by Dale A. Rissesco

Last weekend in the Studley Gym, the Dalhousie Fencing Club hosted the Nova Scotia Senior Provincial Fencing Championships. Taking part in the event were the YMCA Enguardians, Halifax Grammar School, Sackville Cavaliers, Saint Mary's University, and Dalhousie.

In the Ladies' division, Dalhousie came out on top with one second- and two third-place finishes.

In the Foil event, Jen Trabert

of the YMCA came in first, Ann Copeland of the YMCA came in second, and Nicole McBride of Dalhousie came in third.

In the Epée event, Jen Trabert came in first, Nicole McBride came in second, and Kelly Marzec of Dalhousie came in third.

In the Sabre event, Heather Landymore of Halifax Grammar School came in first, Jennifer Wells of Saint Mary's came in second, and Nicole McBride came in third.

At the end of the event, Nicole McBride was named the Mistress at Arms (champion of the three weapons) with one second- and two third-place finishes.

In the Men's division, Dalhousie again came out on top with two first-place finishes and one third.

In the Foil event, Florian Friedrich of Dalhousie came in first, Alan Spruin, unattached, came in second, and Aubrey Sanders of Sackville came in third.

In the Epée event, Rolly Morrison of Sackville came in first, Chris Horwood of Sackville came in second, and Florian Friedrich came in third.

In the Sabre event, Florian Friedrich came in first, Rolly Morrison came in second, and Sean Hoskins came in third.

At the end of the event, Florian Friedrich was named Master of Arms (three-weapon champion) for the third year in a row with two first- and one third-place finish.

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