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# Judo Club takes 'J' division trophy for first time

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There is no way of describing the reaction of the UNB Judo Club when UNB's A team advanced into the finals with UNB's B team. Pandemonium might possibly be a good word as UNB was assured the RCMP "J" Division trophy for the first time in the UNB Judo Clubs history. In fact, it was the first time that UNB has won any team trophy.

The trophy at stake is traditionally awarded to the team winning the UNB Judo Invitational Tournament. This aspect of tournament fighting, or shiai, is a contest between two five-man teams. The lightest two fight first, the next heaviest second and so on. The team with the most wins advances. This year there were seven teams vying for the trophy. Besides UNB's two teams were two teams from F'ons Azuma J.C., Edmunston J.C., Universite de Moncton J.C. and Newcastle J.C.

UNB's B team drew a bye to meet Edmunston in the semi-finals while the "A" team advanced to the semi-finals against perennial rivals Azuma. B team defeated Edmunston to be in the final against the winner at Azuma A vs. UNB A. Azuma had last year beaten UNB in four tourneys so that UNB had a strong desire to win. UNB won the first two matches and dropped the next two to create an atmosphere of tension. Marcel Morency, who had been promised a kiss by "A" captain Don Glaspy, if he won, met Al Currie and began the fight by attempting to throw Currie who expertly countered Marcel's attack. Currie held an edge into the final minute of the match when the fight went to the ground. Morency managed to get on top of Currie and managed to choke him so that the contest went to UNB.

In a criticizable breach of Judo etiquette "A" team to state it plainly went crazy. Morency received his reward from Glaspy and after calming down enough to have the contest awarded to UNB. "A" team stepped off the mat and joined in a victory dance with other Judo Club members. As "A" met B in the Final, each match ended in bear-hug embraces and slaps on the back. "A" team had superiority and consequently the received the trophy.

The victorious team "A" consisted of Marcel Morency, Don Glaspy, Daryl Steeves, Samson Chung and Peter Leenhouts while the second place B team was composed of Jim Tracy, J.C. Parise, Gerry Peters, Andrew Gardner and Fred Blaney. Needless to say both teams and the rest of the Club celebrated the victory.

The team competition, however, was only the last event of the tournament. Fighting for individual trophies began at one o'clock and continued for 7 hours when the teams began registration began at 11 a.m. and when it had closed, over 160 competitors had been counted. These came from fourteen clubs of the whole Maritime region. Besides 10 clubs from N.B., two clubs crossed over from P.E.I. and two came from N.S.

Beginning the day were over 30 girls who fought in three weight divisions (Lt., Middle, Heavy). UNB's girls did themselves proud with three out of four in the semi-finals in the only category they entered - middle. Glenna Smith picked up the 1st place trophy, and Linda MacRae collected a second place while Alexa Morrison, fighting in her first tournament, did not advance from the semi-finals. Also from UNB were Isabel Gomori and Tina Hicks who demonstrated fine Judo despite losing.

The girls Lt. weight division was captured by Julie Durette of Edmunston J.C. followed by Ginette Doucette from Dalhousie while the heavy wt. honors went to Cathy McLeary of Charlottetown, P.E.I. who was in the final against Denise Godbout of Edmunston. With the completion of the women the men began. In the White to Orange Belt under 139 lb. category were over 30 judoka present. Although he finished out of the winners, Marcel Morency earned the Top Throw trophy by throwing three different opponents for full points which are very hard to achieve. His first was on a beautiful foot-sweep that was witnessed and remarked upon by many of the officials at the tournament. Renard Elward of Caraquet beat J.P. Bernard of Edmunston in the final and they were given their respective awards.

The next division (Wt. to Or. -154 lbs.) was entered by four UNB Judo Club members with Jean Claude Parise placing third and Mike Hethrington 4th. Bernard Paulin of Caraquet took first against Sean Mulligan of Charlottetown P.E.I. in the final. Under 176 lb. White to Orange Belt saw UNB's Wayne Lenihan go to the Quarter finals in his first tournament and ended with fifth place standing. Adrian St. Onge of Edmunston met an injured Rick Gunter (Azuma) in the final and although Gunter showed good spirit, his injury denied him 1st place.

The -205 lb. Wh. to Or. saw Peter Leenhouts of UNB go against Ian Barry of Newcastle. Leenhouts showed good technique in equaling a half point deficit but Barry had the decision go against him after the time limit expired. Andrew Gardner of UNB placed second behind Miles McAlistar of Azuma in the heavyweight white

to orange division. McAlistar, who is on the Winter Games Team. This category completed the White to Orange Competition.

The first category of the Green to Black belt fight was that of under 139 lb. Two judoka from Shimpoki Club of Saint John met in the final with Jim Tracy defeating Harold Stears.

The next division (under 154) witnessed Samson Chung (UNB) win all of his fights but one. He met Jean Claud Thibeault of Universite de Moncton in the final and when the judges went to a decision Thibeault was the winner. Since Thibeault also lost one fight, the two had equal records and the decision could have gone either way.

The Under 176 lb. Final was between Larry MacLaggan of Azuma (F'ton) up against Hubert Marchbank of Charlottetown. This match was also close and went to Marchbank. The following weight class (-205 lb) was won by Antonio Goupil of U de M while second place was Gilles Rosignon of Edmunston.

The night wore on into the Open Division, always exciting and interesting. Any weight can compete as can any belt so many interesting combinations crop up, for instance a 139 lb. yellow belt might meet a 250 lb. black belt. UNB's Gerry Peters beat big, friendly Alex Contas of Azuma and went to the final against Rino Peron of Edmunston. The match went on and Gerry scored the victory.

The last event has already been described. Complete chaos, after ecstasy. The only trophy left to award was the Top Competitor which went to Jules Bosse of Edmunston, facts and figures prove interesting as UNB took 7 individual prizes (2 firsts, 4 seconds, Top Throw) and the Team Trophy (RCMP "J" Division Cup, one trophy to each member of the team). Out of a total of 34 trophies, UNB captured 13 or 38 percent. However, since UNB didn't enter two divisions the figure rises to 43 percent an amazing number. UNB also had many thirds, fourth and fifths out of 165 competitors.

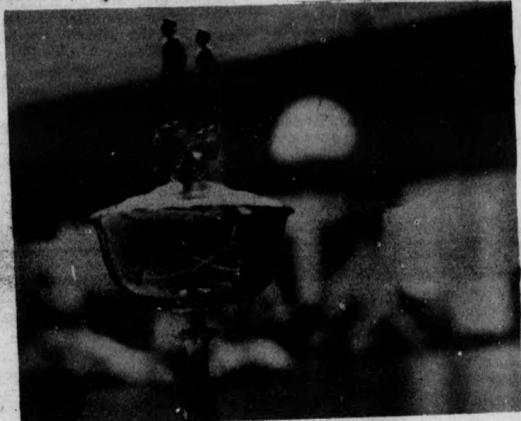
The club's record speaks for itself. The victory was nice but what made it all the more sweet was the fact that it was held at UNB. Last year the club had its ups and downs, but this year things seemed to have congealed and all the decorations on club members' walls and shelves proves it.

Following the tournament, the club sponsored a Pub at McConnell Hall where they celebrated and showed the judoists who didn't go home a good time. The celebrations lasted almost all night.

The fact that the tournament ran so smoothly was due the expertise of Dave Anderson and the rest of the referees at the Competition. Even with two mats, the fighting

lasted 9 hours but this could have been much longer. Many of the clubs competing travelled considerable distances - Edmunston, Dalhousie, two clubs from P.E.I.,

Dalhousie University to mention only a few. All competed well and put on a good show of judo. Congratulations to the winners and especially the UNB Judo Club.



Shown is the RCMP "J" Division Trophy for Five Man team fighting. This is the first time the trophy has been won by UNB.



One contestant throws his opponent with O Soto Gari (Major Outer Reap).



Samson Chung of UNB attempts to choke an opponent. Samson went on to take second place in his division.

## UNB divers take top honours

The UNB diving team once again showed their supremacy over their Atlantic conference last weekend; The men taking the top three places off both boards against both Acadia and Dalhousie and the women taking top honors against Dal. Top male diver was John Thompson winning on both boards against both schools. Top female diver was Becky Reid taking top places against Dalhousie and running a close second to Judy Bailey of Acadia on Friday night.

Claude Cormier, a second year diver, placed second on all boards against both schools.

The highlight of Friday night was all three male divers breaking 200 points on the 1 metre boards with six dives. The scores were John Thompson - 223.00 points; Claude Cormier - 206.10 points; and Dale McLean scoring 200.65 points.

Special mention should be given to our first year divers: Margot Deane placing third against Acadia and 2nd against Dalhousie

on the 1 metre board; Barb Kovacs placing 3rd against Dal. on 1 and 3 metre boards; and Bernie Leblanc who dove very well. George Leblanc place 4th on both boards against Dal. and Acadia. Dale MacLean placed third all around against both schools.

Would you like to see what the best of the Maritime divers look like? Well, come on down to the pool Saturday, February 1, at 1:00 p.m. We'd be delighted to show you some really good dives!