

Morrison, Heans lead fencers to champion year

UNB Fencing Club members were active in fencing even before the Club began its 1975-76 season in mid-September. At the end of August, both Club Coach, Dr. Barna Szabados, and Roland Morrison, were in attendance at the Montreal International Tournament, 1975. The tournament was the test for the Olympic Fencing site facilities. Dr. Szabados acted as co-manager of the Canadian team, while Roland Morrison represented Canada in Epee, as well as doing minor officiating tasks.

Starting the year off early, Morrison competed in the Joseph Howe Festival Tournament in Halifax, Oct. 5. He came back with a silver in epee, and bronzes in Foil and Sabre. He was particularly bitter about the bronze in Sabre, since he felt the Nova Scotian judging robbed him of the gold.

October 25-26 UNB hosted the N.B. Open Fencing Championships. Morrison had begun organizing the tournament in June, and like most well-prepared events, it was highly successful. The tournament attracted competitors from all Atlantic Provinces, Maine, Quebec, and Ontario, including two National "A" class fencers. Needless to say, the two "A" fencers cleaned up in Foil,

with Ottawa's Gerry Wall winning it, and Montreal's Donald Charest placing second.

UNB's top placing in Foil was Roland Morrison who was eliminate in the semi-finals. In Epee, only R. Morrison was able to survive the Quebec onslaught, placing second behind U. de Laval's Denis Bellavance. Club coach Barna Szabados tied for first in Sabre, but he was beaten in the tie-breaking barrage by Dave Green of Halifax. Martin Rosenbloom, competing in his first tournament, placed third in Jr. Men's Foil, behind two Tracadie fencers. UNB hasn't had a lady fencer since Paulette Levesque went to Ottawa, so N.S. fencers had full run of the Ladies' and Jr. Ladies' Foil events, Denise Mullan winning both for Dalhousie University.

Larry Heans and Morrison competed in the McMillan-McFarland tournament in Ottawa at the end of November. Heans was eliminated in first round action in Foil and Sabre, while Roland Morrison missed a vital hit in Sabre to miss the semi-finals, eventually placing 15th in a field of 38. In epee, Morrison did make the semis, where he was eliminated by members of the Canadian Olympic Epee team, placing 10th of 46

fencers. Morrison withdrew from quarter finals in Foil due to pulled ankle tendons.

The Club had a layover until January 16 when Morrisons and Heans competed in the Lt.-Governor's Challenge in Halifax. In Foil, Heans beat both Green and Donovan, N.S.'s top foilists, to pave the way for Roland's first tournament victory in that province. Larry tied for second, but on indicators he was fourth.

January 31, UNB's Martin Rosenbloom tied for first in Novice's Men's Foil with Danny Goodwin of Minto, at the U. of Maine (Orono) Invitational. Rosenbloom went on to win the title. In Open Men's Foil, Morrison lost to Shelley Berman of Bangor to place second.

On February 7, the UNB team of Martin Rosenbloom (Foil), Roland Morrison (Epee), Diane Szabados (Ladies' Foil) and Barna Szabados (Sabre) wrested the A. Knappe Mixed Team Trophy from Saint John, to uphold the honor of the donor of the trophy, former club coach Alfred Knappe.

UNB Fencers led N.B. to victories on February 14 in all three events at the Maritime Open Team Fencing Championships, held in Moncton. Morrison (UNB), Cal Lambert (UNB) and Rick

Gosselin (Saint John) combined to win Mixed Foil, while Gosselin and the Morrison brothers, George and Roland, won Epee. Calvin joined Leader's Certificate. Since both are graduating, their coaching ability will be sorely missed next year, as will their competitive

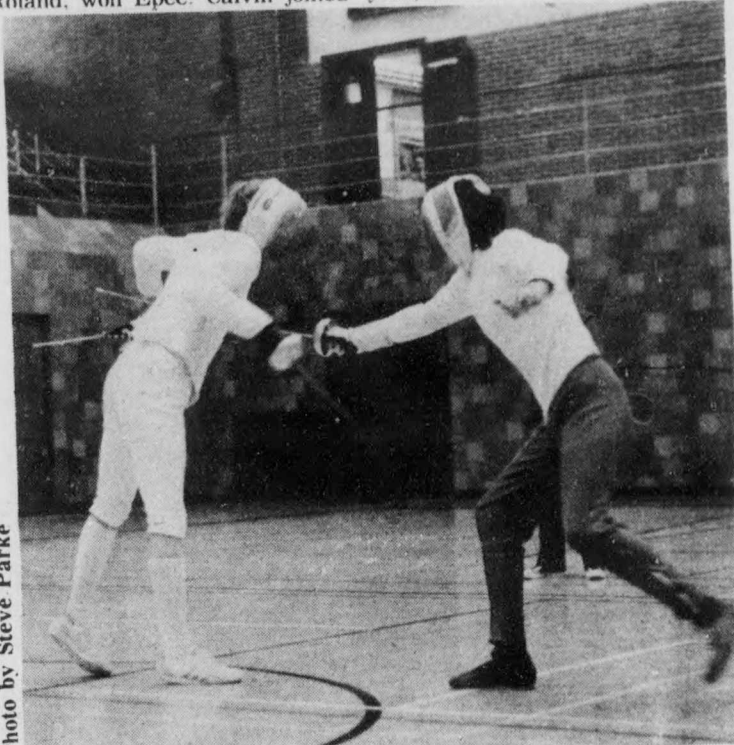


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ROLAND MORRISON AND LARRY HEANS lead UNB's fencing club to another championship season.

the brothers to win the Sabre Title for N.B.

Last weekend, UNB hosted the N.B. Fencing Championships. Morrison successfully defended his foil title, losing a single bout to team mate Heans, but lost his Epee crown to Saint John's Rick Gosselin, placing second. Heans was third in Epee, while losing a tie for first in Sabre to Minto's George Morrison. Gosselin was third in Sabre. Ann Gosselin won Ladies' Foil for Saint John, while Minto's Cindy McAuley was second.

This afternoon (March 26) Morrison will be travelling to compete in the Quebec Metro Invitational, hosted by the U. de Laval, while Heans heads to Chatham to take charge of the N.B. Jr. Olympics. April 4, club members will compete in the Maine State Fencing Ch'ships, and May 1-2 will see UNB fencers in Halifax for the Easterns. Several fencers will also attend the Nationals in Saskatoon in mid-May.

Heans and Morrison both successfully passed the Atlantic Fencing Federation Associate Leaders' Coaching Certificate, with Morrison also holding a Canadian Fencing Association

leadership as evidenced by their activities this past season. Calvin Lambert will take up the reins, and Dr. Szabados will remain to provide excellent coaching for the Club.

Dr. Barna Szabados and Mr. Alfred Knappe have described and built at UNB an electronic device for aiding in the scoring of fencing competitions.

The device, called a Universal Equipment Tester is a quick means of tracing malfunctions in the scoring apparatus which ate so frequent in fencing competition.

Foil and epee events are scored by means of electronic equipment which is activated by the closing of an electric circuit. The two fencers are each attached to a spring coiled electric cord which is in turn attached to their weapons.

When a hit is scored, the circuit is complete and the score is recorded on the control board.

The device is useful only for the foil and epee events as the means of scoring with these weapons is by a stab to the torso. The sabre event is judged by an official and four spotters. Since the most common hit is a slash, the electronic scoring devices are not employed.

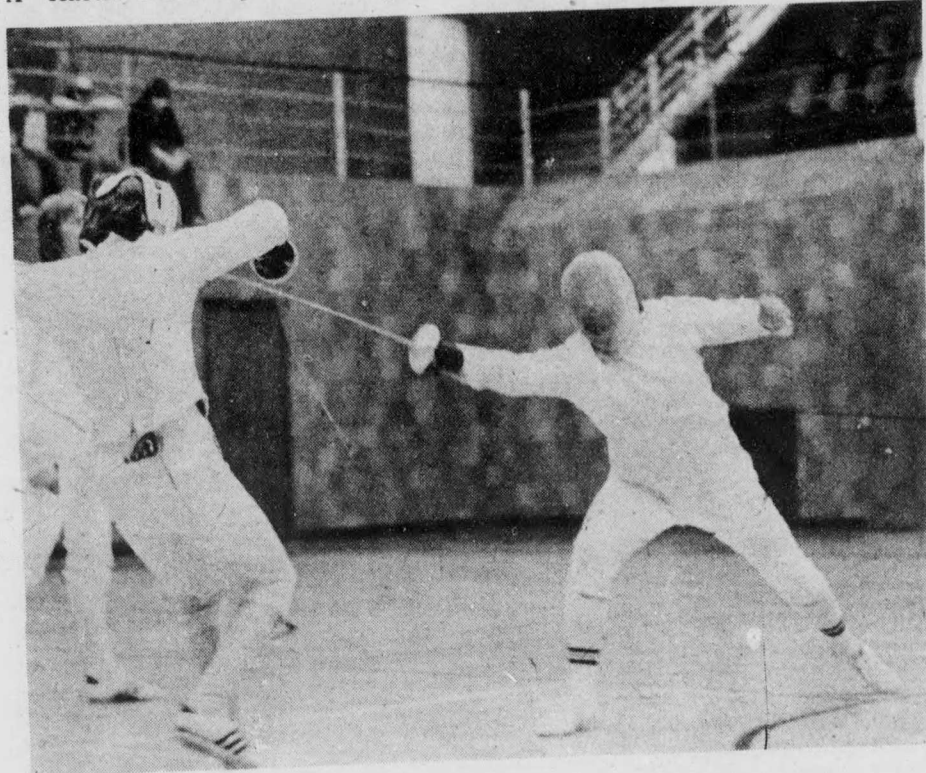


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Born's wrestling Bears strengthened with national experience

Summing up the performance of this year's edition of the Black Bears wrestling team, coach Jim Born said that this year was on eof rebuilding. He also stated that he was very encouraged with the wrestlers he had to work with over the season.

One of the big problems facing the team this year was that few of the wrestlers had any national level experience before this year. By the end of the season, four UNB grapplers had seen action in national tournaments and Born feels that the experience should provide a boost to next year's team.

The wrestlers who were sent to the national meets were George

Pineau who finished fourth at the national collegiate competition, Rod Bell who took a bronze medal at the same meet, Rick Cuthbertson and Dave Niles who the Bears mentor cited as the most improved wrestler of the year.

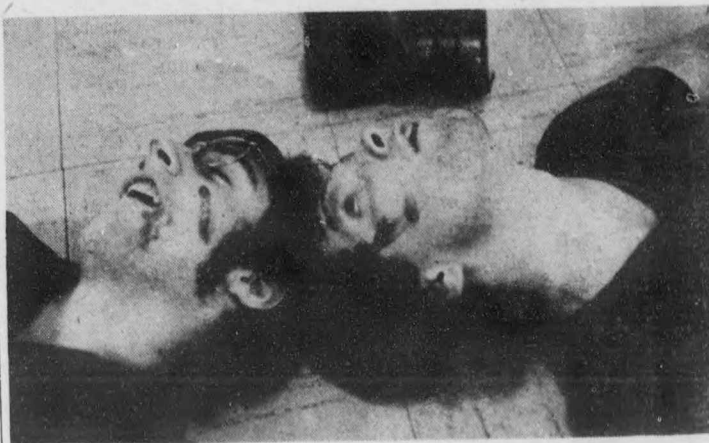
Born said that the chances of UNB regaining the Atlantic conference title next year were fairly good. Although no high school graduates have made definite plans to attend UNB in the fall, he is optimistic that several local prospects from the Fredericton area will be joining the Bears.

According to Born the Atlantic conference was stronger than ever this year and explained the

increased ability in the conference by saying that there is a rising interest in the Atlantic area in the sport of wrestling. "More students are watching and many younger kids are wrestling." Of Born's squad, only two or three students hail from the Montreal area with the bulk coming from the Maritimes.

Born is very hopeful that the grapplers will have another highly successful season since few of the team will be finishing university this year. The season that the Bears had this year can only be termed as a success even though they lost the Atlantic conference title to Dalhousie.

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