

Black Bears ready to grapple another AUAA title

This year's edition of the UNB Black Bears Wrestling Team will have more 'balance' than last year's championship winning team.

However three mainstays are missing from last year in the persons of Greg and Phil Knox and Mike Ballak. Their experience will, undoubtedly, be missed, but coach Jim Born is counting on greater depth to make up for the loss of the veterans.

Born spent part of last summer coaching the Canadian National Junior Team in North Dakota and so has picked up some valuable experience. With Born at the helm the wrestlers should improve substantially during the season.

Born explained that in past years a number of the wrestlers were wrestling for the first time, but not so with this year's team. Only one wrestler is not experienced. The remainder are second year Black Bears or experienced rookies.

Two rookies, who have participated in National competition are George Pineau and Bob Duncan. Other newcomers are Steve Saunders, Brian Gaudet, and Les Gowan. As well, Lewis Orr and

Jacques Chrtrain are catching up on school work after a long football season but will be wrestling in the new year. So far in practice all newcomers have shown they can wrestle well.

Back from last year are Rick (Rico) Cuthbertson, David Niles, Denis Cook, Ian Macmillan, and Pete Boutilier. With one year experience behind them they should be that much tougher.

They have shown greater confidence this year in executing their moves. Cuthbertson and Niles should be winners in their respective weight classes. The others could finish in the top three. All the veterans are sophomores. With their skill and experience though, they will be the team to beat.

Born feels the team is better than last year's because of increased experience, inspite of the loss of two National calibre wrestlers in Phil Knox and Mike Ballak. He feels his team is the one to beat and is working his charges hard. He stated this team is the most experienced wrestling team he has coached at UNB in years.

Born's assistant, Mike Ballak said "In previous years it was like

having two UNB teams; the first year wrestlers and the experienced wrestlers. This year they all have approximately the same amount of experience which has made for faster progress."

The team enters the season this Saturday in Moncton with high hopes. Rick Cuthbertson said "I think we have a lot of potential. We're mostly second year. With that of year of experience behind us we'll be as good, if not better than last year's team."

Everyone on the team seems to

sense the increase in experience. Dave Niles said "We have a higher overall calibre this year, better than last year."

Born feels this team will win the championship for the fourth consecutive year despite the stiff competition. Dalhousie and Acadia promise to be better this year and Memorial always has a solid team. Moncton has been decimated by the departure of eight veterans and so should be weaker than the outstanding team of last year. St. Francis Xavier and SMU

usually field small teams and never threaten in the championships.

It looks like a good season ahead for the wrestling Bears especially if the wrestlers develop a "killer-instinct" that Ballak feels has been dormant in practice. However the instinct usually builds up during the year and culminates at the AUAA Championships.

Anyone who feels they can add to the team should contact Born or Ballak or drop in at the T.C. Gym during practice from 5:00 to 6:30.

Reds continue to 'DO IT!'

Last Wednesday evening the Universite de Moncton women's volleyball team became the second victims of the powerful UNB "Reds" as they bowed three straight games to the UNB team.

The first game of the match saw the "Reds" ace Moncton 15-0 in a brief encounter. In this game U de M were visibly nervous and committed numerous unnecessary errors.

Coupled with Moncton's anxiety and lack of concentration was a somewhat unexpected change-up in the "Reds" offence. Usually the "Reds" are a very aggressive and hard spiking team, but seemed to start slowly in this first encounter. As a result, the UNB attack was slower and considerably softer than anticipated and U and M was unable to adjust to this style of play.

Service was also a major factor as the "Reds" continued to score points on impressively strong and accurate serves.

In the second game Moncton attempted a comeback but had not sufficiently recovered from the first game upset to be effective. The "Reds" continued to improve their offence and tighten their defence en route to a 15-6 win.

Game three was a different story. Moncton had lost their nervousness and had their "backs to the wall". The "Reds" had made a major line change and were cold. Defence became slack as Moncton initiated their first effective offence of the match and gained added spirit and momentum as they scored points on the "Reds".

In a relatively short space of time, the "Reds" were looking at a 14-8 score in favour of U de M. But the "Reds" team cheer is 'DO IT!', and so they did - with style.

There were numerous side-outs during the remainder of the game during which the "Reds" displayed confidence, finesse, and ability to perform well under pressure.

It is considered psychologically difficult to win three volleyball games in succession because of the concentration and motivation necessary for the win. Here were the

"Reds", two very easy games already won, and suddenly they were faced with a highly-spirited and much improved team who held a 14-8 lead.

An extreme amount of concentration, some well-executed plays, a bit of luck, a few key blocks, and eight points later the "Reds" had defeated U de M 16-14. It's called 'class' and was exciting to see.

Kaiva Celdoma, UNB's coach admitted she was "very pleased" with the "Reds" performance. "They played really well, the transition between offence and

defence was very good, and our service was strong." Regarding the 14-8 comeback Celdoma said it showed "maturity" in her players.

Tomorrow will be the big test for the "Reds" however, as they again travel to Moncton for the U de M Invitational. The best teams in the Maritimes will be in attendance, most teams of which have been playing much more than the "Reds". The lack of competition could conceivably hurt the UNB team, but in view of Wednesday evening's performance, the "Reds" are ready.

UNB divers successful in competitive plunge

Dale MacLean, a sophomore of the UNB diving team, led the men's team to their first victory of the season in Intercollegiate diving action against Mount Allison this past weekend. A display of technique and style won MacLean both the 1 meter and 3 meter diving events.

Gary Kelly of UNB, a freshman, placed second on 1 meter and third on 3 meter, while Mike Alward, also in his first Intercollegiate competition for UNB, placed third on 1 meter and second on 3 meter.

UNB's divers are hopeful for a top finish in all their meets this year. They will certainly be an asset and a great contributor to the swim team whose both points are combined to determine the overall Intercollegiate winners. The "Beavers" are looking forward to the '76 Atlantic Intercollegiate.

In women's competition, Bernie LeBlanc led the UNB girls on one meter placing second and losing the first spot by only .2 points to Elizabeth Baker of Mount "A". Tanna Patterson and Lorna Calder both first year divers for UNB, placed third and fourth respectively.

In 3 meter competition, Tanna Patterson, in her first Intercollegiate meet showed excellent execu-

tion which gave her second place. Bernie LeBlanc and Lorna Calder placed third and fourth respectively.

The girls team looks strong this year and coach Deane feels that not only can the men take the first three spots but is hopeful for the same calibre of performance in the girls competition.

The diving team will compete in their second meet in Halifax against Dalhousie and Memorial, Jan. 16, 1976. Hard practices, new dives and keen enthusiasm will help keep UNB divers in first place standings.

WOMEN'S 1 METER

2nd, Bernadette LeBlanc, UNB, 121.70. 3rd Tanna Patterson, UNB 116.85. 4th Lorna Calder, UNB, 102.95.

WOMEN'S 3 METER

2nd Tanna Patterson, UNB, 118.55. 3rd Bernadette LeBlanc, UNB, 115. 65. 4th Lorna Calder, UNB 98.10.

MEN'S 1 METER

1st Dale MacLean, UNB 189.72. 2nd Gary Kelly, UNB 149.51. 3rd Mike Alward, UNB, 142.72.

MEN'S 3 METER

1st Dale MacLean, UNB, 201.55. 2nd Mike Alward, UNB, 128.75. 3rd Gary Kelly, UNB, 113.82.

Mermaids 'sink it to' Mt A

The Mermaids travelled to Mount Allison Saturday, Nov. 30 to open their swimming season and found their intensive training paid off as they defeated Mt. A. 60-52.

The meet opened with a strong lead for the UNB team and from there they never looked back, constantly placing in all events.

In the individual competitions, the Mermaids proved strong with constant placing of swimmers.

Randi Stangroom placed first in the 200 individual medley and the 200 butterfly, Jean Nickerson was first in the 200 breaststroke and second in the 1000 freestyle, and Dee-Dee Demers was second in the 50 freestyle.

Maryse Pelletier was second in the 200 freestyle, and picked up thirds in the 200 breaststroke and 200 backstroke. Ginny Bradley was second in the 200 backstroke, Kathy Gaul was second in the 400 freestyle, Laura Mullins placed

third in the 50 and 100 freestyle and Kathy Miller came second in the 100 freestyle. Debbie MacMillian came third in the 400 freestyle.

The winning medley relay team consisted of Laura Mullins, Randi Stangroom, Kathy Gaul and Kathy Miller from UNB. Strong efforts were also shown by Louise Camber, Kim Myles and Pat MacDonald.

The Mermaids last event, the 400 freestyle relay, proved they finish their events as they start them - by winning. The successful team in the relay was made up of Dee-Dee Demers, Jean Nickerson, Kathy Gaul and Ginny Bradley.

Debbie MacMillian was chosen to be recipient of the team mascot "Nubs".

UNB's Mermaids now continue practices, awaiting their toughest competition, slated to come after the Christmas holidays.

Grading of UNB Judoka

means higher belts - more experience

Several beginners in the UNB Judo Club passed grading examinations for higher belt standing last week, according to coaches Don Glaspy and Samson Chung. The beginners started instruction this fall and the majority were graded to white belt while several more advanced to the yellow division.

The test consisted of a mixture of throwing and grappling techniques to be demonstrated with proper proficiency. Before they were allowed to participate in this part of the testing, knowledge of certain basic techniques, such as break-falls had to be shown.

A grading examination was also held by the N.B. Judo Association (NBJA) following the last tournament. This grading was held to test judo players for advanced standing, from green belt and up. Three UNB judoka were tested for brown belt while one attempted to achieve blue belt. Coach Chung indicated that all appeared to have

passed the tests but final word on any gradings of this sort lie with the NBJA.

Although club practices will cease next week until the start of the new term, many club members will not be idle over the Christmas break. Several club members will be practicing at Fredericton area judo clubs and at least two have tentative plans to attend the National Team Training camp in Montreal. Any experience gained here will be beneficial to the entire UNB club, since many of the instructors there compete on a world championship level.

No definite plans have been made for attending any competitions in the near future as planning has been hampered by the postal strike.

A new beginners class will be started in January and interested persons are asked to contact any club members or contact Glenn Smith at 455-9790.



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