

Black Bears come out on top



Doug Scott in competition previously this year.

AUAA Badminton

The 1981 AUAA Badminton Tournament was held at UNB on Saturday, Feb. 28 and Sunday, March 1. Six universities competed in the tournament which consisted of five events: Womens Singles and Doubles, Mens Singles and Doubles, and Mixed Doubles. The Womens championship was won by UNB Saint John and the Mens and Mixed Doubles championships were both won by Dalhousie. This year, for the first time, and overall tournament championships were both won by Dalhousie. This year, for the first time and overall tournament championship was declared with the honour going to Dalhousie.

The UNB Fredericton team consisted of Vicki Coughy (Women's Singles), Barb MacDougall, and Mary McCann (Womens Doubles), Paul Sutherland (Mens Singles) and Kevin Smyth and Don McKinnon (Mens Doubles). The UNB team played consistently placing third in both the Mens and Womens championships. The Mixed Doubles team of Mary McCann and Kevin Smyth tied with the Dalhousie team in total points but came in second when the tie was broken because they had lost to Dalhousie.

Congratulations to all members of the UNB Fredericton team.

Ski Instruction

Due to the lack of cooperation by the weather, the second session of ski instruction has been cancelled. In-

dividuals registered in this session may obtain a refund at the Recreation office between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Friday, February 21 in Sackville N.B. the UNB Black Bears rolled into town for the AUAA Wrestling Championships determined to continue their mastery over the other teams. The Black Bears were fighting for four championships in a row. This team was different from all the others. It didn't have the kamikaze fanaticism of the previous years or even the hard, aggressive toughness of 1971, 72, 73. This was a team that was inconsistent, with a good measure of internal strife.

However Feb. 21 and 22 everything had to be put aside to concentrate on one thing, winning. Acadia, the perennial bridesmaid, proved to be determined. UNB had an eight point advantage from regular season dual meets, over Acadia going into the championships but Acadia was confident of overcoming this. The lines were drawn up.

The Black Bears were represented by Tim Heidman (112 lbs), Paul Simmonds (118 lbs), Brian Bessey (126), Rick Fray (134), Ian Pineau (142), Gabriel ElKourhy (150), Leo McGee (158), Doug Scott (167), Perry Kukkonen (177), Dave Burchill (190), Ian Wallace (220) and Rick Parker (HWT).

Tim Heidman was stepping onto the mats for the first time in two weeks, he had separated his shoulder and it was unsure whether he'd be ready to wrestle in time. His shoulder was taped up and he said he was ready to go. His first fight was against an Acadian opponent. After exchanging double leg takedowns that resulted in teeth rattling body slams. Tim took his opponent down and pried his opponent over with a half nelson and pinned him. After the match Tim told his teammates that the Acadian wrestler went after his bad shoulder so he pinned him. Unfortunately, Tim ran into a more experienced wrestler from X in the finals and after putting up a gutsy fight, was pinned in the second round. However, Tim picked up valuable team points by virtue of his second place finish and had beaten his Acadian opponent along the way.

At 118 lbs Paul Simmonds was devastating. He pinned all his opponents in the first round up to the finals. There he faced Robin McDonald of Acadia. Paul had narrowly defeated McDonald 10-8 in last year's finals and was wrestling him for the first time this year.

McDonald had fought at 126 pounds all year and avoided Simmonds, Paul had been dieting, working out 2 and sometimes 3 times a day for this fight. Sometimes being too ready hurts a competitor. Simmonds never got untracked and was defeated by McDonald in the second round by grand superiority. A look of disbelief settled over the team. Paul had been the spark plug, the motivator, the model example all year. It cut deeply to see him lose.

Brian Bessey had started the year strong with several victories. However a couple of losses weakened his confidence and he began to struggle. Two weeks before the championships he had begun to get himself going again with a couple of good solid victories. Brian went into the championships at the bottom of a seven man list. He fought the best wrestlers first and second. Looking slightly flat his first opponent pinned him in the second round. Against the second seed he fought much better and almost pinned his competitor but still was defeated by decision. Having fought well against his toughest opponents Brian went on to pin everyone else to place a surprising third.

At 134 Rick Fray fought not only his opponents but a case of chronic tendonitis in his shoulder. His weight class was one of the most competitive and the injury slowed Rick down. He finished out of the point places having to withdraw from competition because of his shoulder.

Ian Pineau was another surprise for Coach Born. "Sucking down" to make weight, Ian, with his shirt off looked like a human zipper. Not possessing blinding speed or superb technique, Ian had to fight all the wrestlers on guts and determination alone. All but one of his fights went the full regulation nine minutes, but Ian had to do it with a body that hadn't eaten a decent meal in a week. The week at practice before the AUAs Ian experienced light headedness, a symptom common among starving people and wrestlers "sucking down hard." Ian was also seeded way down the list meaning he had to face the best wrestlers first. Incredibly enough Pineau slugged it out coming up with a silver medal. His only loss was to Derek Locke of MUN selected as the outstanding wrestler of the meet. Pineau later stated "if I

had to lose I'm glad it was to the outstanding wrestler of the meet."

Gabriel ElKhoury for the fourth year in a row proved to be the class of his weight division. He pinned all his opponents in the first round and easily was responsible for the best throw, a hip toss and the fastest pin, 15 seconds. In the finals Gabriel was a little tight going in and it took a full round to get loose. In the third period Gabriel came through with a pin, starting UNB off in the finals.

Leo McGee followed ElKoury in the finals. His opponent was "Mean" Joe Flemming from Acadia. Leo had a tough fight against Tim Matheson of Dalhousie earlier, winning by grand superiority and was feeling loose going into the fight. He had dominated all his other opponents and he looked forward to fighting his nemesis "Mean" Joe.

He also was looking forward to extracting a good measure of revenge for McDonald's win over Simmonds. At the end of the first round the score was close. However, Joe Flemming had been saved by the bell at the end of the first round as Leo had been in the process of pinning him. In the second round Leo extracted some revenge from Acadia by inflicting pain upon "Mean" Joe. Then late in the second round Leo pinned Fleming. After the tournament was over Joe Flemming was seen with his head hung down, red welts and black bruises on his face, in the shower. Leo is another four time AUAA champ.

Rookie Doug Scott was in a tough 167 lb weight class. In spite of his inexperience he fought well. Unfortunately he was fighting many experienced wrestlers and was on the losing end of all his fights. He will be back next year and should be much improved with a year's experience under his belt.

Part Two next week

The Physical Recreation Program is pleased to invite all UNB, STU students, faculty and staff to an Intramural Skating Party, March 9, 8 p.m.-10 p.m., Aitken University Centre, free hot chocolate.