

Bears successful

Last Friday, the Black Bears took to the mats once more, grappling with the St. Francis Xavier X-men. Their last confrontation saw UNB bow to "X" by one point, losing 31-30. The Bears, coming to the close of their dual meet competition were faced with a challenge. They had to beat "X" this time by two or more points to regain first place in the league and thus gain an advantage going into the AUSA tournament here February 19-20.

UNB gave up two weight classes, not having wrestlers in the 112 lb or 220 lb categories. Before the fighting had begun, therefore, the Bears trailed 12-0 (six points for each forfeit). Kevin Hodgson was first to wrestle and, in an impressive performance of speed and balance, pinned his opponent early in the second round. Brian Bessey of the Bears followed his winning ways but found his opponent much gamier than on their last encounter. The pin that took 26 seconds the first time didn't occur in this fight credit should go to his adversary for a good effort. With Tim Murphy in the wings, "X" lead

the meet 12-9. Tim dominated his opponent. True to the wrestling reputation that he has earned over the years, he won again, pinning the hapless "X" hopeful.

With Dennis Mahoney chomping at the bit, the Black Bears moved ahead 15-12. Dennis faced a formidable challenge. His adversary Joe Green had defeated him last year at the AUSA's and Mahoney sought revenge. Inspired by the challenge, Dennis wrestled brilliantly and went the distance with Green, defeating him on points. The best match of the day put UNB further in the lead.

Victory was not in the clutches of Neil House's Greg Hughes as he bowed to a worthy gladiator. Placed on his back late in the second round, Greg refused to give up and showed his grit by toughing it out for the remainder of the match. Leo McGee, having dropped from 167 lbs. to 158 lbs. once more showed his superiority on the mat and captain Hollywood extended his winning streak at the expense of a hapless foe. A well-conditioned Gabriel El-Khoury

had little trouble with his assailant, easily defeating him in the first round. Ron Harwood made fast work of his opponent with a first round pin and UNB now lead "X" by a score of 36-15.

Wayne Wiggins was next up for the black Bears. Wrestling an opponent he had narrowly defeated the week before, it was not to be this time and his opponent put out the torch with a decision win. Rick Parker rounded out the wrestling for the evening but Rick did not wrestle to par that evening and going the distance, had to admit defeat for the time being.

When the dust had settled, UNB came out on top 36-21. The crowd turnout was substantial and the Bears wish to thank all who attended for their vocal and enthusiastic support. Good luck Bears!

Next Friday, the Bears travel to Dalhousie for a weekend tournament. (Leo McGee will be going to the Ryerson open in Ontario this weekend to get more wrestling exposure - Good luck, Leo).

Saltos cop tourney

UNB Saltos won their own invitational gym meet held on Saturday. The Saltos won the meet with 138 points, 4 points ahead of Dalhousie University who had 134 points. U d M were third with 101 points. This is the third time this year the three teams have met. Dal had won each of the other two meets, by a two point margin.

UNB's improved performance puts them right on schedule for recapturing the AUSA title. The AUSA meet is Feb. 13/82 in Moncton and Dal are last year's champion.

The all around competition was dominated by Scott Hill who won all 6 events and posted one of his best ever all around scores of 52.15 points.

But it took a solid team effort to win the meet. Rick Weiler scored 42.3 all around and was the only gymnast to come close to Scott on any event. Rich tied for first with Scott on floor exercise with 8.4, Terry Laurence scored 41.7 and Jamie MacKinnon scored 41.05. Jeff Potts helped the team score with a strong performance on rings.

In the all around Dal gymnasts placed 2nd, 3rd, and 4th. Steve Banks continued to show improvement with a score 47.55 while Ted Brereton scored 43.9 and Doug Polak scored 42.55.

Athletes of the week

Scott Hill and Laura Gillespie have been named UNB's athletes of the week.

Hill, this university's premiere gymnast, earned his distinction at Saturday's UNB Invitational Meet. Competing against members of the Dalhousie and Moncton teams, he emerged victorious in all six men's events. Hill accumulated an all-round score of 52.15 points, almost 5 points better than his nearest competition. As a result of his outstanding feat, the UNB Saltos were able to edge Dalhousie 138-134 for team honors while Moncton finished third with 101 points.

Hill, 21, a CIAU All-Canadian last year and was also a member of Canada's Junior National Team. The Frederic-

ton native is a third year Chemical Engineering student.

While Hill was performing his magic on the gymnastic apparatus, so was Gillespie on the basketball court. The 5'8" guard accounted for half the Red Bloomers' output in a 69-61 win over St. Francis Xavier. Gillespie's 34 points exceeded her totals the previous night when she scored 21 in a 74-79 romp over St. Mary's.

Weekend statistics show her shooting 54 percent from the floor, 100 percent from the line, and with a total of 6 steals, 4 assists and 7 rebounds. Gillespie is the leading scorer in the AUSA averaging 23.6 points per game. A Masters student in Physical Education, her hometown is Ottawa.

Free Throws

By David Mombourquette

Welcome back for another episode in the ongoing saga of the Red Raiders basketball team. When we left the team last week we had coach Don Nelson saying the Raiders would have to play a perfect game to upset the fifth ranked St. FX X-men. Well we're not going to say they were perfect, but the Raiders did get the job done, defeating the X-men to the tune of 91-88.

Team Captain Scott Devine contributed the win to some heady play by the Raiders, saying, "it was all concentration and mental play in the second half." Scott should know, as he led the team in this department, forcing numerous turnovers, and running the show on offence.

Another standout of the X game was third year forward Chris McCabe, who played as good a half of basketball as he ever has, scoring 16 second half points while limiting all-Canadian Mark Brodie to just 6. Chris said he is getting close to being 100 percent healthy, and that, "when the adrenaline flows like that you don't notice it anyway."

The Raiders have little time for a breather, as they meet the number one ranked Saint Mary's Huskies on Sunday afternoon. The Huskies are undefeated in conference play this year and coach Don Nelson feels they are ripe for the taking. "We've got our work cut out for us, but we are looking for an upset. SMU is a different team than St. FX, and we might even have an easier time with them."

Scott Devine was looking forward to this weekend's game, saying, "we've got nothing to lose, and we're not in awe of anybody at this point." Scott also commented on the Raiders playoff hopes, noting, "we're by no means in the playoffs yet, but it's looking better now."

Game time is 3:00 Sunday at the Aitken Centre, so if you want to see the best in the country you won't get another chance this year.

A special note on the St. FX game. Assistant Vice President Eric Garland's free throw exhibition for the Rotary Summer Camp was a great success. Eric's 96 mark did not break his record of last year, but it was pretty impressive no less.

That's about all for this week, but I would like to leave the college basketball scene for one moment to comment on the NBA all star game.

Once again the Eastern team has won, led of course by Nate Archibald, Robert Parish and Larry Bird of the Celtics, by the score of 120-118. As for the prediction of the co-authors of "Don't Bother to Read This", I'll just say stick to drugs and leave the basketball to us.

See you next week!

Ski Club competes

Crabbe Mountain was the scene of the second race of the four race N.B. Cup series, January 30th and 31st. UNB had 17 skiers taking part, with success, although the young kids seem to be taking over!

The Slalom was Saturday and the course was not forgiving. All UNB skiers compete in the Senior "A" division in which Grant Sinclair garnered the gold and Andrew Peart the bronze. In the girls Robin Richardson brought home the bronze.

The Giant Slalom on Sunday was more to everyone's liking.

Wide open and fast. Doug Johnson was first, Stephen Smith second and Andrew Peart, steady at third.

Among the highlights Sleepy made it through both days! Jim beat Daz (at least once). Stephen had great starting positions and Tom did very well for his first race ever!

The next race is February 13th and 14th at Poley Mountain in Sussex and after that Montreal, if the team can make some money. Fund raising activities are going on as this article is written starting with a bottle drive.

Keep up the good skiing!