



PRESS RELEASE

Eighteen fencing teams competed at UNB Fredericton

Eighteen fencing teams from four New Brunswick fencing clubs competed at the annual Alfred Knappe Team Fencing Tournament held at the Richard Currie Centre of UNB in Fredericton on the weekend of February 2 & 3.

In the open category, the winning team from UNB of Morgan Hawthorne, Alex Chibante and Michael Dobbelsteyn defeated the silver medal team of Cedric Richard, Owen Preeper and Scott MacGregor from the Fundy club by the narrowest margin 44-43. Third place went to the Damocles Fredericton team of Jeffrey Probert, Ethan McIntyre and Alex Prymack.

In the under fifteen category, teams from the Damocles club of Fredericton took all three medal placings. The gold medal team comprised Alex Fullerton, Job O'Brien and Calum Skidmore. Silver medals went to Nigel Sood, Caleb Stairs and Cailum Stienstra and the bronze medallists were Willow Wilson, Alicky Chisholm and Will Marshall.

This event honours a great contributor to the sport of fencing in this province. Alfred Knappe was an active competitor in Germany before coming to Canada in 1955. He began coaching at the UNB fencing club in 1966, was founder of and served as first President of the New Brunswick Fencing Association from 1969 to 1972. Alfred was known to several generations of fencers as a dedicated, hard-working builder of the sport of fencing before he passed away in 2010.

The next fencing competition in New Brunswick, the Fundy Open, will take place at Harbourview High School in Saint John on the weekend of February 23-24.

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