



PRESS RELEASE

Results of the 2012 Alfred Knappe Team Fencing Tournament

A record entry of twenty teams: nine open teams and eleven youth teams competed at the twenty-second running of the Alfred Knappe Team Fencing Tournament on February 4 and 5 at the Richard Currie Centre at UNB in Fredericton.

On Saturday, the final match in the open category concluded with the Fredericton-Damocles team of **Evan Schriver, Jeffrey Probert and Felipe Chibante** defeating another Damocles team of Alex Bischoff, Alex Fullerton & Zachary Roy. Third place was won by the Saint John team of Will Dobson, Sergei Roy and Owen Preeper.

On Sunday, in the youth (under 15) category, four Saint John-Fundy/Renforth teams dominated the competition provided by seven teams from the Fredericton-Damocles club. First place was taken by: **Cedric Richard, Joel LeBlanc & Zoe Richard**. Second place fell to the team of Will Dobson, Alex Dobson & Greg Lynch. Third place was won by the team of Owen Preeper, Scott MacGregor & Josh DeJong.

This event honours a great contributor to the life 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 has been known to several generations of fencers as a dedicated, hard-working builder of the sport of fencing.

A memorial plaque in honour of Alfred Knappe was unveiled at the tournament and will be installed in the Currie Centre. The awards were presented by members of Alfred's family: grandson Aaron Shaw, daughter Kelsie Shaw-Gorman and widow, Barbara Knappe.

Fencers from around the Maritimes will meet again on the weekend of February 18 & 19 at Harbourview High School in Saint John for the Fundy Open Tournament, the fourth Atlantic League event of the season.

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