

# UNB SWIM TEAM BEGINS SEASON

By Brent Staeben

UNB's wettest varsity team is back in the familiar surroundings of the Sir Max Aitken Pool for yet another year of the grueling AUAU swimming schedule. Many changes have occurred in the 6 months since the CIAU swimming Nationals last March. Foremost among them is the departure of 5 of an AUAU conference high 10 CIAU qualifiers, 3 women and 2 men. Also, Michelle Oliver, coach for the previous 4 seasons, resigned in June and has since been replaced by Bruce Fisher, a native of British Columbia, who was previously head age-group coach of the Olympian Swim Club in Edmonton.

Luckily however, there are many new faces trying to crack the squad, plus a strong group of returnees from last year. On the men's side, Sean Donaldson of Fredericton and John Harholt of Oromocto are extremely talented, relatively untapped swimmers, who will contribute immensely to the sprint freestyle and backstroke ranks. While Chris Mills of Charlottetown and Erik Sorenson of Fredericton will add some needed depths in the breaststrokes.

Large hopes this year lie in journey man/Univ. of Calgary transfer Alex (Big Al) Black, who red-shirted with the team last season and can fill in many open holes if needed. The mid-distance freestyle events will be partially covered by rookies Chris Patterson, younger brother of longtime Beaver Madman Roger 'The Newf' Patterson and Stephen Seabrook, younger brother of recently retired CIAU finalist/conference all-star David Seabrook.

Among the returnees are AUAU all-stars/CIAU finalists Dale Christophe (breaststroke/IM/fly) and Brent Staeben (fly/free/IM). Plus Graeme Young holding down the backstroke and Gardiner MacNeil in the breaststroke. Rounding out the team is Engineering's own answer to Mark Spitz, 4th yr. sprint freestyler Bobby 'the Clobber' Robinson (a man I've never known to be civil), who is looking forward to a great final year with an AUAU medal and CIAU qualifying on the agenda.

On the women's side, things are just as bright. Joining AUAU medallists/CIAU finalists Jackie Hatherly (fly/br/IM), Marie Yelle (sprint

free/back) and Kelly Cuddihy (distance free) are some promising rookies. Definitely 2 frosh to watch are Moncton's Karen Scobie and Greenwood, N.S.'s Katie Naylor. Karen excels in all freestyles and has the unenviable job of having to fill the gaping hole left by the retirement of 4-year AUAU all-star-standout Sue Verhille who graduates at Christmas. Katie is a freestyler with 'speed' and moves in to replace retiring

Leslie Eglinton, another long time AUAU medallist. Other rookies include Kate Callaghan (breaststroke/IM) a transfer from St. F.X., Tina Thanish of Fredericton (IM), Pam Pickles of Fredericton (free) and Kim Crosman (free) and Andrea Gaudet (freestyle) of Sherbrooke, Que.

They join returnees Lisa Daigle (fly/IM), Shelly Hanley (free/back), Terri Owens (free) and Jenny Izzard (sprint-

free/fly) on what should be one of the stronger women's teams in the conference this year.

The team officially started workouts on Oct 1st with the Annual Beaver rookie party in mid-October. The first meet is the Annual AUAU relay meet on Oct. 18 in Mt. A. Last year the Beavers finished 2nd behind Dal, this year we hope to challenge Dal for the top in what should be a very successful season.

## Redsticks Continue Dominance

The UNB Red Sticks continued their domination of the Atlantic Universities Field Hockey Conference with 2 more convincing wins last week to begin the second half of the season. On Wednesday, the 1st, the team travelled to the Universite de Moncton to tackle the Blue Angels. The first minute and twenty-five seconds found Sue Grady hammering home the first goal of the game on the team's first penalty corner. The sticks continued to stun the Moncton team and at the end of the first half, UNB lacking in some aggression, only found the net once. Carla Reeves deflected a booming Sue Grady drive (her second goal of the game) to put the win away. Moncton's Danielle Audet, who incidentally was the CIAU Athlete-of-the-Week at the time, managed to blemish UNB's shutout record by scoring the lone Moncton goal in the second half. Other Red Sticks to score included Carla Reeves (2), Sue Grady (2), Lisa Kilpatrick (1) and Debbie Fullerton (1). Sheila Bell was in goal and faced maybe a half a dozen shots. The Blue Angels are expected to finish second in the West Division behind UNB.

On Saturday the 4th, UNB was on the road again. This time they were tearing up the astro-turf at Saint Mary's

University in Halifax. This was the Sticks' first game on astro-turf this season and the team adjusted very quickly to the faster pace of the ball, even though it was raining steadily. The SMU Belles played very tight man-to-man defense which gave rise to quite a physical game (you can't go *through* me, right Sue!!) Again, the Red Sticks effective penalty corners opened the scoring as Lisa 'Gonzo' Kilpatrick, the new found sweeper for the team, found the back of the net with a blistering drive from the top of the circle. Lisa's high chip shots from deep in the Stick's zone took away the few chances SMU had to shoot against UNB goalkeeper, Sheila Bell. However, the Belles did find the net with about 3 minutes remaining while goals by Anne Campbell (1) and Debbie Fullerton (1) of UNB rounded out the scoring in the first half. The second half remained scoreless on the soaking wet turf until Gonzo potted her second marker of the game with 10 minutes remaining. Final score UNB:4, SMU:1. Saint Mary's are expected to finish second in the East division behind Memorial. The SMU coaches and the game officials commented that "the Sticks played very well and had good team

play".

The Red Sticks are now 6-0 in league play, scoring 27 goals and only allowing 2. In CIAU rankings last week, the Sticks placed 4th behind UVic, U of Toronto and UBC. This should be turned around as Moncton, Saint Mary's and Memorial also placed in the top ten teams.

## Harriers

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## CodFish Bowl

The University of New Brunswick's Red Harrier cross country team will face their biggest challenge of the season this weekend when they travel to Boston, Mass., for the prestigious Codfish Bowl.

The UNB squad has traditionally turned in strong performances at the meet, which features 25-30 of the top college teams from New England.

Red Harrier Coach Rick Hull sees the Codfish Bowl as an important opportunity to assess his team's strength before heading into Atlantic conference championship in Dalhousie on Oct. 22.

"This is our biggest meet other than the AUAU championship. It is a chance to run with high calibre competition without the pressure of the conference championship," he said.

For the last two years UNB's Lady Harriers have captured first place at the meet; but, Coach Hull thinks it may be difficult for the women to repeat again this year because of injuries to his team.

"We're going to be hard pressed to do it again. We have Gina Spear and Terry Lee Damon running well, but, Michele Cormier is still coming off an injury to her foot."

"To win the Codfish Bowl you really need to have the depth that Michele can add," he said. (continued on next page)

## UNB HOCKEY INVITATIONAL

Sat. & Sun., Oct. 11, 12.

At The  
Aitken University Centre

Games

Sat: UNB vs STU 2:00 pm.  
DAL vs Moncton (1986 Conference Champs)

7:30 pm.

Sun: Consolation Final 12:00 pm.  
Championship Final 3:00 pm.

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