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UNB Swimmers Win Gold!

UNB proved again last weekend at the Sir Max Aitken pool that its swimming program is alive and well. Carrying a team of 14 men and 6 women into last weekend's AUSA championships, the Beavers were expected to finish second and with some last minute heroics by the Men's 4 X 100 freestyle relay team, that's where they ended up. In terms of points, it was the perennially strong Dalhousie squad that came out on top with 316 points, followed by UNB with 157 and Mt.A with 155.

On the women's side, UNB was lead by three time CIAU finalist Jackie Hatherly who picked up gold medals in the 100 and 200 metre backstrokes and was a strong fourth in the 400 individual medley. She qualified for the CIAU championships in all three events and should do well at them in Toronto this weekend.

Women's team captain Kelly Cuddihy also qualified for the CIAU championships in the 800m freestyle. Kelly finalized in

all three of her events and was an integral part of UNB's two relays which both finished third. She ended off a fantastic AUSA career in the 4 X 100 freestyle relay by sprinting to a time of 1:03.8, her best by over two seconds. The women will sadly miss her next year.

Sophomore sprint freestyler Kathleen Nylor continued her improvement by posting personal bests and finaling in both the 50m and the 100m freestyle.

These two events were the fastest they have been in recent years, and hundredths of seconds separated second from sixth place. Also finaling in the 500 free, was four year veteran Marie Yelle, who added a fourth place in the 100m back stroke as well.

This strong swimming was enough to put UNB into third place in the women's standings with 49 points. Mt.A was first with 141 points, followed by Dalhousie with 125 points.

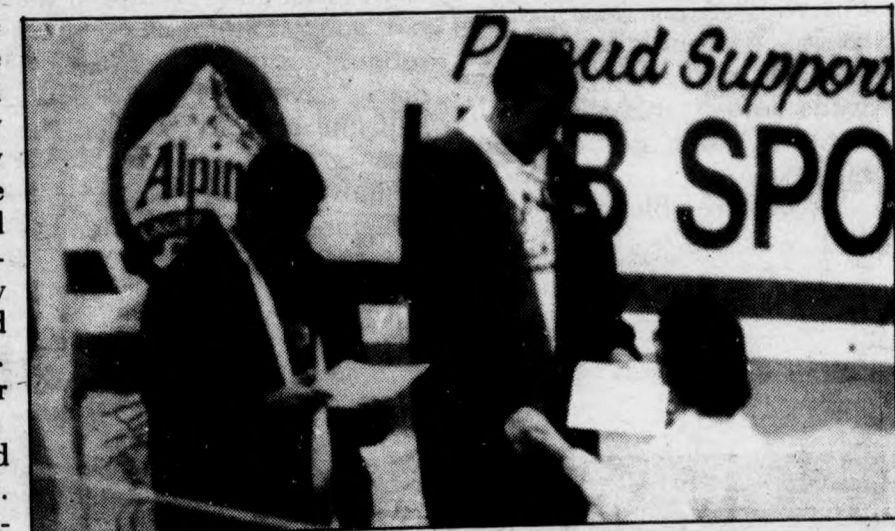
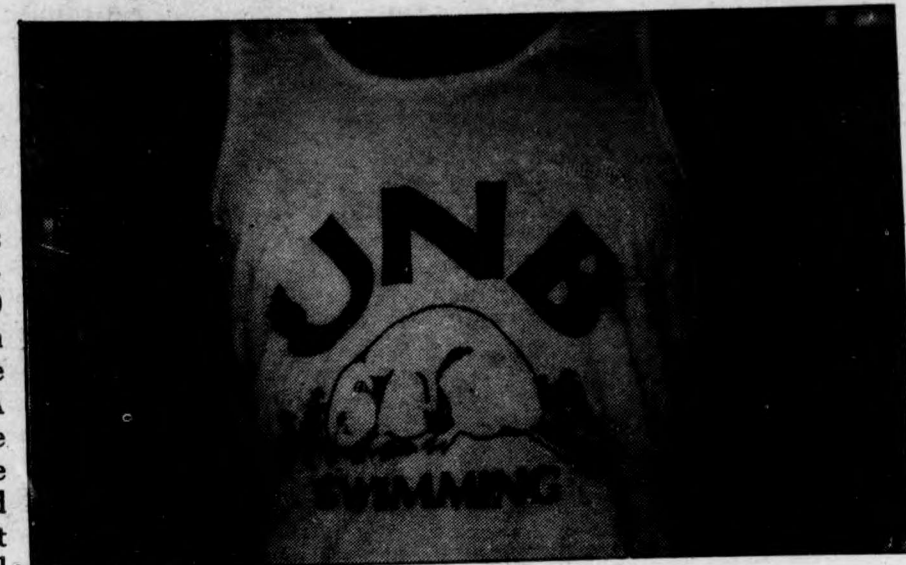
For the men, it was fourth year captain Brent Staeben and rookie sensation John

Duncan who broke through to win events and lead the way. Staeben captured the 100m butterfly for the second year in a row and added a third place finish in both the 200m IM and 200m fly. Duncan powered his way to three gold medals, capturing the 400 freestyle, 400 IM and the 200m, butterfly. In the 400 IM he became only the third swimmer in the AUSA this year to qualify for the CIAU championships. In spite of this a newly introduced quirk in the rules, he was not eligible for funding and will not attend.

Staeben and Duncan were also the foundation of the mens relays. In what proved to be the most exciting race of the weekend for the hometown fans, the 4 X 100 freestyle relay team (also including incredibly tough splits by Jeff Barkhouse and John Harthold) battled Dal and came away the victors. In the 4 X 100 Medley Relay, UNB fought to a 2nd place finish behind Dalhousie.

Second year sprinter Barkhouse picked up silver in the 50m freestyle and finalized in the 100m breaststroke. Bronze medal winners included Graeme Young in the 200m back, David Wright in the 100m back and Chris 'Iron-man' Patterson in the grueling 1500m freestyle.

The men finished a strong second behind Dal and this was due to the team's depth. Besides the medal winner, UNB also placed Bruce MacCaulay in the finals of the 400 IM, 1500 free and 200 fly; Keith Garrett in the finals of



John Duncan Receives Gold

the 100 and 200 fly, Gardiner MacNeil in the final of the 200 breast and Mark Baird in the final of the 200 back. This is a huge increase of the number of finalists from last year and is hopefully a sign of better things to come in the future.

Graduating from the

Beavers this year are Captains Kelly Cuddihy (Electrical Eng) and Brent Staeben (Science), as well as Jackie Hatherly (Arts) and Graeme Young (Science). Thanks for the year and good luck guys.



Athletes of the Last Two Weeks

Jackie Hatherly, 21, from Thunder Bay, Ontario has been selected as the female Athlete-of-the-Week at UNB. The fourth year Arts student finished 1st in the 100 backstroke and 200 backstroke during the AUSA Swimming Championships held at UNB on the weekend. She helped the UNB women's swim team to a third place finish.

John Duncan, 20, from Dartmouth, N.S. has been chosen as the male Athlete-of-the-Week. The first year Arts student finished 1st four times, (in the 400 freestyle, 400 individual medley, 200 butterfly and 400 freestyle relay), as he led the UNB men's swim team to a second place showing at the AUSA's.



Coach Bruce Fisher commented that "Both Jackie and John had tremendous weekends and are rounding out top form for the upcoming CIAU Championships in two weeks at the University of Toronto."



Andy Hayward, 22, from Fredericton, N.B. has been selected as the male Athlete-of-the-Week at UNB. The fifth year Engineering student was shining star on the Red Raiders basketball team until the end. Hayward, who was playing in the final two games of his college basketball career, scored 23 and 20 points respectively in UNB's weekend losses to the UPEI Panthers (92-56, 94-87). In doing so, he set the UNB single-season scoring record and finished as the top scorer in the AUSA. Coach Don Nelson summed up Hayward's weekend and season in one word - "Outstanding".