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Beavers on track for AUAA Championships

The countdown for AUAA's is on and with only 3 weeks of training left the UNB Beavers are on track for what should prove to be their best performance ever.

This is evident by the results attained this weekend by the swimmers at the Mount Allison Invitational. Out of the five conference teams, Mount Allison, Acadia, Memorial, Dalhousie and UNB, the men placed first, while the women pulled out their best performance of the season placing second on Saturday and a close third on Sunday.

Great performances were turned in by the male squad. Iain Tennent won all of his individual events including 100 butterfly, 400 IM, 400 free and 1500 free, Jason Lukeman won the 50 and 100 free narrowly missing the CIAU qualifying time.

Giovanni Slaverio carne in first in the 200 breast state, while Stephane LeBlanc took the 100 meter event and Jamie Bragg (Chunk) won the 200 fly. Solid performances were also turned in by Brian Hutchinson in the 200 free, Jeff Roach in the fly. Darek Desaulnier in the 200 IM, Jacques Chamberland 400 and 1500 meter free style events and Dave Kiruluta place second in the 50 free. Danny Byrne swam well in the 1500 meter free and finished second in the 100 meters backstroke with Adam Sparkes third. Keith Dwyer was a final st in all of his events and Mark Weber placed 5th in the 100 meters fly, while Derek Smith placed second in the 100 meters breast stroke. Mark Gibbon from England swam well in his first Canadian swim meet.

The strength of the rookie squad will be the backbone of the swim team in the years to come. Performance by the women were equally as strong and they finally showed the conference some of what they can do. Meaghan Seagrave wan the 100 and 200 breast stroke. Angie Pickles took first place in the 200 backstroke narrowly missing the CIAU qualifying time by 6/10s of a second. She also placed fourth in the 200 IM. Shelly Wyand came in second in the 100 and 200 meter backstroke and fourth in the 100 and 200 meter breast stroke. Heather MacDougall never ceased to amaze the team as she took a substantial twenty seconds off her previous time in the 400 IM placing her fifth position.

Charlene Galvin swam with determination in the relay and her individual breast stroke events resulting in great performances. Anne Allain also had some personal best performances in her breast stroke and butterfly events. Christine Verhille made her come back in the free style events resulting in some great swims and four year veteran Tina Tector swam well in her breast

stroke and freestyle events. It was the combination of all of the women that lead to their weekend results.

Some other weekend highlights included a UNB male sweep of the 100 meter butterfly final, the first place finish of the women in the 4 x 100 medaly relay with Shelly Wyand swimming backstroke. Meaghan Seagrave breast stroke, Angie Pickles in butterfly and Chris Verhille swimming freestyle. Some of the Beavers also participated in an eight kilometer warm-up between heats and finals.

Looking over the weekend results in is clear that the UNB Beavers are headed toward and intense and fast AUAA Championship in Acadia on February 14, 15, 16.





UNB Beavers Catch the Excitement