

Rebels to Winnipeg

The UNB Volleyball team, in existence for only three years, won their first Atlantic Intercollegiate Athletic Association Volleyball Championship last weekend at Mount Allison University by defeating last year's champs three games to one in the best of five-finals.

The preliminary play began at 9:30 a.m. with the Red Rebels defeating University de Moncton 15-1 and 15-3. It was during this opening match that Coach Early put into effect the coaching strategy that was to be a deciding factor in the championship tournament. He used his "second string" in the second game against Moncton and then started them against Dalhousie Tigers. Dal defeated the "B" team two games to one, 15-9, 9-15, and 15-13. The prime factor in this defeat was that Dalhousie had to use their first stringers.

Again, Early started the "B" team, against Mt. A. and they lost 15-10 and 15-13, yet Mount Allison used their first team. The Rebels number one team then defeated Memorial U. of Newfoundland 15-7 and 15-9.

This meant that UNB needed one more victory to make the playoffs. The final match of the preliminary play was against UPEI. The second team defeated the Panthers 15-10 in the first game and as a tune-up for the semi-finals the first stringers beat UPEI 15-4 in the second game.

The preliminary play left Dal in first, Mount A. in second, the Red Rebels third, and Moncton fourth. The Rebels then met the Dalhousie Tigers in the semi-finals and defeated them 15-13 and 15-8. The Rebels played well against Dal and then nullified the Tigers' best player by falling back and not blocking his spikes.

The Red Rebels played Mount Allison in the finals and it was here Coach Early's brilliant strategy proved to be the key. The finals were a best of five affair played before several hundred enthusiastic Mt. A. fans. The first game lasted 45 minutes with Mt. A. squeaking out a 19-17 victory. The difference between the teams was that the Mounties were lucky to win several long rallies. It also proved that UNB had come to play ball, because they overcame a 10-2 deficit to extend Mt. A.

The Rebels came off the court smiling because they could see Mt. A. was tired. Buddy Brander was overheard saying, "We've got them just where we want them!" UNB's Superior conditioning and the fact that their second team played so well enabled the "A" team to rest out the morning were the deciding factors. The Rebels then defeated Mount A. 15-13, 15-8 and 15-11 to clinch the Championship.

The Championship gives UNB the right to travel to Winnipeg this weekend to participate in the CIAU championships. They will face representatives from each of the other four conferences. The main opposition is expected to be the University of Winnipeg, last year's champion. No predictions to make this weekend except that the Red Rebels will play their best to bring another Championship back to UNB.

The only dark spot in the picture is that, at press time, due to lack of finances, it is not certain whether the Rebels will be able to send a full compliment twelve players, a coach and a manager. It would indeed be a shame if all the players who took such an important part in the Championships were unable to attend.



On Saturday, Feb. 14, an Invitational Synchronized swimming Watershow was presented at the Sir Max Aitken Pool. Participating in this watershow were groups from Teachers' College, Mt. Allison, St. John YMCA as well as the Fredericton YMCA, the UNB Marlinettes and Junior Marlinettes who with the skilled coaching of Miss Bery Cooke put on an impressive demonstration. There was a good turn out which was encouraging to all the swimmers and coaches involved. - Ekers.

Swimming Display Impressive

The Sir Max Aitken Pool was filled with a capacity crowd of enthusiastic spectators Saturday evening for a Valentine's Day synchronized swimming watershow, the first held at UNB. The UNB synchronized swimming club, the Marlinettes, and the Junior Marlinettes, a younger team composed of junior and senior high school students, played host to teams from Saint John YMCA, Teachers' College, Fredericton YMCA, and Mt. Allison University. Approximately sixty swimmers took part in the show to make it a success.

The opening number on the program "Love Me With All Your Heart", performed by Marg Gaskin, Lorraine Elliott, Gloria Fournier, and Audrey Knowles of the Marlinettes, set the theme for the watershow. The program consisted of solos, duets, and group routines performed to music in the water.

Nancy Shearer and Chris Easterbrook swam a lively duet entitled "Glow Worm Gadabout" while Barb Trenholm and Kathy Aitken added an eerie quality to the show with a number called "Spooky" in which they were

dressed as skeletons glowing in the dark. Audrey Knowles swam a novelty number called "What's New Pussycat", while Marg Gaskin delighted the audience with a solo entitled "The Moods of Love", very appropriate for Valentine's Day. Lorraine Elliott added a nautical touch in a sailor outfit

with a solo swim to "Georgia on My Mind". The show finished with a military number entitled "Valentine's Day March" by Mary Sedgewick, Janet Clark, Nina Wiggins, and Karen Fraser. The program was directed by Miss Beverly Cooke, coach of the UNB Marlinettes.

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This past weekend was the most successful of the whole year for UNB athletes. It seemed that all the teams put out their best against formidable odds, and yet they still came out on top.

The Red Raiders got walloped by Acadia Axemen, 72-46, on Friday night, but on Saturday they came back and won their first AIBA game of the year, defeating St. Francis X-men by a score of 61-59. Earlier in the year St. F.X. soundly trounced the Raiders in Antigonish. Although out of the running for a conference title, the Raiders certainly demonstrated that they can play basketball.

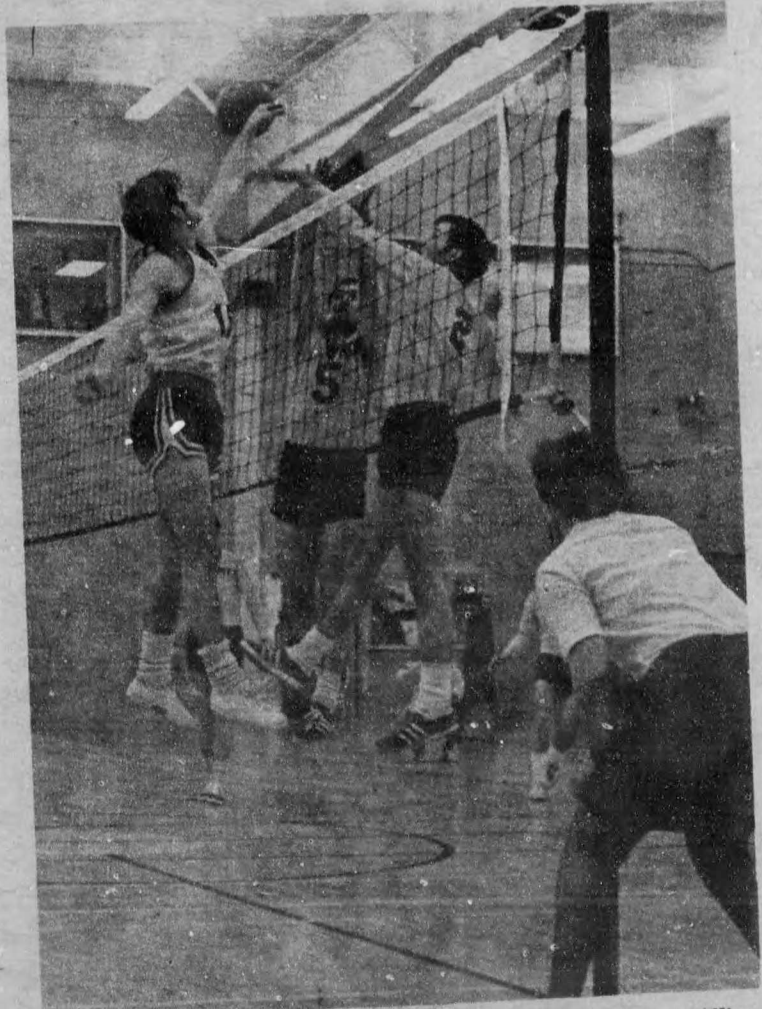
The Red Rebels, UNB's claim to fame in the volleyball world, also came up with a surprising performance. Although placing well all year, the Rebels failed to win a single tournament. Then, last weekend, in the only tournament that counted, they swept to an AIVA title, beating last year's champs, Mount Allison, by a score of three games to one. This weekend the Rebels will be competing in the Canadian Intercollegiate Volleyball finals in Winnipeg. I'm sure everyone here at UNB wishes them the best in becoming National Champs.

More winners, this time in Hockey. The Devils were in Charlottetown for one of the roughest tests of their schedule. The only other team to leave the island with a victory this year was St. FX. St. Mary's were satisfied with a tie. Apparently, home ice means a lot to the UPEI Panthers, and they proved it in the first period out-scoring UNB 3-1. Then in the remaining frames the Devils came alive and scored three unanswered goals. Again the hero for UNB was Keith Lelievre as he stopped 40 shots. If Lelievre can keep up the good goal tending and if his defence can give him some more protection, UNB just may be able to win the championship, starting in two weeks at UPEI. The way the standings are now, St. Mary's are assured of first place, St. F.X. is sure of second place finish, as UNB is sure of third. The big race is on for the fourth and last playoff spot. St. Thomas has a one point lead over UPEI who in turn lead Acadia by one point. It looks like the race will go down to the wire with only a few remaining games left.

The swimmers had just as successful a weekend as everyone else. The men were the only ones competing in the pool as they visited Husson, Maine. As this was the first year of competition for the Husson team, UNB managed an easy 64-29 win. Obviously the Husson swimmers will be people to contend with next year.

Also, the first synchronized swimming watershow to be held at UNB was a huge success, with teams from the Fredericton area, St. John and Sackville putting on a demonstration.

The Red Bloomers, continued their unbeaten ways by defeating St. F.X. by a score of 78-37. This leaves them in first place with a 5-0 win loss record, and St. F.X. in second spot. Later on in the week, the Bloomers handed the St. John Alpines their 4th loss of the season, in exhibition play. This evening at 6:30 the girls meet Acadia, currently 0-5 and in last place in the league.



Red Rebel Aubry Morris powers a spike over a Mount Allison block to score a point in Saturday's AIAA Volleyball Championships, held at Mt. A. The REBELS were successful in beating Mt. A. three games to one to win the title for the first time. - Collum.

Swim Team To Mt. A

The Varsity swim teams are currently in preparation for the upcoming Maritime Intercollegiate swimming championships at Mount Allison University this weekend, Feb. 20-21. Although this meet will be held at the home pool of our arch-rival in sports, and home of the Mermaids closest competition, the swimmers will feel at least partly in familiar surrounding, swimming between our own olympic-style land markers.

This is due to the inadequate lane markers used normally by the Mt. A. pool which don't help to reduce the ocean-sized waves and swells that detract from a peak performance, and alter the results of an event measured in hundredths of seconds.