

The 1969 Mermaids and Beavers

Swimming throughout the Atlantic Provinces has increased in popularity and in calibre of performance in the past several years. It reached a new high this year with the holding of the Canadian National Intercollegiate Swimming and Diving Championships in Fredericton, and the Canadian Summer Games in Halifax. These meets were such a success that they gave new impetus to competitive swimming in the region.

Not unfamiliar with success are the University of New Brunswick Swim Teams. Last year's Maritime Intercollegiate Swimming and Diving Championships are again strong contenders to win the crown this year.

Eleven hundred meters a day is an average day's swimming for this year's hard working group of Mermaids. The Ladies Varsity Swim Team boast of a superb record winning 12 of 14 AWIAU Championships, and hoping to repeat their performance again this year.

Coached by Mary Lou Wood, the teams strength lies in its depth. Twenty swimmers, captained by Gwen MacDonald and managed by Jane Dove, include eleven veterans and nine newcomers.

Gwen, who hails from Ottawa, heads the veterans as an Intercollegiate record holder in the 200 Individual Medley. From Fredericton are veterans Chris Easterbrook, a long distance freestyler; Juanita Gorman, showing a lot of strength again this year; Pam Easterbrook, a breast stoker, and Pam Henheffer, a strong all round swimmer. Other veterans include Gail Journeaux of Quebec, a sprinter who loves to tumble; Mary Lawson, a Saint John, N.B. girl, a versatile swimmer who enjoyed a season of marked improvement last year, and Debbie Pound of Montreal, a proficient long distance freestyler. Nancy Shearer, a backstroker from Woodstock, and Penny Oliver of Rosemere, Quebec, showing more strength

in her backstroke and butterfly, round out the returnees.

Among the talented newcomers who have had considerable experience are Margaret Fisher, Jane Fraser, Janet Henderson and Mary Tuenholm. Excellent potential and strength are shown by new team members Pat MacMullan, Sue Reycraft, Shonn Atkinson, Lynn McAslan, and Bridget Nugent.

Diving for the Mermaids, under the coaching of Don Eagle, are Cathy Aitkens, a third year girl on the boards from Dartmouth, N.S.; Sue Grant of Montreal; Suzanne MacLean from Miscouche, N.B.; and Sharon Hamilton of Fredericton.

OUTLOOK

What will be the outcome of another hard season of conditioning and competition? Mary Lou says that the depth of the team will again be a big factor in winning. "Although the team has lost some of its stroke specialists, its remaining veterans and the talented newcomers will make the 1969-70 Mermaids tough to beat."

BEAVERS

The Amby Legere coached "Beavers", who have dominated Maritime swimming for the past two decades once again look like strong contenders. Named "Coach of the Year" 1968-69, by the Canadian Intercollegiate Coaches Association, Amby has led his team to 21 championships in the 24 years he has been with the team.

This year's edition of the Beavers are led by team captain Rowley Kinghorn, a native of Fredericton, specializes in the freestyle events and is a AIAA record holder in the 50 yd. sprint. Other freestylers are Dave Lingly, a versatile swimmer from Moncton, and Brian Mosher, a strong long distance man from St. John. Bill Farris of Moncton, George Peppin of



These fine specimens of the well-muscled male physique are the members of UNB's swim team - one of our few perennial winners. fountain

Fredericton, and Barry Wishart of Quebec round out the freestylers, all being key men on the squad. Peppin, besides being a strong freestyler is also a strong contender in the Butterfly event. Gord Cameron, also from Montreal, and Bill Hay of New Jersey combine to back up the team with their good breaststrokes. Rick Kent, from Montreal, with three years experience seems to be the man to beat in the butterfly event. Brock Davidge of Moncton and Dave O'Neill of Bridgewater are the team's backstrokers. Alan Zajac of Sydney, N.S. picks up key points in the individual medley events.

Diving for the Beavers are second year man Doug Johanson of Temiscaming, Quebec, who in his first year created an upset by winning the one meter diving at the Maritime Intercollegiate. Raye Kiviinaki and Mike Pearson, both of Montreal, round out the diving team.

The Beavers, noted for their depth, were hit hard last year with the loss of several key

swimmers, but a crew of promising rookies should help fill the gap. First year men on the team are Yogi Beyeler, Stephen Coldwell, Rick Nickerson, Rick McClellan,

Keith Edwards, Rusty Pike, John Curtis and Bob Farnham. If these new Beavers fail to live up to expectation the team could have a rough road to the title.

And They Won Their First Already

Beavers Mermaids defeated Mt. A. last weekend 53-42 and 54-40 respectively.

Placing first for the Mermaids were Jane Fraser, Mary Trenholm, Gwen MacDonald and Pam Henheffer. Fraser also picked up a second place and Henheffer added a third. Other Mermaid point getters were Pat MacMillan, Nancy Shearer, and Chris Easterbrook with second place finishes. Marg Risher, Lynn McAslan and Gail Journeaux each chalked up a third place. Cathy Aitkens and

and Dave Lingley, the latter with two. Mosher and Lingley also picked up a second place each. Rowley Kinghorn, Rick Kent and Alan Zajac chalked up second place finishes. Kinghorn also picked up a third along with Bill Farris and George Peppin.

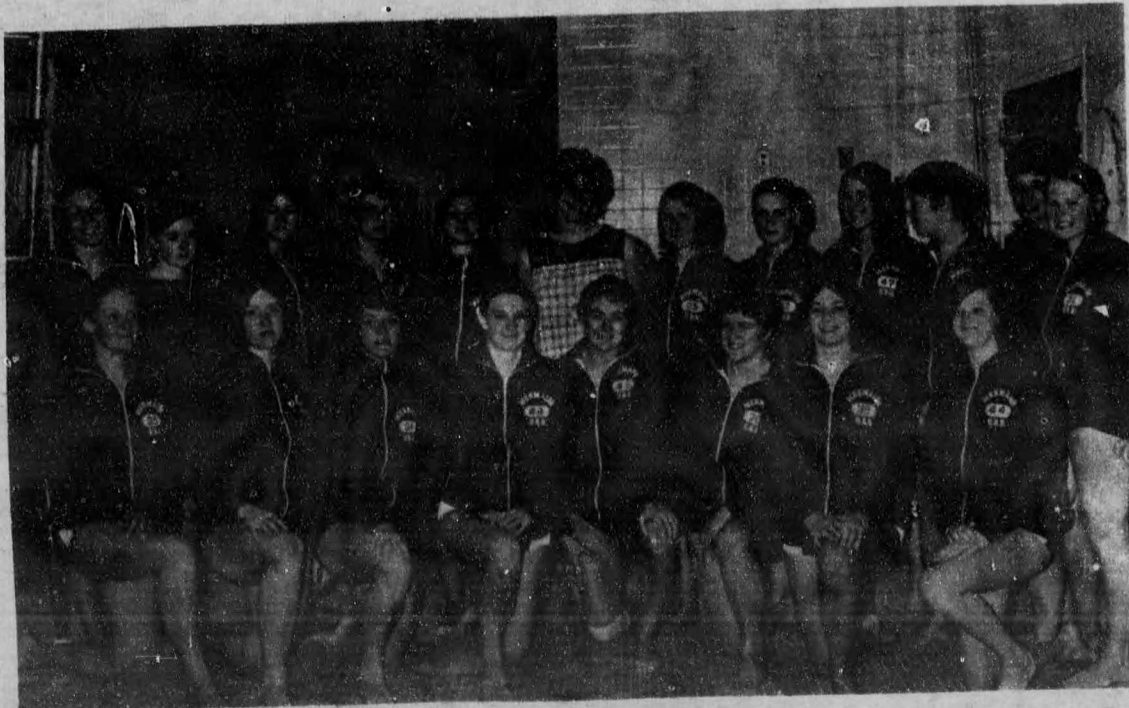
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