

Walk like an Egyptian, Swim like a Beaver

By DAVE SEABROOK

It's going to be tough but rookie coach Bruce Fisher thinks his Beavers swim team will surprise their AUA competition with some new faces and some big swims this weekend.

The Beavers left on Wednesday for the conference championship which continues until tomorrow in Wolfville, N.S. at Acadia University.

With a young team and new coach, the Beavers are coming into the meet as the unknown commodity which could work to their advantage. Co-captain Kelly said "We've always been a team that's pulled it off in the end and that scares people".

"Now we have a new coach, some new swimmers and a new training format. I think there'll be some surprises," she said.

The Beavers are hoping that if they come up big with some key swims, second place overall is achievable. Dalhousie and Mt. Alison will provide strong competition in the women's events while Dalhousie and Memorial will be the powers to beat on the men's side.

Coach Bruce Fisher joins the team this year after coaching with the highly rated Edmonton Olympian Swim Club. He feels that one of the keys to the team's success will be to avoid unnecessary disqualifications.

If we swim to our potential, second is definitely within reach but if we lose points with one or two disqualifications, it's all over.

We'll have to be very careful on technical aspects of races that could get us into trouble. It's just that close that a bad DQ could mean the difference," coach Fisher explained.

He'll be looking to veteran AUA gold medalist Jackie Hatherly and Kelly Cuddihy to provide the leadership on the young squad.

Cuddihy will specialize in the endurance distance freestyle events. She was a big winner last year winning the 400 and 800 meter events.

Hatherly is the team's talented pickup woman. She can compete in a number of events and is capable of winning medals in the individual medleys, the backstroke, the butterfly and the breaststroke



UNB's Eager Beavers: Back row, left to right: Steve Seabrook, Sean Donaldson, Graeme Young, Chris Mills, Gardiner McNeale, Alex Black, Brent Staeben. Middle row, left to right: John Harholt, Katie Nailer, Kim Crossman, Jackie Hatherley, Bob Robinson, Bruce Fisher (Coach). Front row, left to right: Paul MacKinnan, Jodi Baird, Teri Owens, Kate Calligan, Karen Sacobie, Marie Yelle, Debi Judab (Ass't Coach).

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Veteran Marie Yelle will provide strength in the sprint events where she has been within a hair of winning a conference championship for the past two years. Marie, who has qualified for the CIAU's in each of her first three years, will be looking to qualify for the national championship in the 50 and 100 meter freestyles.

All three of these vets were members of the 1985 New Brunswick Canada Games Team.

Other vets which will add

strength and are looking to get into the medals this year are Jodi Baird, backstroke; Jenny Izzard, sprint freestyle; Terri Owens, middle distance freestyle and Lisa Dailge in the IM and butterfly events.

Newcomers who could come up big if they swim well are Kathleen Naylor, butterfly and freestyles; Kate Callaghan, breaststroke and IM; and Kim Crossman in the breaststroke events.

Following in the footsteps of her former Moncton teammate Kelly Cuddihy, rookie Karen

Scobie will be very strong in the distance events.

One vet who will not be joining the team in search of AUA gold is Debbie Judah. The former national finalist dislocated her knee for the second time earlier this season and has been ordered out of the water indefinitely. Her presence will be missed by the team.

The men are led by veterans Bob Robinson, co-captain Brent Staeben and Graeme Young, a 1986 CIAU qualifier and AUA gold medalist,

Staeben will be tough to beat in the 100 and 200 meter butterfly events.

Much like Hatherly on the women's team, Young will be strong in several events and capable of medaling in the backstrokes, the butterflies and the individual medalies.

Robinson is the team's veteran sprint expert. He will be looking to win the 50 meter freestyle and at least take a medal in the 100 meter equivalent.

Gardiner MacNeil will lead the team in the breaststroke events and provide the second leg of the Beavers' defending championship 400 medley relay.

The men have some surprises for the rest of the conference with their large rookie contingent.

Sean Donaldson and John Harholt, backstroke and freestyle, are both strong newcomers and have been improving all season as has Stephen Seabrook in the sprint freestyle events.

Alex Black has been getting stronger with each meet and regaining the form he had two years ago with the University of Calgary. He was forced to sit out last year as a transfer student but plans to return with a vengeance.

Atlantic Team in CIAU's

By Stephen Harris

The Red Sticks have been named to the Atlantic Indoor Field Hockey Team by Coach Joyce Slipp of UNB. Heading the list is CIAU First Team All Canadian Susan Grady and 2nd Team All Canadian's Lisa Kilpatrick and Carla Reeves. Other members of the team include rookie goalkeeper Sheila Bell, and rookie Deb Fullerton, Patti Ramsey - a CIAU Tournament All Star returns for her third year with the team along with Kilpatrick. Cathy Whaler is in her 2nd year with the team along with Reeves. UNB Alumna and Canadian National Field Hockey Team Member Kathryn MacDougall is back for a second year with the team. Brenda Guitard has been named an alternate and the team trainer.

Rounding out the team are Jeanne LeBlanc and Danielle Audet from U de M, Noreen



Joyce Slipp Hachey from St. F.X. and Heather MacLean from Technical University of Nova Scotia.

This Atlantic Team will compete at the CIAU's March 14, 15, 1987 in Waterloo, Ontario against 3 other teams from across Canada. The Atlantic is a 2 time defending champion of this tournament.

This past weekend the Squad had games in Sackville at MT. A. The Ontario "B"

Team played the squad on Friday night and beat the Atlantic Team 4-3. Susan Grady with 2 goals and Cathy Whalen with 1 rounded out the scoring for the squad.

Eight teams competed in the Mt. A Invitational Indoor Tournament on Saturday at Mt. A. The UNB Men Golden Strikers successfully defended their title with a 6-4 victory over one half of the squad team which happened to be all UNB Red Sticks.

Sunday the squad took on Ontario in a series of 3-30 minute periods and this time the squad won convincingly by a 9-5 victory. Goal scores were all Red Sticks as Grady and MacDougall had 3 each, Fullerton-2 and Reeves-1.

Both the Atlantic Squad and UNB Men will compete in the U de M Invitational this weekend Feb. 22 (Sunday) in Moncton.



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