

Mens volleyball championship here this weekend

Do you like strange things? Strange is the sense that it is, different rather than weird or freaky.

If you don't then read something else.

But if you do then read on, because we have just what you are looking for coming up this weekend on the campus of UNB and Saint Thomas Universities.

If you are into "digging" things then come out and watch the sport of "diggers", Volleyball.

Starting Friday evening at 6 p.m. in both the West Gym of the Lady Beaverbrook and at the South Gym (former Teacher's College Gym) and continuing all day Saturday are the Atlantic Intercollegiate Athletic Association volleyball championships for men.

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Nine universities will compete in the sport that originated in the United States and Canada earlier

in this century. A sport that was almost the exclusive domain of YMCA's across the continent. It wasn't until the sport spread to Europe and the Far East that it began its rapid rise to the level of the second most popular sport in the world.

The universities competing here this weekend will not provide the calibre of volleyball played at the international level, but for several teams the calibre of play will be high. A calibre that is improving from season to season.

Play will be broken down into two sections. In the "A" section are University of Moncton Blue Eagles, Saint Mary's Huskies, St. Francis Xavier X-Men and the University of New Brunswick Red Rebels. In the "B" section will be Dalhousie Tigers, Acadia Axemen, Memorial Beothuks, Mount Allison Mounties and the host team, St. Thomas University Tommies.

The Tigers are the defending champions.

As to be expected of a defending champion, Dal is the team to beat. To date this season they have dominated the Atlantic Senior Volleyball League, winning the overall league title.

The UNB Red Rebels have not won the championship since 1971. Since then they have lost in the finals to Dal and the Blue Eagles and were eliminated in the semi-finals last year by the Acadia Axemen. Never in the eight year history of the UNB team has it finished lower than the semi-finals.

The Rebels, though a team with many veteran players have been under a rookie head coach, Peter Collum. Collum has taken over the team for this season while coach Mal Early is on sabbatical at the University of Eastern Kentucky.

For "Interim" Collum and his charges, the year has not been an easy one. They have been working on a new system and have had all the problems a team runs into when they have a coach for just one year. An early season injury to one of the starters also caused a problem.

But things have looked up for the Rebels in recent weeks, they have been playing steadily improved ball, and tied Dalhousie for points and wins in last week's Atlantic League tourney at Anigonish.

Both teams finished with 14 points on eight wins and four losses. Dal however, won the

confrontation between the teams 16-14, 15-9 and 14-16.

Some experts predict a Dal-UNB final, but Collum was more guarded in his opinion. "It would be nice, but there are other teams to contend with. Acadia, Moncton and X all played in the Senior League. X has been playing well recently, but Acadia and Moncton can beat you on any given day. Memorial may also be a team to contend with. We never see them during the season so we don't know what they will be like."

"Last year they had a strong team with a simple offence and lost to Dal in the semis. And rating Dal as the favorite goes without saying. They have a strong team. But if we play consistent ball, and as well as we are capable of playing, get a few breaks, then we will indeed be a team to contend with," said Collum.

As mentioned before, play begins Friday at 6 p.m. in both gyms. Three rounds will be run off in the

West Gym that night while two will take place at the South Gym. Preliminary play continues Saturday morning.

Saturday afternoon semi-finals and final will be played in the South Gym.

One semi will start at 1 p.m., while the second will get under way at 2:30 p.m.

The best of five final match will start at 5 p.m. All previous matches including the semi-finals will be best of three affairs.

UNB to host conference championship

On February 13, 14 and 15 UNB is hosting the Atlantic conference swimming and diving championships. The teams competing will be from Acadia, Dalhousie, Memorial University of Newfoundland, Mt Allison, and UNB.

'Reds' keep on truckin'

Last Friday and Saturday the UNB "Reds" won their third volleyball tournament in four consecutive week-ends of play. The "Reds" battled to an 8-4 record in the final round of Atlantic League play held at St. F.X. to win over the strong Dalhousie team.

Play for the "Reds" began late Friday evening when they defeated Ceilidh two games to one and repeated that score Saturday against U. de M. In the 'match of the day' the "Reds" rendered the Dalhousie team powerless winning three straight games by 15-6, 15-

15-10 scores. This was the first time in five encounters that either team has scored such a decisive victory match it was possible for the and should give the "Reds" the psychological boost they need to win the Atlantic Intercollegiate.

In the following match however, the "Reds" lost a close match two to one against the tall N.S. 'Scotian' team and their point advantage over Dal slipped to a mere four points. With the Tigerettes playing the spirited but weaker U. de M. team in the final

Tigerettes to pick up five points with a three game sweep over U. de M. and thus edge out the "Reds" for the overall trophy. U. de M. however, winning only their fourth game of the tournament robbed Dal of the needed point and put the "Reds" and Dal, into a tie for the Atlantic League trophy. Although the trophy had not yet been awarded it will undoubtedly go to the "Reds" by virtue of their two game win advantage over Dal. In the four rounds of play. Congratulations to the "Reds" on their first title defence.

The Red "Rebels" were also successful in league play as they came from the Mens "B" section the previous week-end to tie Dalhousie men at the top of the "A" section. The "Rebels" put it all together as they took matches from the Micmacs, Piranhas and Ceilidh losing two to one against the Dal. men.

This week-end the AUA Men's Volleyball Championships are being hosted by STU and the "Rebels" should be in top form as they vie for the right to represent the Atlantic area at the Canadian Intercollegiate to be held in Quebec City.

Ladies Intramurals

By MARGARET BARBER

The Ladies Intramural program for the month of February is full of activities for any female student of UNB interested in participating.

Basketball & Volleyball tournaments began last Monday & Wednesday respectively. Monday nights events saw City defeating Lady Dunn, 15-12 and Maggie defeating Lady Dunn, 25-2.

The scores may be varied but the spirit was high.

Girls are encouraged to come out & participate in this months events as the participation level could, as always, be higher. After all we can't say the boys have more spirit than us!

If you're interested in participating in any Ladies Intramural sports please contact your Captain or Co-Captain.

February Schedule:

- 3 - Monday - basketball, 8:30-10:00 main gym.
- 5 - Wednesday - volleyball, 8:30 - 10:00 west gym.
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- 10 - Monday - basketball, 7:30 - 8:30, west gym.
- 11 - Tuesday - ice hockey & Ringette, 9:45 - 11:45 LBRink.
- 12 - Wednesday - volleyball, 8:30 - 10:30 west gym.
- 12 - Wednesday - swimming, 8:00 - 9:00 LBR pool.
- 17 - Monday - basketball, 8:30 - 10:30 main gym.
- 19 - Wednesday - volleyball, 8:30 - 10:00 west gym.
- 19 Wednesday - swimming, 8:00 - 9:00 LBR pool.
- 24 - Monday - basketball, 8:30 - 10:30 main gym.
- 26 - Wednesday - volleyball, 8:30 - 10:30 west gym.
- 26 - Wednesday - swimming, 8:00 - 9:00 LBR pool.

Every Tuesday & Thursday - 12:30 - 1:30 Dance Studio Gym - Ladies Fitness.

Every Tuesday & Thursday - 10:00 p.m. Tibbits Lounge, Residence Fitness.



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