

# Beavers Start Season

by Lynne Wanyeki

Last weekend, the UNB Beavers Swim Team hosted the first dual meets of the season. The Beavers won their meet against the Acadia Axemen on Friday night with a final score of UNB 115 to Acadia 73. On Saturday afternoon, the Beavers narrowly lost to the Dalhousie Tigers, the reigning AUAA champions, with a final points standing of UNB 91 to Dalhousie 97.

The Beavers have a strong team in the making, with the addition of several excellent rookies to the team. Paul Halmazna (a National's finalist from Cochrane, Alberta) won the 50M Free against both Acadia and Dalhousie, as well as the 100M Free against Acadia. Peggy Ackerl (another National's finalist from Montreal) easily took firsts in the 50M Free against Dalhousie, both 100M Free events and the 200M Individual Medley against Acadia. Another rookie who should do well in the AUAA's at the end of the season, is Christine Verhille (a Fredericton native) who won both the 200M and 400M Free events against Acadia, as well as the 800M Free against Dalhousie. Other rookies worth mention are Brian Woods, on loan to the Beavers from Norwich, England until Christmas; Mark Weber from

Pictou, NS; and Derek Smith from Fredericton.

There were some outstanding performances from the more seasoned veterans as well. Phil Chaplin, from Fredericton, took first place against Acadia in the 200M events in both Fly and Freestyle, as well as winning the 100M and 200M Freestyle in the meet against Dalhousie. Sean Penney, also from Fredericton, won the 200M Individual Medley against Acadia as well as the 400M Individual Medley against the Dalhousie swimmers. Keith Garratt and Katie Naylor also had good performances in the two meets.

The Beavers have a very good Freestyle line-up for both the Men's and the Women's teams. One of their weaknesses, however, is the lack of strong 200M Breaststroke and 400M Individual Medley swimmers, especially on the Women's team. This shows itself in the Medley Relay events, none of which were won by UNB this past weekend. Hopefully, as the season goes on, this problem will be resolved as the swimmers develop their individual strengths, work on their various weaknesses, and consolidate themselves as a team.

The final results were as follows:

UNB vs. Acadia

Women 54 to 40

Men 61 to 33

UNB vs. Dalhousie

Women 29 to 65

Men 62 to 32

A special mention must be made regarding spectator support. Neill House deserves to be commended for their huge turn-out (with trumpets, horns and house dress) on Friday night, despite the fact that there was no Varsity-Mania event taking place. Not only did they come out and cheer each Beaver swimmer by name (especially their resident star, Paul Halmazna), but they stayed right till the end of the meet! That exhibits true varsity spirit. Well-done! On Saturday afternoon too there was a large fan turn-out from the general public, which was impressive and much appreciated by the Beavers team.

## Bloomers

by Mark Savoie

Last Friday, the UNB Red Bloomers Women's Basketball team opened their exhibition schedule at St. Malachy's High School. Their competition was the UPEI Lady Panthers, winners of the AUAA title for the last several years. This was the Bloomers first game together this season and as a result they suffered a disappointing 72-54

## Iron men in Woodstock

by Thee Iron Ghost

Our saga continues with the Ironmen 2nd XV taking to the pitch against a tough (and gamey) Woodstock Rugby Club, who seemed to be harbouring the delusion that they actually had a chance of winning the match. Tsk, tsk, when will people come to realize their places in the world?

This incredibly bizarre notion of a possible win by the visiting team did cause UNB several trivial problems throughout the match, but swift and efficient decision-making on behalf of the Ironmen more than took care of this.

Scoring almost at will in the 1st half, UNB quickly rolled up the score on their opponents, relentlessly pressuring the insecure Woodstock team into making mistake after mistake. The will of the Ironmen was strong, they wanted still more points in the 2nd half. But wait, could it be? Was this the same team that was so effective earlier? It would not seem possible.

Woodstock actually scored, mind you it was only because UNB was playing poorly for a minute or two, but still they did score.

The score became closer. The play intensified. Bodies collided, bones rattled. Screams were heard from large pile-ups of players. Then out of nowhere squirts the ball. Out it was swung; the passing and running was magnificent; the Ironmen had secured their victory with a try of tremendous proportions. There was no chance for Woodstock. Final score UNB 27, Woodstock 15.

If you would like to catch a glimpse of some of this spectacular play yourself, the 1st XV, takes on the Moncton Marshawks this Saturday at 3:00 at College Field, while the 2nd XV battle Saint John at 1:00. Sunday sees UNB taking on St. FX in Sackville for the Maritime University Rugby Championships, sponsored by Labatt's, a championship "X" won last year. So glad that times do change.

loss.

The Bloomers led the scoring for most of the first half, until a late scoring spurt by UPEI which gave them a 32-27 half-time lead. In the second half, the Bloomers allowed a very high 50 points to UPEI while only matching their first half output. Top shooters for the Bloomers for the game were Pauline Lordon, Jennifer Hale and Kara Palmer.

This weekend, the Bloomers

open the formal part of their pre-season schedule when they travel to the Laval Tourney in Quebec City. This will give the Bloomers some exposure to the national competition they will have to beat if they expect to win the CIAU title this year. But, in order to win the CIAU's they have to get there, and this year, as last year and the year before, that means beating UPEI.

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