

UNB diving teams strongest in Atlantic Canada

Last weekend was a busy one for UNB divers, as they hosted Acadia Friday night and Dalhousie Saturday afternoon. The competition was intense, but UNB proved once again to have the strongest team, in the Atlantic Provinces. By

the end of the competitions, Cathy Melrose was ranked first across the country in women's standings and Dale MacLean was ranked second in the men's standings. Friday night Melrose challenged Acadia's Judy Bailey who was best

in the conference last year and who until last weekend was ranked first in the country on three meter and second on one meter. Bailey was slightly ahead after compulsories on 1m, but Melrose, with a strong list of

optionals, caught up to win the event with 357.70 points. Bailey followed with 294.05.

There was another close race among three other UNB divers, Sharon Paquette, Lorna Calder and Celeste Smart, who finished

with 235.45, 201.40 and 194.15 points respectively.

In three meter Cathy again finished on top beating Bailey by 25.65 points. The gaps between Paquette, Calder and Smart were narrowed, with Smart emerging the winner of that circle due to some exceptional optional dives.

The men's competition was also close with UNB gaining the top four positions on both boards. Maclean finished first with 239.85 on 1 m followed by Gary Kelly with 170.90, Ewen Dickson with 163.30 and Michel Bellefleur with 153.90. On 3m, the men finished in the same order, but with the points more wide-spread.

Melrose was triumphant on both boards Saturday with her teammates finishing in the next four places.

In men's competition, it was shown that not only veteran divers can come up with high marks. Rookie Michel Bellefleur sunk his inward 1 1/4 somersaults off the one meter board for sevens and eights, receiving loud applause and cheers from the crowd. His other dives were well executed and he scored high enough to place third.

Maclean showed his usual strength to win the event with Dixon following in second place, and Kelly placing fourth. On three meter UNB's men had Dalhousie's Ray Kelly to contend with, but Maclean and Kelly found him to be no problem as they finished first and second, respectively, Bellefleur with 275.20 and Dixon with 261.20 came very close to Ray Kelly's score of 284.55.

The team would like to thank all the spectators for their encouragement over the past season. The rest of the meets are away, with UNB visiting Dalhousie and Acadia this weekend.

UNB Beavers dominate weekend

The UNB Beavers once again proved their dominance in swimming in the Atlantic region by soundly defeating arch-rivals Acadia and Dalhousie 74-41 and 81-30 respectively last weekend.

These two meets proved to be UNB's toughest competition during regular season action. So far this year, the Beavers have a six win, no loss record and have only dropped one meet this year, against U of Maine at Orono, which was not in Conference swimming.

In the Acadia meet three UNB

swimmers were standouts as they won each event they entered. Rob Davis, a prominent breaststroker from Montreal, won the 200 meter breaststroke and individual medley. Dave Banks also won his events with convincing victories in the 1000 free and 200 fly. Rookie Bill Emery also won his events with victories in the 200 and 500 meter freestyle.

Another strong performer for UNB was John MacGillvary who won the 100 meter and placed second in the 50 meter freestyle events. Montreal native John

Bennett had an outstanding day by placing third in the 200 meter freestyle and fourth in the 500 freestyle.

Bruce Williams, also of Montreal placed third in the 200 meter backstroke, losing first place by only six tenths of a second. He also placed third in the 200 I.M. Ian Sinclair had an "off-day" against Acadia and managed only a third place finish in the 100 freestyle and a fourth in 50 freestyle. Sinclair was edged out by teammate John MacGillvary in both events.

Paul Steeves, swimming different events to help heal an injury placed fourth in 200 IM and fifth in 200 backstroke.

Swim team captain Mike Brown went into the Friday meet with only one week of training following an injury. Brown missed a meet against U de M last week but was back at full strength against Acadia placing third in 1000 free and 200 fly.

Bill Curtis swam to a convincing second place finish in the 200 breaststroke and also placed fifth in the 50 meter freestyle and 100 meter freestyle.

Mike Sinstadt from UNBSJ swam only one event, the 200 meter breaststroke against Acadia and placed third.

Coaches Gary Brown and Craig Maitland expressed great delight in the two victories against Dalhousie and Acadia, but with the AUAA championship coming up in less than three weeks, they were looking to harder practices for the team to get in the right mental and physical condition.

All swimmers were understandably tired going into Saturday's meet, but after the warm-up were prepared to defeat anyone. Luckily for UNB, it was Dalhousie who fell victim to the Beavers. Good swims were performed by all team members.

This weekend the Beavers see action again as they travel to Acadia on Friday, and Dalhousie Saturday.

Hockey games handed to UPEI

By STEVE GILLILAND

The Red Devils blew two more games last weekend to the UPEI Panthers at the Aitken Centre.

Saturday evening's game ended 5-4 in favor of the walking wounded of UPEI. There were three UPEI players sitting out due to injuries, while seven more were playing with nagging injuries.

UNB also had a couple of player missing from their roster. Defence Dave Neil was sitting out a three-game suspension, while forward Pat Murray was not

playing due to injuries.

UPEI started off strong in the first period Saturday, as they built up a 3-0 lead by the end of the period. The second period was the opposite as UNB controlled the play and scored three unanswered goals. Two of these goals came from the stick of Jim Matheson with the first coming on a deflection of a shot from the point.

His second goal resulted from some good passing between J.J. McInnis and Dave Kent, to get the puck to Matheson, who beat goaltender Ron McInnis low on the glove side.

McInnis stopped 31 shots for the Islanders.

In Sunday's game, the Red Devils came out flying in the first period as they scored two unanswered goals, and outshot the Panthers 15 to seven. UNB's first goal came as Dave Wright converted a Wood centering pass.

The second goal resulted from a scramble which Gerry Goodine and Wright both banged at, but finally Gerry Chisholm slid in.

Early in the period, the Panthers had several power play advantages but the duo of Tufts and Wood kept the Panthers at bay with some fine forechecking.

The second period was a horse of a different color with UNB seeming content to sit on their lead while the Panthers applied the pressure. UPEI outscored UNB 4-1 in the period.

The lone goal for UNB in the second period, came from the stick of Wright, his second goal of the game, following some hard work in the corners by leftwinger Goodine who centered the puck.

Panthers Lennie Kelly and Val Mitchell stole the puck twice in UNB's end and scored two unassisted goals, while forward Ken Burton added two more goals for the Panther's in the second frame. Both of Burton's goals came from the slot, a la Esposito.

UPEI finished off their scoring early in the third period. As defenceman Bob Mithall took a shot from just across the red line, that rippled the twines to further humiliate Jones. UPEI outshot UNB by a 37-31 margin.

Both teams seemed to be questioning some of the official's calls throughout the game. UNB was called for 24 minutes in penalties while UPEI was assessed 22 minutes in the box.

UPEI went back to the Island, still with hopes of grabbing a play-off berth, while UNB still holds down the basement in AUHC with 1-14 won-lost record.

Gymnastics

The UNB gymnastics team will host some of the top Junior male gymnasts in Canada this Saturday.

Entered in the UNB Invitational gymnastics meet will be gymnasts from Dalhousie University U de Moncton, Immaculate Conception (ICC) from Montreal and St. Raymond, Quebec as well as local gymnasts from UNB and Fredericton Eagles. ICC is the club which trains most of the best gymnasts in Canada.

Entering the UNB meet from ICC will be Pierre Clavel who placed second in the Junior Canadian National Championships and Patrick Vezina who placed sixth in the same meet. Shawn Healey from Dalhousie was tenth at Canadian Nationals and is at present the top gymnast in Atlantic Canada.

Local talent will include four N.B. gymnasts who went to the Canadian Nationals — Ken Salmon, Bob Johnson, Scott Hill, and Pierre Gervais.

This meet will unquestionably feature the best calibre of male gymnast ever to compete in Fredericton. Competition time is 1:00 p.m. Saturday, January 29 in the UNB South Gym behind Marshall D'Avray Hall.

UNB's third goal came as UNB enjoyed a two-man advantage. The goal result from some hard work by left wing George Wood as he centered the puck to Kent who tucked it away behind goaltender Gerland Butler who had just replaced the injured Ron McInnis.

The third period turned out to be somewhat of a goaltenders battle all the scoring was done in the first six minutes of the period with another UNB power play goal sandwiched in between two seemingly soft goals by UPEI.

UNB's goal resulted from a give and go play between Wood and Gord Tufts in which Tufts ended up with the puck behind the Panthers defencemen, deked a couple of times and slid the puck under the falling netminder. To the delight of the few, but loyal fans in attendance.

Goal scorers for the Panthers were Bob Mitchell, Ken Burton, Joe Filipone, Wilfred MacDonald, and Lennie Kelly.

Defenceman Wilfred MacDonald put on a fine display of hockey talent and stamina, as he was on the ice for all but a minute of the third period, and played about 16 minutes of each of the first and second periods.

UNB goaltender, Bob Jones was called upon to make 29 saves while the pair of Butler and

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