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Cross country

The Red Harriers captured their fourth straight AUAA championship last weekend at Odell Park by placing 5 runners in the top 6. Rorrie Currie captured the 10 K men's event with a time of 29:51 remaining undefeated on the season. Arch rival Joel Bourgeois, from the Universite de Moncton, finished 2nd, six seconds behind Currie. Other UNB finishers were Mike Fellows, 3rd; Keith Fahey, 4th; Bill Sheel, 5th; and Ian Washburn, 6th. Currie also took the AUAA athlete of the year award for running while Harrier coach Rick Hull took coach of the year. The Lady Harriers finished fourth in the women's event as Dalhousie took overall honors. Schelly Robicheau was the fastest Harrier in 12th place.

Field hockey

Once again, the Red Sticks breezed through the regular season undefeated and captured yet another AUAA title by beating the St. Mary's Huskies 1-0 last weekend. Wendi Gallant converted a pass from Natasha Connell early in the game to give the Sticks the win. The Red Sticks will travel to Vancouver to compete in the CIAU championships next weekend.

Ice hockey

The Red Devils dropped the first round of "The Battle of the Hill" Wednesday night by losing 6-5 to rival St. Thomas. Gord Christian, Trevor Boland, Rob Knesaurek, Forbie MacPherson and Dan Sherstenka scored singles for UNB while Jeff Grant had 3 for STU. Shayne Arseneault, Mark Rupnow and Wade Stewart scored a goal each for the Tommies. The hit of the night and perhaps the year went to UNB's Todd Sparks on STU's Jeff Taylor. The check in the middle of the ice was clean and was felt by the capacity crowd.

Soccer

Last weekend saw the Red Shirts finish the season in second place after splitting two games in AUAA play. The Shirts handled UPEI 2-1 on Saturday but fell to the Mount Allison Mounties by the same score on Sunday. The AUAA championships begin tomorrow on the Dalhousie campus as UNB faces the host Dalhousie Tigers.

Basketball (W)

For the second weekend in a row the Red Bloomers failed to reach a tournament final. At the annual Laval Invitational in Quebec City, the Bloomers were downed by The University of Toronto Varsity Blues 65-56 in their initial game. However, they did manage to come back and capture the bronze medal by taking the consolation final 71-48 over the host University of Laval.

Volleyball (W)

The Lady Reds Hosted the UNB invitational tournament last weekend which featured an array of teams. Dalhousie edged the St. John Black Magic three games to one to claim the tournament championship while UNB fell to St. John CES in the consolation final 5-15, 15-11, 15-12.

This week in UNB sports

Friday Nov. 6

Field hockey at CIAU's in Vancouver

W. Basketball at Dal. tourney

W. Volleyball at UdeM 7pm

Ice hockey vs. Acadia 7:30 pm at the Aitken Centre

M. Volleyball UNB Invitational

Swimming AUAA Invitational at UNB

Saturday Nov. 7

Field hockey at CIAU's in Vancouver

Soccer AUAA championship at Dalhousie

Ice hockey vs. Dalhousie 2 pm at the Aitken Centre

M. Basketball UNB at Husson 3 pm

Swimming AUAA Invitational at UNB

W. Basketball UNB at Dal tournament

M. Volleyball UNB Invitational

W. Volleyball UNB at Acadia 8 pm

Cross Country at CIAU'S in Montreal

Sunday Nov. 8

W. Basketball UNB at Dal tournament

W. Volleyball UNB at Acadia 1 pm

Field hockey UNB at CIAU's in Vancouver

Soccer AUAA championships at Dalhousie

Swimming AUAA Invitational at UNB

Swim teams optimistic as year gets underway

Both teams looking for AUAA titles

by Frank Denis

Two years ago when Andrew Cole took over as coach of the UNB Beavers Swim team his teams were only able to qualify one swimmer to compete at the CIAU national finals. This year Cole is hoping to send up to and maybe more than 12 swimmers to the nationals in Toronto at the end of the season.

In fact Cole believes that within a few years his swim program can be ranked in the top three in Canada. Currently the men are ranked seventh

Both Sean Penney and Rebecca Smith captains of their respective teams are optimistic as their seasons get underway. For the men's team they hope to repeat as AUAA champions, while the women look forward to overtaking Dalhousie and win the women's title. Last year the women finished 2nd behind Dalhousie.

and that's why we can get some of these kids from Ontario to swim for us." says Cole.

On the women's team the rookies outnumber the veterans 10 to 3. The three returnees, Smith, Meaghan Seagrave and Anne Allain lead a team that also boasts some impressive rookies including Seagrave's younger sister, Hillary.

Also new to the team are Iona Allen of Halifax who won the 400 individual Medley at the national championships this summer, Rae Sears, a backstroke from Saint John and Heather Palmateer from Scarborough, Ontario to name a few.

"Last year we had 4 or 5 women who could qualify for the finals at AUAA's, and this year all 13 girls could reach the finals," says Cole.

Captain Rebecca Smith says that the race for AUAA supremacy should be a two team race between UNB and

describes the meet as "The best competition in the Maritimes this year."

The meet kicks off tonight with mostly distance oriented events. On Saturday the competition begins at 9am with 100m events, the 200 IM and relays. Only the 4 fastest times will make it into the finals Saturday night. That night is a Varsity Mania sponsored event, as well, it will be televised on the local cable network and TSN has expressed an interest in broadcasting the results. On Sunday there will only be 50m sprint races and relays.

All the swimmers are looking forward to the meet but according to Captains Smith and Penney Saturday night, with Varsity Mania there, will be a highlight.

"With a large crowd there it really fires you up," says Penney. "I remember last year when Varsity Mania was there, it was probably the most exciting meet until AUAA's."



The UNB swim teams will host a high calibre meet this weekend at the Max Aitken pool. Both teams are hoping to win AUAA titles at the end of the year. photo by Kevin Porter

"We're looking to repeat as AUAA champions" says Penney. "Our toughest challenge will be Dalhousie. A few of the other teams have a couple of strong individuals, but there is nobody who has the depth that both Dal and us have. It takes 13 strong swimmers to win this conference. You can't do it with a few stars."

Coach Cole spent most of his summer recruiting and his hard work paid off. New to the men's team this year are Sean Perreira, a breastroker from Ontario, Dave Pelkey, a sprint freestyler from Moncton and Craig Selig from Truro. Recruiting has been made easier for Cole as the UNB swim program becomes recognized across Canada.

"My first year here it was impossible to recruit outside the Atlantic provinces and right now we're starting to be recognized

Dalhousie.

"I think we'll be very competitive this year and we really want to beat Dalhousie. That's always been our goal and this year it's a very realistic goal," says Smith. "Mt. Allison also has a strong ladies team, but Dalhousie is always the big one."

Both UNB swim team's will show just how good they are when they host an AUAA meet here at UNB this weekend. Teams competing at the meet include Laval, McGill, Dalhousie, University of Sherbrooke, Maine, Memorial, Acadia, Mount Allison and the Fredericton aquanauts as well as UNB.

Laval who is ranked nationally is bringing 60 swimmers, while a McGill swimmer, Andrea Nugent was on the Canadian Olympic team in Barcelona. Cole

Smith agrees. "It's great to finally feel the school behind you because swimming is not exactly the biggest spectator sport."

Sean Penney says that he hopes that a lot of people show up on the weekend. "Having a lot of people cheering us on will give us a hand in seeing what we can do against some really strong teams in the country."



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