

Swimming

Marty Laycock

Who's he when he's home?

by Michael J. Drost
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It has been years since the AUAA 100m breaststroke record of 1:04:33 was even threatened. This record was set by last year's swim coach, Andrew Cole, way back when he was attending University. "This record has not been challenged for several years; no one has really come close to touching it, until now!", says this year's coach Bob Connon. It appears this year's 18 year old swimming sensation, Marty Laycock, has the audacity to take on Cole's record. "I was speaking to Andrew the other day on the phone (As Andrew is in Calgary, as an assistant coach for the 1996 Olympic Team), and he encouraged the challenge."

Marty, is the son of Maurice and Anitra Laycock from Halifax, Nova Scotia. He began swimming 13 years ago with the club team, The Halifax Trojans. Before coming to UNB, Marty travelled a bit with his swimming, as he churned the waters for Nova Scotia at the Canada Games in 1995. Marty also found himself a lane in the finals at Youth Nationals, and then on to be a very young semi-finalist at Nationals.

Marty, a first year Business student, has found a place to crash this year at Aikten House; where, no doubt he is able to enjoy the incredible entrees of Beaver Foods. "I came to UNB for their very reputable swimming program, that coach Cole had built over the past few years," says Laycock. Also to reaffirm

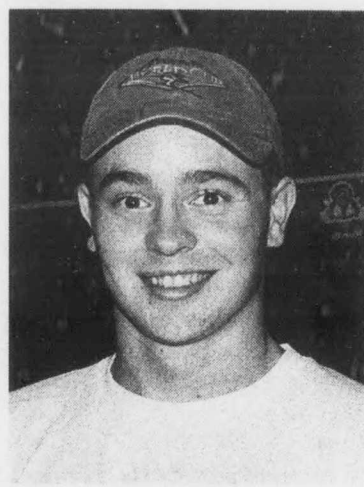


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Marty on his decision was a comment from this year's coach Bob Connon: "The mens' team are ranking fourth in the CIAU rankings at this point in the year, I am very pleased with their effort."

Marty believes with the hard workouts and coach Connon's meticulous work on his strokes, that he can most confidently achieve his goal for this year, which is to shatter the 100m Breaststroke record of former swimmer Andrew Cole. "I will also be concentrating on the 200m breaststroke, the 200m IM, as well as the 400m IM this year. This team is a very hard working team, which I am glad to be part of."

In recent action, Marty left several swimmers eating his wake as he swept gold in three events at the AUAA Invitational Meet, taking the men's 400m IM, the 200m Breast, and the 100m Breaststroke.

Hockey

Let the battle begin

by Neil Duxbury
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The "Battle of the Hill" commences for real Wednesday night at the Aikten University Centre. The pre-season tussle was split 1-1 in a pair of bad tempered games.

The teams enter the game at opposite ends of the MacAdam division; UNB tied for the lead with UdeM and MIA, each with 4 wins. Meanwhile STU share the basement with UPEI, two points behind.

If the game is anything like the shootout encounters, expect a hard fought, bad tempered game, with plenty of chances for the power play and penalty killing units to shine.

Assistant coach Shane Easter offered his view. "A lot of people say that it'll end up being a goaltending battle but if Frank [LeBlanc] plays as well as he can and [Johnny] Lorenzo plays as well as he can the goaltending won't be a factor, it equals out." Easter also picked a couple of UNB rookies to watch out for "Jeff Andrews is playing well and Jason Campeau is due for a big game."

As for STU, "[they] have a lot of guys who like to work hard and give it their all." STU will be without defenceman Jason Hughes and may also miss linemates Dave Gilmore Ryan Black. Gilmore and Black are out with injuries while Hughes is missing the second of four games for abusing STFX's Steve Martell with a helmet.



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V-Reds Dump Acadia 5-4

Last weekend, the V-Reds, faced the toughest test of their young season. The V-Reds edged the Acadia Axemen Sunday afternoon after a disappointing 6-3 loss to the Dal Tigers Saturday night.

The V-Reds stung the Axemen for three first period goals, two of them from rookie left wing Jeff Andrews sandwiching Dax MacLean's marker. Acadia grabbed the lead 8:08 into the third after levelling the game in the second. Toby Burkitt tied it up three minutes later, setting up a tense finish. With overtime looming, Trevor Boland decided the

matter with 39 seconds to spare. Goalie Frank LeBlanc had a significant role in UNB's win, their first in Wolfville in about 10 years. LeBlanc turned away 49 of 53 Acadia shots, compared to Trevor Amundrud's 21 saves for the Axemen. "Right now Frank's at the top of his game. He played great against Acadia" commented assistant coach Easter.

Despite taking a 2-0 lead Saturday night, the V-Reds were unable to keep the Tigers at bay. Boland, Andrews and Damien Bloye accounted for UNB's tally.

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