

# Rowers make waves

After another week of diligent practice, the crews of the UNB / STU Rowing Club are progressing well. Already, inter-crew rivalry seems to be at a high, with a beer bet already having been made between the "Men's" Intermediate B boat and the "Boy's" Intermediate A boat.

Early morning and evening practices are filled with the slip of waves and the rhythmic drum-beats of the oars catching and driving through the water.

Grunts, concentration and sweat permeate the air, as crews work manically to have "quick hands and slow slides" and to stop "rushing the stroke-man". Add to this the numerous technique drills and one has a perfect recipe for exhaustion, blistered hands and lots of sweat.

All of this is in preparation for the 5 km row that is known as the Head of the Connecticut.

With an eye to the future, the crews are also preparing for the world's largest one-day regatta, the Head of the Charles, in Boston. The Club is planning on sending a very

large contingent, including two women's coxed fours, a men's youth eight, a men's heavyweight double and a women's lightweight double.

In particular, the club has two closely fought and lost matches to fight from last year's races. At the Connecticut, the lightweight pair of Peter Bance and Jamie Cleveland lost by five seconds to a crew from Michigan State University. In what was literally a neck and neck race, the UNB crew pulled a great race, with a final effort over the last kilometer in an attempt to win the day. However, even as they called up their stroke rate and thought "I'll die after this stroke...", their efforts to empty their tanks and save the day pulled up five seconds short.

In another particularly heart-wrenching race, the coxed four of Chantal Albert, Maureen Cronin, Stacey Nicholson and Laura Swift pulled an amazing race, losing for the second year to their arch-nemesis, a crew from Princeton, by two seconds. Again, despite their gut-wrenching effort and a race

that saw them row through numerous boats, the crew came up two seconds short to the Ivy League.

In other news, the Club is now happily sponsored by Moosehead Breweries, who offered to act as official Fall Sponsors and supply the club with vast quantities of libations.

As well as the libations (yup, that's the word of the week), which are to be consumed by crews, coxswains and coaches, Moosehead has arranged for all crews to purchase clothing at greatly reduced prices from the Moosehead Country Store. These items will then be silk-screened with the official club logo. Finally, there will be a corn-boil at Kim's place this Sunday (Sept. 29), with libations to be provided by Moosehead. All club members are invited and things get underway at 5:30 p.m.

Thus, as the week draws to a close, the crews prepare for weekend practices. Also, they await news about the Canadian University Rowing Championships and the possibility that rowing will become a Varsity sport next fall.

# Out in left field

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The 1991 Canada Cup wrapped up Monday night in Hamilton with our Canadian squad winning its fourth championship out of five tournaments over the past fifteen years. The final game was probably the best game to watch of the entire tourney. End to end action, pretty plays and tons of hard hits. It should be noted, however, that a Canada Cup final without the traditional Canada/Soviet final is somewhat anti-climatic, even so, an excellent final.

The biggest controversy of the entire Canada Cup, is probably Gary Suter's hit on Wayne Gretzky in Saturday's game which knocked the Great One out of the tournament. Was the check illegal? - Yes, anytime you hit a guy into the boards when the only thing facing you is his sweater number is wrong. Was the hit intentional? - No. It's kind of surprising that Gretzky even put himself into that type of position that left himself open for a hit. Do you think Ed Olczyk's head is still ringing after Brendan (Million Dollar Man) Shanahan almost decapitated him with a good check? If Dale Hawerchuk would play half the NHL season the way he has played in the last two Canada Cups he would be league MVP.

**Team Canada's Five:**

Best Performers	Worst Performers	Surprising Performers
Wayne Gretzky	Russ Courtnall	Eric Desjardins
Bill Ranford	Luc Robitaille	Eric Lindros
Steve Larmer	Al MacInnis	Brendan Shanahan
Dale Hawerchuk	Paul Coffey	Shane Corson
Mark Messier	Ed Belfour (?)	Mark Tinordi

The NFL is into its fourth week of the season and the talented Cleveland Browns are on a winning streak. Looks as though the DAWGS are back. (For one game anyways.)

Trivia: Name the 3 Canadian cities in the new Colonial Hockey League which starts this October?

Last weeks answer: Jerry West

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