

BLACK BEARS TIE FOR FIRST

by Kelly Craig

Last weekend the UNB Black Bears traveled to Mount Allison for wrestling tournament. True to their name, the Bears nailed the competition. They tied the visiting team from Montreal for first place. Both Montreal and UNB managed 25 points to tie for first place.

UNB had three wrestlers finish in the top spot of their weight divisions. Seven wrestlers placed in the top three. Don Ryan, Brad Scott, and Scott Harper each took home a first place finish. Dona Harper finished with a lone second place for UNB. Paul MacLeod, Stacey Desroches, and Sean Dockeriel each placed in the third placing for their weight class.

UNB handily beat out the Mount Allison team. Mt.A

finished third behind UNB and Montreal with 18 total team points. Mount Allison is definitely an arch-rival for UNB as they were last year's wrestling AUA A Champs.

Coach Multamaki said that he was pleased with the results of the wrestling match. However, Multamaki felt that, "they can wrestle better." UNB has quite a few matches left this season, and the wrestling will definitely be at its peak soon.

UNB has a really balanced team this year, and the potential is there. The past few years UNB has put forth a solid effort in the sport of wrestling. For the past two years, UNB has just fallen short of AUA A victory. This season is looking different for UNB, however.

The UNB Black Bears have suffered three or four injuries to

players. Although, Coach Multamaki says that they are minor injuries and that the guys will be as good as new in no time.

This weekend could be the last match of the term for UNB. It is still indefinite as to whether or not UNB will be travelling to the UMO Open.

VARSIITY SCHEDULE

Friday

Basketball (M)
St.Fx at UNB
8:30 p.m. Aitken Centre

Basketball (W)
St.Fx at UNB
6:30 p.m. Aitken Centre

Saturday

Basketball (M)
SMU at UNB
3:00 p.m. Aitken Centre

Basketball (W)
SMU at UNB
1:00 p.m. Aitken Centre

Wrestling
UNB at UMO Open

Volleyball (M)
MUN at UNB
8:00 p.m. Main Gym

Volleyball (W)
UNB at UdeM

Sunday

Volleyball (M)
MUN at UNB
1:00 p.m. Main Gym

SWIMMERS WIN AGAIN

It was another win for the UNB Beavers Men's swim team this past weekend at the Mt. A Invitational. This time, in contrast to the first six meets the team has won, it was a closely fought battle between the Beavers and Dalhousie. The lead switched between the two teams after almost every event and UNB finally pulled out the victory on the last event of the meet, the 4x100 freestyle relay. The final score was UNB 133 to Dal's 129.

The women's team, however, had mixed results. While rookie standout, Peggy Ackerl, continued her winning ways, (and actually qualified for the CIAU's) the rest of the team continued to struggle. According to acting head coach, Mitch Oliver (filling in for coach Bruce Fisher, who was away at Commonwealth games trials), "The confidence level of the women's team seems really low. There were some really tough swims from the girls, however, especially the 400m freestyles. This team has loads of talent, it just needs to stand up and race." Beside Ackerl's selection as Female Athlete of the Week, other highlights included Kathleen Naylor's third in the 50 freestyle and a very consistent showing by Christine Verhille who placed in the top 5 in the 200, 400, and 800 m freestyles. The third place in the freestyle relay certainly was the highpoint of the weekend for the ladies.

The final results found UNB in last place with 50 points to Dalhousie's 111. Yet, they were only 25 points behind second place Mt. A and with the addition of breast-stroker Edie Fisher after Christmas and the continuing rumors of two national finalists

on their way to Fredericton for January 1, it could be a new-look, AUA A-challenging Women's swim team in the new year.

The men, though eventual winners, consistently under-achieved all weekend. The team managed to take the overall title while winning only 3 of 15 events. Brian Woods led the way, winning the 1500 free-stlye and coming second in the 400 freestyle and 400 IM. Rookie Jay London, showed some of the talent and guts that made him one of N.B.'s most outstanding age-group swimmer's over the last 10 years, winning the 100 backstroke and placing a gutsy third in the 400 IM. Rookie Paul Hal-mazna grabbed second place finishes in the 50 and 100 metre freestyle. The rest of the team managed to make and place in the finals, giving UNB enough points for the win.

"It seems everyone on this team is waiting for someone else to carry the load," said assistant coach Brent Staeben. "I've never seen a more talented swimming team at UNB, but we don't seem to be motivated by the chance of winning an AUA A championship. Every other team on campus would love to be in our position - we've got enormous talent and numbers. Yet, we can only squeak out a four-point victory over what is essentially a five man Dal-housie team. We should be blowing Dal out of the pool and, I know at AUA A's we will."

The Beaver's now are preparing for their annual Ft. Lauderdale Christmas training camp and resume their schedule in January in hopes of winning that elusive AUA A championships.

MT ALLISON DOWNS REDS 3 - 1

by Tim Lynch

Wednesday night at the Main Gym, the UNB Reds played intense, disciplined volleyball. Unfortunately, they played this way for the first game of the match only. The Reds won that game 16-14, but they eventually lost the match three games to one.

The Reds opened an early 7-0 lead in the first game due to their aggressive offense. Mt. Allison fought back to bring the score to 12-10 in UNB's favour. The Reds, however, managed to win the game which lasted thirty minutes.

The Mounties began to find holes in the Reds' defence in game two. Mt. Allison vaulted to a 12-3 lead, and they never relinquished it as they won 15-8. Lynn Heaney was the dominant force for Mt. Allison. The Kensington, PEI native

recorded a game high twenty-two kills in the four games.

The Reds were victimized by a certain lack of intensity in games three and four as they dropped both of them 15-3 and 15-4 respectively. Costly serve receive errors and the inability to block Heaney's spikes, a difficult task indeed, combined to spell defeat for the Reds. Julie Campbell and Laurie Collins each had seven kills for UNB.

According to UNB head coach Mark Thibault, the Reds' intensity changed dramatically after game one. "The first game we were extremely intense . . . after the first game the intensity went down, and the scores told the story."

The Reds' record is now accented with three wins and two losses. The Reds complete the first half of their season tomorrow night in Moncton.

Photo by Glen Vienneau



The Red Devils demonstrate their hard work ethic which has earned them a 6-3-1 record.

FENCERS CAPTURE MEDALS

The UNB/STU Fencing Club competed in their third tournament last weekend, and they finally captured some medals. Christine Lesiak and Marc Mackenzie had second place finishes in the Women's and Men's Foils, respectively. Sean Kellher also turned in a strong performance. The tourney was held in Halifax at St. Mary's University. Besides UNB, STU and SMU, representatives from Dalhousie were also present.

