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### CLUB NEWS

#### Table Diving Championship

The Varsity Rednecks table diving team will be heading to the Atlantic Championship this weekend in Noonan. Coach A. Slayer stated "the Rednecks expect their greatest competition will come from Varsity Blue Bloods. They gave us really tough competition last time, but we'd been working out alot." The winner of the competition will be going to the Nationals later this month.

### ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

#### Anna Baker, Swimming

Former British record holder and National Swim Team member, Anna Baker of Norwich, England is the Female Athlete of the Week. In her first season with the Varsity Reds, Anna capped off an excellent season with a strong performance at the CIAU



Championship March 3-4. Anna set an AUSA and UNB record to capture the silver medal in the 50m Breaststroke. She also set an AUSA record in earning a 6th place finish in the 100m Breaststroke and rounded out the weekend by winning the consolation in the 200m Breaststroke. Anna swam lifetime best times in all three events and her silver medal saw her honored with the status of a CIAU All Canadian. Coach Cole says that "Anna is an extremely intense competitor who rose to the occasion, kept her cool in some tough races and had a great meet."

#### Jason Lukeman, Swimming

Fourth year science student Jason Lukeman of Port Hawkesbury, NS is the Male Athlete of the Week. Jason has built upon a strong 1993-94 season in which he was a CIAU swimming gold medalist and National record holder as well as being selected as UNB's Male Athlete of the Year. Jason had an excellent weekend at the CIAU Championships at Laval University. He beat a national record holder to win gold in the 100m Freestyle and captured two silver medals in the 100m Butterfly and 50m Freestyle. Jason swam lifetime best and set AUSA and UNB records in all of his events. His medal performances also earned him the distinction of being a CIAU All Canadian. Coach Cole says that "Jason's leadership skills are extraordinary. He was a positive role model for the team and he rose to the occasion this weekend." Lukeman was also named AUSA Athlete of the Week in recognition of his efforts.



### RESULTS

#### Mens Basketball

MUN 100 UNB 85  
MUN 85 UNB 92

Swimming - CIAU  
Ranked 8th place  
nationally

#### Womens Volleyball - CIAU

UNB 0 - 3

### THIS WEEK IN SPORTS

Thursday 16th - Sunday 19th  
NCAA 64 @ a tv near you

Friday, March 17

Rednecks Tabldiving (McDonnell Hall @ 12:30pm)

### Swimming

## Lukeman: Canada's Best; Baker: "All-Canadian"

# Reds strike gold at CIAUs

by James Otto

In an unprecedented two year run, UNB's Jason Lukeman won the Canadian National CIAU Championships in the 100m freestyle (last weekend in Quebec City). In doing so he won UNB's second CIAU Gold since the 1981 Soccer team. Lukeman won by a body length over National record holder Dean "Kondo" Kondzioka. As if this wasn't enough, Lukeman won silver in the 50m freestyle, and broke teammate, Iain Tennent's AUSA record for another silver in the 100m butterfly.

Anna Baker, a rookie and British National Record Holder, won a silver in the 50m breaststroke, giving her the ironic title of "All-Canadian." Baker finalled in every event she swam, and for the first time in six years, went lifetime bests in them all. Baker also destroyed the AUSA records in the 50 and 100m breaststroke but her highlight was "Does this mean that I'll get my picture in the lobby of the gym?" Anna... they might just do that!

Michelle MacWhirter, from Stephenville Nfld, broke the UNB record in the 100m Backstroke and finalled in every event she swam. MacWhirter swam some top 100 World Class times and came within 9/10 of a second in three events of winning a medal. Coach Andrew Cole stated "Michelle is very demanding of herself, and what some would be quite satisfied with, Michelle always expects more. She is a phenomenal athlete and she has gained some very intense racing experience."

Masters Physiology student, Englishman Brian Woods, went a lifetime best in the 200m backstroke 2:06.96, good for a fourth



Michelle MacWhirter.

File Photo

final swim and the other two backstroke events. Thom Giberson from Fredericton, surprised the University of Calgary and Alberta for a swim off in the 50m freestyle to make it into the final. He also finalled in the 50 and 100m breaststroke, proving to be UNB's most versatile swimmer. Monctonian David Pelkey was the lead and anchor man on the two relays, one of which broke the UNB 400m Medley Relay.

Alex Yaxley finalled in every event she swam, was on all relays and has proven to be one of UNB's top recruits in the last five years.

Not to be outdone, the other two women both won the consolation final. Robin Fougere of Dartmouth went five seconds faster in the 200m backstroke than at the conference meet. Fougere went lifetime bests in every event she swam and also finalled in the other two backstroke events. Scarborough native Megan Wall won the 50m Butterfly fi-

nal and was the butterfly specialist on the 400m medley relay that destroyed the AUSA Record by two and a half seconds!

Every UNB swimmer that went to CIAU's got points for an overall eighth place finish in the country. The women almost doubled Dal's point total while the men beat archival Dal by a convincing 25 points. Fourteen UNB records were broken on the weekend, and six AUSA records were shattered.

What a crazy year it was. This years varsity team had a 50% turnover of its members and had 15 new recruits. The word around was that UNB's powerhouse swim team was no longer. After losing the first Duel meet in November to the eye of the Tiger it was questionable whether they would come around. The Reds must have had a spark as the season finished ablaze. As AUSA Coach of the Year, Andrew Cole put it, "the teams final grade for the year is "A"... for ATTITUDE!"

## GOLD! GOLD! GOLD!

This is the easiest way to describe the winning ATTITUDE at UNB Swimming. With a loss of half of last years team and 15 new recruits, those in the know, wondered if UNB would be as strong this year. Well...we showed them!

#### At the CIAU's;

- One Gold and three Silver medals were won at this years CIAU National Championships. (Doing this required beating Canada's National Record Holder!)
- UNB had the highest ranking of any Atlantic school at the CIAU, finishing eighth (8th) overall. The women almost doubled their closest Atlantic rival of Dalhousie and the UNB men won by 25 points.

- 9 swimmers travelled to the CIAU championships in Quebec City (all of whom scored points for the team).

#### At the AUSA's

- UNB won 24 of the 36 events at this years AUSA Champs (more than all other teams combined.)
- Reds swimming won the womens title at AUSA's and the Reds won the combined title of the AUSA Championships!
- 16 UNB records and 7 AUSA records were destroyed this year.

#### Awards;

- 14 swimmers were named AUSA All-stars (also more than any other team.)

- UNB won female AUSA Swimmer of the year and AUSA Coach of the year.

- 2 swimmers were named CIAU All Canadians.
- Swimmers won 7 UNB Athletes of the Week awards, 3 Athlete of the Month awards, and AUSA Athlete of the Week.
- 3 swimmers are ranked in the world and also ranked in the top 25 All Time Athletes in Canada.

#### Congratulations to;

- graduating swimmers and AUSA All Stars; Brian Woods, Keith Dwyer, Jamie Cleveland
- Head Coach - Andrew Cole, Statistician - Stephane Leblanc, Trainer - Kari Chase, Public Relations, Tobi Emerson, Johanne Harvey

### Volleyball

## Reds spiked by competition

by Mark Savoie  
Brun's Sports

The UNB Varsity Reds women's volleyball team were reminiscent of the Seattle Seahawks offense when they traveled to Edmonton, Alberta for the CIAU championships: three and out, three and out, three and out. Nevertheless, the trip can only be considered a success, since the V-Reds were able to prove that they did indeed belong at

the tournament.

After their first match, this was far from clear. In this match they got crushed by top ranked host University of Alberta. 15-5, 15-1, 15-11. To add insult to injury, the second game of the match saw Alberta empty its bench to give their second string a chance to play at CIAU level.

According to returning veteran Kerry Maher, this was a result of a UNB team which came into the match a little bit overawed by their

opponents. "All of the girls out west are very physically into it. They work out every day and take it very seriously. We realised too late that they weren't perfect, that they made mistakes just like every other team." UNB did manage to play Alberta competitively in the third game of the match. Alberta went on to win its first CIAU women's volleyball championship.

The V-Reds' second match of the tourna-

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