

Beavers shaded on ref's call

The perpetual Atlantic Intercollegiate Swim Champs, the UNB Beavers, lost their opening meet and for the first time in many years went down to Mount Allison. The meet was neck and neck all the way with the lead changing hands seven times. The first event saw the Mount Allison swimmers come tops in the 400 metre medley relay with a time of 4:47:0 over the Beavers 4:52:0.

Beaver new comer Bruce Hewson dominated the 200 metre free style with his first place time of 2:36:0. After Dave O'Neils second in the 50 free style and first, seconds by Brian Mosher and Barry Roberts in the 200 Individual Medley, the Beavers had pulled their score up to a 17 all tie with Mount Allison. The UNB men's diving team of Jeff Deane, John Thompson and Terry Davies placed 2, & 3

consecutive and put the Beavers ahead 25-18.

Beavers, Steve Coldwell and Laurie Easterbrook placed 2nd, and 3rd in the 200 butterfly and now the Beavers were out in front 29-23.

Brian Mosher placed an easy first for the second time with a winning time of 2:44:5 in the 200 metre back stroke.

It was very evident to the Beavers that Bruce Hewson was definitely an asset to the team as he pulled a first place finish in the gruelling 500 metre free style with a time of 7:31:1.

The next race, the 200 metre breaststroke proved to be the race to break the Beavers. The Beavers have strong breaststrokers this year with veterans Steve Golden and John Curtis. Both Curtis and Golden were well out in front and easily placed first and second in equal times of 3:08:1. The meet was

now in the bag for the Beavers and then came the news that one of the swimmers, John Curtis was disqualified for an illegal turn. The situation of disqualification can not be disputed, the judgement of the stroke and turn judge is final. However, hard feelings on the part of the Beavers were held because of the lack of a sufficient number of officials. It seems impossible that two stroke and turn judges could do the work of six plus that of starter and referee.

Now the Beavers lead was that of 46-42 and the ever strong 400 free style relay team of Mount Allison again showed their dominance by finishing first with a time of 4:22:0. Swimmers such as Don Hewson, last years 2nd place 100 freestyler in the Canadian Intercollegiate make Mt. A. a strong free style team.



COLLUM'S COLUMN

by Pete

Well, another weekend has passed in it's unsplendor. There was one bright spot, and that was the CIAU X-Country Championships. They were well run, from both the Coaches and runners point of view.

Grant McLaren ran the 5.15 mile course in 24:39:8 minutes, which is pretty good running. U of Western Ontario won the team title, outpointing UBC 25-33. The Red Harriers of UNB placed a distant third with 80, while RMC came last with 87.

People keep asking why are the teams from the 'Upper Canada' (I hate that expression) are so good. It is my opinion that it is a combination of things. The first being that they have a larger population to draw from. Secondly, more emphasis can be placed on more sports, by more individuals, and thirdly there is also an abundance of local athletic clubs, where individuals can train and get competition during their off-season.

The universities also offer a more varied schedule against better opponents. Western, for example will soon begin a ten meet indoor track and field schedule against US teams, such as Eastern Michigan University. This is comparable, after a fashion to our Red Harriers running against teams from Northern Maine. However the difference in calibre between the two sets of US teams is as great as between U.W.O. and UNB.

It is a strange situation. We don't lack good coaching, except in numbers. For every one good coach we have, they probably have four. I think time is the answer, but, as a varsity athlete I know it can be discouraging going to National Finals and being regarded as just some one to be played, and not valid competition.

One good thing is that makes us try harder.

The Devils had a rough time of it, they lost two games in overtime. 4-2 against St. F.X., and 6-4 to Dal. Keith Lelievre had 99 shots against him in the two games. I imagine he felt like a piece of rubber on Monday.

The Devils host STU on Friday night. Game time is 9:00 pm, this is a change from last year, it's one hour later. The reason being that Jay-Vee games are being played before those of the Varsity.

The Beavers came close, but not quite. They lost to Mt. A by a score of 49-46. One UNB swimmer, a breaststroker was disqualified, rumour has it that the call was not warranted, but those are the breaks, when your the visiting team.

The Mermaids however, did not have to worry as much about officiating, they crushed their Mt. A counterparts, 78-15. They set another relay record, but due to a lack of officials, the meet was not sanctioned. Therefore the record does not count.

As for all you who were wondering about my predictions for last, they were all right.

Peerless Predictions for this week; Devils beat STU, tie Mt. A., Swimmers over Bangor, U of A over UWO in College Bowl, Cal. over Sask., and last but not least Argos over Ti-cats.

Mermaids cream Mt.A.

By RANDY NASON

The UNB ladies swim team came back from Mount Allison with a 78-15 victory. The girls broke four records with Debbie Prince breaking the New Brunswick native record for the 100 Free Style with the time of 1:04.6 and Suzanne Fitzgerald broke the Intercollegiate record for the 200 Individual Medley with the time of 3:01.5. Both the 400 Medley and 400 Free Style relay teams broke the Intercollegiate Records. The 400 Medley relay team being Kathy Steiner, Pat MacMillain, Debbie Prince and Suzanne Fitzgerald. The 400 free style relay composed of Suzanne Fitzgerald, Janet Hen-

derson, Lynn Gray and Debbie Prince.

The other victorious swimmers were Lynn Gray and Lynn Henry clinching first and second positions in the 200 free style event Janet Henderson and Becky Reid pulled in another first and second position in the 50 free style. Jane Fraser and Shonn Atkinson came first and second in the 200 butterfly event. Lynn Gray and Jane Fraser finished in first and second spot in the 500 free style event. Suzanne Fitzgerald and Shonn Atkinson clinched first and third positions in the 200 Individual medley event. In the 200 back stroke event

Kathy Steiner and Pat Wilson finished in first and third position. Pat MacMillain and Ann Beaman pulled in a first and third position in the 200 breaststroke event. The mermaids' dominance was surely felt with their 11 first place positions out of the 11 events.

The Mermaids wouldn't have been the Mermaids without their divers. Mary Trenholm and Anne Rebel both exhibited excellent performances.

If this showing against Mount Allison is any indication of the Mermaids future then they are going to be the Intercollegiate Champs again this year.

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