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UNB uses different strokes to beat different folks

The UNB Mermaids travelled to Quebec City last weekend to compete in an invitational meet with Laval, McGill and Queen's Universities. The competition was close but the Mermaids succeeded in winning the meet by five points.

The races were close all the way, and good experience for the Mermaids. A number of additional events were swum that are not normally included in the Atlantic Universities Athletic Association (AUAA) meet schedule.

This was the last meet before the AUAA Swimming Championships to be held Feb. 17-19 in Moncton, and the Mermaids gave it their best. Two or three heats were swum in each event and points given up to 8th place, giving

the Mermaids a chance to use their depth to win the meet.

Some of the girls swam events for the first time and all placed very well. Although Kathy Gaul had never swum the 800 yd. freestyle, she came second in the event and qualified for National standards by 13 seconds.

Ginny Bradley swam the 400 yd. Individual Medley for the first time and came within 3 seconds of the National standard and placed third.

Carol Rodgers, a rookie, bettered her times in 200 yd. free, 200 back, and 100 back. Rodgers has come a long way after a few injuries at the first of the season.

Kathy Miller swam within one-tenth of a second of qualifying for the Nationals in 50 yd. freestyle and is 2 seconds off the 100 yd. freestyle standard. Miller placed fourth in both events and was a member of the winning 4 x 100 freestyle relay.

Darlene MacDonald is another Mermaid expected to reach the National time standards. At Laval she placed sixth in 200 free, 50 free, 100 free, fourth in 100 breast and was on the swimming freestyle relay.

Kathy Shane, Brit Matheson, Liz Hubbard, Bridgette Boesenberg and Margrit Bucholz swam very well and gained experience for the AUAA championships.

Pam Stewart, Cathy Smith, Laura Mullins, Betty Vander Grien, Joanne Ditomasso and Kim Myles, all swam good times, placing in their events to obtain points. They are all close to qualifying for the Nationals. This year UNB expects to send their largest team ever to CWIAU.

This week the Mermaids have been training extra hard to prepare themselves for the upcoming AUAA Championships. Coach Gail Reynolds expects the championships to be good close competition.

The Mermaids leave for Moncton, Thursday, Feb. 17, when the first events will be swum that evening, continuing through Friday until Saturday.

UNB 203
 McGill 193
 Laval 86
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Red Harriers keep on trackin'

By PAUL GUIMOND

Last Wednesday, the UNB track team competed in their third in-door meet of its season, at the Saint John Fieldhouse.

Once again Nancy Wheatley turned in the best performance by a UNB runner, capturing the women's 3,000 m with a time of 10:32.1 only 2 seconds off the qualifying time for the Canadian indoor track championships. This time is also a personal best for Wheatley and a new provincial record.

Also running very well was Ralph Freeze who finished second in the men's 3,000 m race with a personal record of 8:40 behind coach Wayne Stewart who won the event with an 8:30 clocking. Freeze later ran the 800 m,

finishing fourth in 2:09. The Fredericton native leaves for Toronto today where he will be competing in the collegiate 2-mile race at the Toronto Star Indoor Games.

These Games are probably the most prestigious indoor track meet held on an annual basis in North America. Freeze is one of the very few New Brunswick athletes to have ever qualified for this meet.

Sandy McAuley also turned in a good performance in Saint John finishing fourth in the 3,000 m with a personal best time of 9:10 then later capturing third sport in the 800 m with a 2:06.2 clocking. Another personal best was achieved by Martin Brannon who ran his first sub 9-minute 3,000,

capturing third place in the event with 8:58.

Pete McAuley won the senior 800 m in 2:02 which is the second fastest time ever run on the Saint John Track. Brian McKinly also captured a 1st place finish in the senior 1500 with a time of 4:18. Ron McCarville also had a good day running 9:43 over 3,000 m a personal best for him.

Finally Paul Guimond, again competing unofficially, walked 6:56.0 over 1,500 m which is a personal best and a provincial best performance. This is not yet an officially recognized distance for walking therefore no official record can be set. Guimond attended a clinic in Montreal last weekend where he clocked 15:01 over 3,000 m in a training session which is another personal best and provincial record.

Archers to attack

South Gym

by HOWARD MYATT

This Sunday UNB will be hosting over 60 of the top archers from New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Maine who will compete in the annual Fredericton Invitational Archery Tournament, being held in the South Gym on Feb. 13.

There will be archers from all classes (Unlimited, Freestyle, Barelow) and categories (Expert A, Expert B, Bowman, Archer, Yeoman, Tyro). This year no distinction will be made between men and women as equality of the sexes reaches Fredericton.

The action starts at 10:30 a.m.

Sunday with the second round slated at 1:00 p.m. The presentation of awards and closing ceremonies will take place at 3:30 p.m.

The host club, the Central Valley Bowman, are hopeful of taking their share of awards as they field a strong team led by Bob Liston and Andy Martin.

If you have never witness an archery tournament then be sure to come early and get a good seat, admission is free. The competition will be fast and fierce but there will be no yelling or screaming — great for those post carnival blues.

The next indoor meet for the UNB team will be in Moncton on Feb 13th, where only the 1500 and 3,000 m races will be run. The next full-scale meet will be in Saint John on Sunday Feb 20 where a number of UNB athletes will be making a final effort to qualify for the Indoor Championships which are being held Feb 26 and 27 in Montreal. Any spectators are more than welcome at these meets.

Finally, if anyone is interested in running indoor track or competing in the field events (high jump, shot put, long jump, triple jump, etc.) they should contact coach Wayne Stewart.

Melrose and Thomson lead divers at Laval

Last weekend the UNB diving team met good competition from Ontario and Quebec at the invitational meet hosted by Laval University in Quebec City.

John Thompson led the men on 1m, followed by Dale MacLean in second position and Gary Kelly in fourth. Thompson also showed great strength in his compulsories on 3m to capture first place again.

In women's competition, Kathy Melrose nosed out Laval's Helene Morneau with Lorna Calder, Celeste Smart, and Sharon Paquett finishing third, fourth and fifth,

respectively. Calder, showing great improvement from the beginning of the year, scored sixes on many of her dives and, for her efforts, was awarded the Mermaid's mascot to keep until Atlantic Championships. On 3m Melrose, Calder, and Smart placed second, third and fourth respectively.

The meet was good preparation for the Atlantic Championships which will be held next weekend in Moncton. It is hoped that most of the divers will qualify for Nationals in March.



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