

Mike Brown gains three firsts

Beavers stroke, plunge way to AUAA championships

Eleven record-breaking performances, including three by Mike Brown of the University of New Brunswick Beavers in men's competition, were turned in during the three day AUAA Swimming and Diving Championships which wound up here Saturday.

Brown's record-shattering efforts-2:08.7 in the 200 yard butterfly, 4:36.2 in the 400 yard individual medley and 18:20.9 in the 1,650 yard freestyle-led UNB to the men's team championship.

The Beavers copped the men's crown with 142 points, while Memorial University Beothuks of St. John's, Nfld. placed 2nd with 133 points. Third place went to Acadia with 102. Dalhousie University Tigers of Halifax had 19 and Mount Allison University of Sackville had 18.

The other record breaker for UNB was Paul Steeves who turned in a 2:19.5 for the 200 yard breaststroke.

Gary Brown, men's coach, has described the final outcome as "a real movement in the Beavers' history." Of the ten places to be filled for National competition from the Atlantic region UNB will be sending seven swimmers and

divers to represent Atlantic Canada! The talented seven are Mike Brown, Paul Steeves, divers John Thompson, Claude Cormier, and Dale McLean. The other two swimmers are Craig Maitland who won the 50 yard freestyle in :26.3 and Mike Flannery in breaststroke.

It was an entire team effort that enabled the Beavers to "blast everyone out of the water," a comment heard in the locker room after the last event Saturday. The action was fantastic, close up until and including the final event. There was an electric feeling running through all the crowd. There wasn't a person sitting down watching. Everyone was up cheering the team on - something that has been lacking at a majority of sporting events this past year at UNB.

Final results included a ninth place finish by Gord Howie in the 1,650 yard freestyle, just 3 minutes slower than Brown's record time. Bill Coldwell placed sixth in the 200 butterfly (2:30.4), Rob Elich third in the 200 backstroke in 2:16.4 with Ian Moodie coming sixth (2:23.4).

UNB placed second and third in the 200 individual medley. Swimmers were Paul Steeves (2:07.0) and Craig Maitland (2:14.1) respectively.

Bruce MacDonald came in a very close second for a time of 1:55.4 in the 200 freestyle.

Jeff Deane, diving coach, has 4 talented male divers to be proud of. UNB took places one to four in both 1 and 3 metre events. The scoring went like this:

- 1 M.
1) John Thompson 371.35
2) Claude Cormier 356.35
3) Dale MacLean 305.85
4) George LeBlanc 256.35

- 3 M.
1) John Thompson 379.45
2) Claude Cormier 350.25
3) Dale MacLean 300.60
4) George LeBlanc 250.65

It was this depth that really helped us win. "Way to go George!"

UNB took 4th in the 400 freestyle relay (3:29.9). Team members were Craig Maitland, Mike Flannery, Paul Steeves, and Bruce MacDonald.

Craig Maitland placed second (:56.9) and Rob Elich fifth (1:00.6) in the 100 butterfly.

Bruce MacDonald came third in the 100 freestyle. Bruce's time was clocked at 51.9, seven-tenths of a second behind first and second places, who tied.

In another second-third combination the 100 breaststroke saw Paul Steeves come second and Mike Flannery third. Paul's time was 1:04.6 and Mike's 1:05.4.

Rob Elich came fifth in the 100 backstroke in 1:02.3, and Bruce MacDonald third (1:00.2).

With a time of 6:06.7, Bill Coldwell placed sixth in the 500 freestyle event. Ian Moodie and Peter Zwicker placed sixth and seventh in the 400 individual medley with times of 5:19.4 and 5:42.2.

In the final event of the three day competition, the 400 medley relay, a judges' decision called UNB's Bruce MacDonald, Mike Flannery, Craig Maitland and Paul Steeves second in 3:54.1. Memorial who we had to beat in this event were seven-tenths behind UNB.

The meet organizers would like to thank all officials for a really top notch job, all spectators for helping us along, and athletic department staff, especially Stella Keays and Everett Gratten.

Red Bloomers host playoffs

The UNB Red Bloomers have an exciting weekend coming up with the play-offs. They are being held here at UNB with second-place Dalhousie Tigerettes playing third-place St. Mary's Friday, Feb. 21. The winner goes up against the league winner, the Bloomers on Saturday afternoon.

The UNB squad earned the right to host the play-offs and the bye into the final by defeating all the other teams in the league. They finished with a 12-0 record with 897 pts. for and 445 pts. against.

Kim Hansen, a second year phys. ed. student was UNB's top scorer for the season and she also led the Conference scoring for the season.

Janet Proutie, although she was out for 6 games averaged 17 pts. a game. Proutie is a six foot sophomore who was an all-star at last year's nationals. Sylvia Blumenfeld a talented rookie from Cowansville, Quebec, was also a

high scorer on the team.

Janet Goggin and Marilyn Watts in guard positions both have nice long shots and when they're hot are hard to stop. They each have several years experience and make a sound base for the team.

Joyce Pedersen, also in her second year with the team, is described by her coach as one of the best defensive centers in the league. Plagued by a bad ankle lately, Pedersen will be in top condition to take on those opposing centers in the play-offs.

Also back from last year's squad is Deb Holts. She has been one of the top scorers in the past few games and will be a scoring threat to any team UNB plays. Dawn Wishart from Moncton is the final returnee. She started out strong at the beginning of the season but missed a couple of games. A touch of flu has slowed her down but it's hoped she'll be back to top strength by Nationals early in March.

Besides Blumenfeld the Bloomers are blessed with several other very talented rookies. Ruth Henry, although not a starter, has come off the bench in close games and scored. Her height has been an advantage over the season. Nelda Robbins, also a member of the N.B. Winter Games Team has a nice long shot and has scored some key baskets. Vicki Irvine, a freshman from Saint John rounds out the squad. She has tremendous defense and finally has started performing well offensively. She will be a definite asset to the team in their bid to the national title and will be a strong Bloomer in the next few years.

These eleven girls will be meeting the winner of Friday's 6:00 p.m. contest at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday. If they win, they will be representing the AUAA at the National tournament here at UNB on March 6, 7 and 8.

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