

UNB SPORTS

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1989-90: A LOOK BACK

by Frank Denis

To say UNB's varsity teams had a good year, would probably be the biggest understatement uttered on campus all year. They in fact had a tremendous season, one that is unprecedented in UNB's athletic history. That is why the year 1989-90 can be called "The Dream Season".

Cross country

The first team to win an AUSA title this year was the men's cross country team, the Red Harriers. The team, led by Mike Fellows, Rod Clarke and Garn Pomeroy, upset the favoured Dalhousie squad by a single point at the AUSA finals. The team then moved on to the CIAU's in Vancouver where despite strong competition wound up a respectable 7th in the nation.

On the women's side, the Lady Harriers missed giving UNB a clean sweep of cross country titles when they finished a close second at the AUSA Championships. During the year they won, for the fifth time in six years, the prestigious Codfish Bowl which is held annually in Boston. Despite the losses of Michelle Cormier and Gisele Gallibois, there remains some strong runners on the team and they should be successful down the road.

Rick Hull, who coaches both the men's and women's team, did a fantastic job this year and

deserves a lot of credit. He was rewarded for his efforts when he was named AUSA Coach of the Year.

Red Sticks

The day after the Red Harriers won the AUSA's, the Red Sticks did the same, to give UNB two championship banners in two days. Not a bad weekend at all.

There were high hopes for the Red Sticks, when the season began and they lived up to their billing. Led by AUSA MVP Joan Robere, and CIAU Coach of the Year Joyce Slipp, the Sticks cruised through the regular season and playoffs by going undefeated before running into a road block at the CIAU's in Toronto. Most of this year's team will return next year, so the Red Sticks should enjoy another successful year.

Red Shirts

If it hadn't been for the St. Mary's Huskies the soccer Red Shirts would have won their respective AUSA title. Led by UNB's male athlete of the year, Stewart Galloway, the team finished the regular season with an 8-1-2 record and lost in the AUSA finals to St. Mary's 4-0. That game was a bit of a letdown for Coach Gary Brown because he feels his team could have been more competitive.

Since the end of the season Brown has been actively

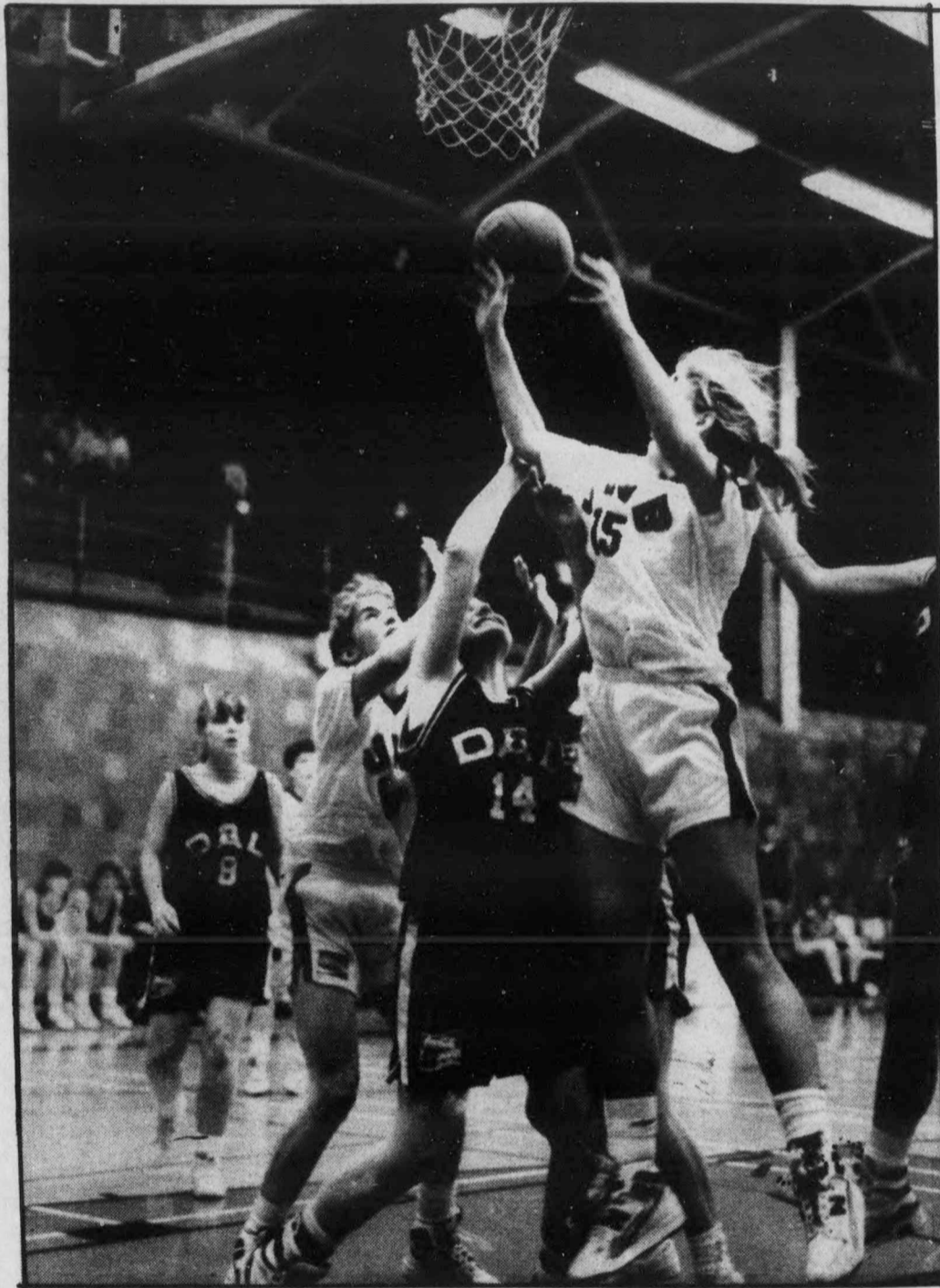


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recruiting across the Maritimes and the Shirts should again provide some exciting and high calibre soccer next year.

Black Bears

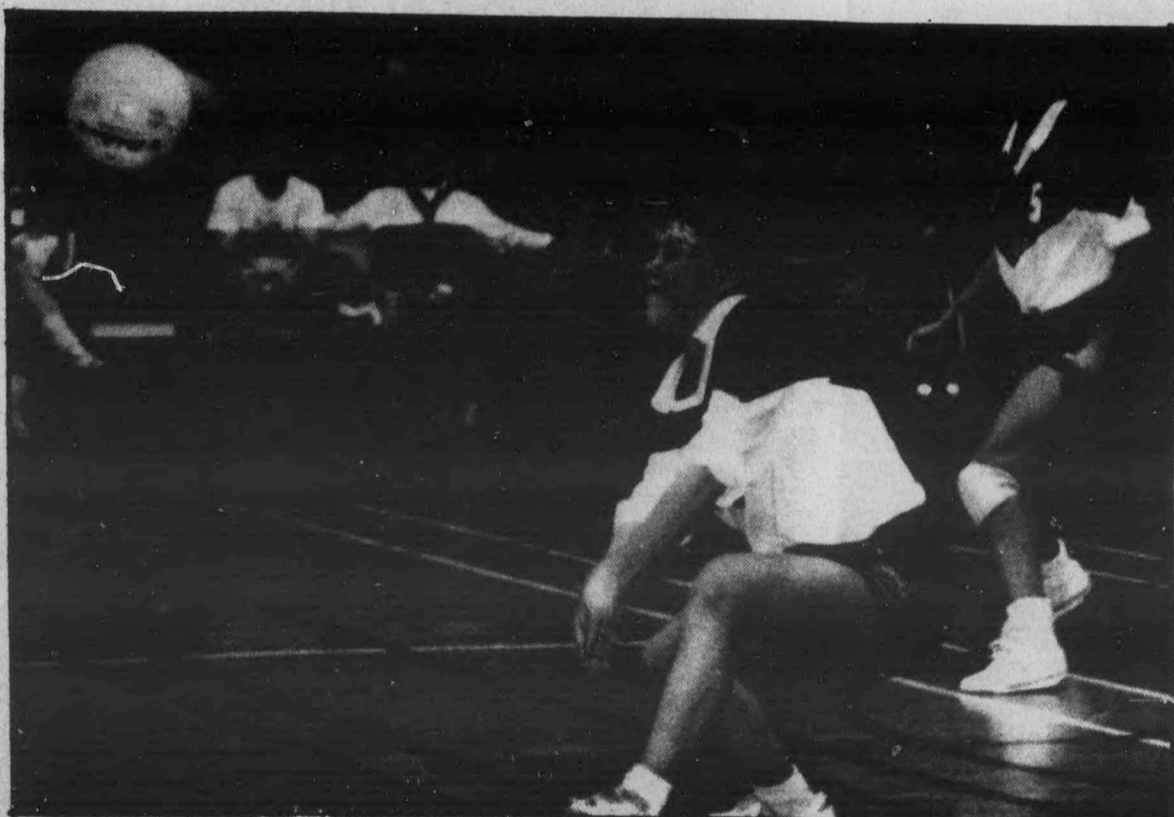
The Black Bears were the only team to have to share their AUSA title this year. They shared it with Mt. Allison because Mt. A. felt cheated at the finals held at UNB and launched a protest. The protest was denied by the AUSA executive but Jim Born of UNB Athletics maintained that in all fairness the match in question should be shared and thus the title shared. At the tournament the Black Bears leaders were Sean Dockrill, Stacey DesRoches and Don Ryan, all of whom won their respective weight classes.

Five members of the team will be graduating and therefore recruiting will be very important if the team hopes to repeat next year.

Beavers Swimming

The Beavers made quite a splash throughout the year in the pool. Both the men's and women's team captured their respective AUSA championship banners. The men's team was led by Brian Woods who won both the 200 m and 1500 m Freestyle at the AUSA's in Halifax. On the women's side of things Chrissy Hashimoto and Peggy Ackerl were the dominant swimmers. Chrissy, who joined the team in January, set a new CIAU record in the 200 m Freestyle and won the 400 m Freestyle. Also at the National Championships was Ackerl who didn't enjoy quite the success as Hashimoto but nonetheless did UNB very proud. Winning the AUSA title was a fitting and rewarding way for Katie Naylor and Gardiner MacNeill to finish their careers with the Beavers. Both will be graduating in May.

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The Lady Reds played Competitive Volleyball

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