

Mermaids and Beavers dunk Blue Eagles

The UNB Mermaids and Beavers spent a wet but victorious weekend at the Sir Max Aitken Pool. They competed Friday against the hapless U de Moncton Blue Eagles leaving the pool that night with almost every point earned to their favor. The divers however, did encounter a little difficulty as U de M's top male diver slipped by Dale MacLean and Gary Kelly to a first place on the 3 meter board. That proved to be the only interesting contest of the competition.

Saturday's meet against Mt. Allison, as anticipated, provided a little more competition. The day dawned with a little nervousness on the part of the Mermaids while the Beavers were fairly confident. The Co-eds had beaten the Mermaids in their last encounter, by a very close score and the Mermaids were out for revenge. They took their revenge by a large margin beating the Co-eds by a score of 62 to 33 while the Beavers trounced the Mounties 68 to 17.

Although the swimmers had come out of a very tough week of

training and they showed considerable strength in the weekend competitions. First place finishers in the weekend competition were numerous and included Kathy Gaul in both 100 and 50 freestyle, Julie Johnson in both 200 IM and 200 Back Randi Stangroom in 400 free, and Karen Stangroom in the 20 breast. Both the 400 Medley and 400 Free relays were won by the Mermaids.

For the men's team, first place winners were: John Bennett in the 1500 Free, Paul Steeves in both the 200 Free and 200 Breast, John MacGillivray in both the 50 and 100 Free, Rob Davis in both the 200 IM and 200 Fly, Iain Sinclair in the 200 Back, and Bill Emery in the 400 Free. Again both relays were won by UNB.

Kathy Gaul, Debbie Whittemore and Julie Johnson were the only UNB swimmers who qualified for the CIAU Championships this weekend. Gaul's time of 29.3 in the 50 Free and 1.04.0 in the 100 Free will enable her to raise up in the CIAU rankings as well as qualify her for that meet. Debbie Whittemore also qualified with a 2.40.3 in the 200 IM. Julie Johnson

qualified in the 100 back. There are still six more meets for the rest of the UNB swimmers to qualify for the CIAU's and many of them are only a few seconds off the times that they need.

This coming weekend will be a tough one for UNB. Friday night they compete against Acadia and Laval and Saturday against the Dalhousie Tigers and Laval. Acadia's women hold a decided advantage over the UNB Mer-

maids as they were national champions last year while Acadia's mens team possesses quite a few strong swimmers. The team will be looking for strong fan support to cheer them on.

Raiders play 500 ball

By TOM BEST
Sports Editor

After the start of what seemed to be another dismal season, the men's varsity basketball team, the Red Raiders, under the leadership of coach Don Nelson, are beginning to show some promise. Not only are they starting to play better ball against the team in the Atlantic conference but they have demonstrated that they are able to hold their own, and win, against some of the better teams in other conferences. Last weekend, they defeated the University of Quebec at Trois Rivieres 92-79 and Trent University, 76-71, to win the consolation of the Laval Invitational Tournament.

Nelson, said that he was pleased with the results. It was a good experience. Any time that you can go on the road and play 500 ball you know that you must be doing something right.

The Raiders also played Bishop's to whom they lost 92-59 and University of Maine at Fort Kent. They lost the Fort Kent game 79-77. Fort Kent went on to win the tournament final beating host Laval, 78-62.

"The Fort Kent game was a heartbreaker," said Nelson. "We

were up by six points at halftime and at one point we had 15 points on them. We went cold at the wrong time and they had a couple of kids who got hot at the right time. It went right down to the final shot. Earlier in the year we played Fort Kent and they beat us by 10 points."

He said that the team played an excellent game against Trois Rivieres, who currently hold down third place in the Quebec conference. He indicated that the Trent game was an easy one in which the outcome was never in doubt. "They were never close and we weren't worried."

Tom MacMillan was chosen as one of the All-Stars of the tournament and scored in double figures in all four games with a high of 22 points. Nelson said that "he deserves a lot of credit".

Nelson also singled out Mark McGeachey, saying that he played exceptionally well in the Fort Kent and Trois Rivieres games. McGeachey pulled down a season record of 20 rebounds against Fort Kent.

He said that team captain Andy

Cheam played very steadily and controlled things in all of the games. He also said that the rest of the team all made good contributions.

The Raiders next conference tilts are at Dalhousie. Nelson feels that the team will have their hands full with these games "It won't be an easy task. We'll have to overcome their height advantage and if we do that we might be able to knock them off."

The next Raiders home game will be January 27 against the UPEI Panthers.

Bloomers sink two

By JEFF IRWIN

Last weekend the Red Bloomers played two games against St. Mary's University from Halifax here at UNB.

They won first game 87-46, and won second game 83-59.

Most outstanding player in Coach Joyce Slipp's eyes was Sylvie Blumenfeld who scored 38 points in the two games. Sylvia was also voted Female Athlete of the Week.

This weekend the Red Bloomers are going to Halifax to play SMU and Dalhousie. Joyce Slipp says that Dal will be UNB's stiffest competition.

Last weekends wins gave the Red Bloomers a record of 6 wins - no losses.

Free ski instruction

Free Ski Instruction is open to all STU and UNB students, faculty and staff. Instruction is being given by qualified CSIA instructors at beginner, intermediate and advanced levels.

Lessons are broken into two week blocks which run Tuesday and Wednesday from 6:30 to 10:00 p.m.

General registration will be on January 13 and Monday, January 16 all day at the Recreation and Intramural office. If you miss either Friday or Monday, late registration forms can be picked up at the Recreation and Intramural office or the Equipment Control office in the evening.

Lessons will be conducted at Buchanan and Silverwood Winter Park. There are 22 pairs of metal skis and poles which can be signed out from the Equipment Room, L.B. Gym.

This is the opportunity of a life time. Get out and take advantage of it.

Bears claw to the top

Last weekend, the UNB Black Bears wrestling team, under the tutelage of coach Jim Born won the prestigious St. Francis Xavier Open by defeating Dalhousie, Universite de Moncton and Acadia and tying St. F.X. despite the handicap of having to give four weight classes.

Top performers for the Bears were Gabriel El-Khoury and Phil Knox, each of whom had perfect 4-0 records. All of their wins were by pins.

The meet was held as a series of dual meets between the various clubs represented. The Bears easily handled Acadia, UM and

Dal, last year's conference champions, and tied St. F.X. Although X had a similar 3-0-1 record, the Bears were credited with the meet because they had won more matches by pins.

Dan Berman, Mike Ballak, Perry Kukkomen, and Reid Barnett each finished third, second in their divisions while Roy Ballieaul took third, Rick Fray, plagued by knee injuries, finished the meet with a one and two record.

Born was pleased with the meet results saying the "We did quite well considering that we had to give up four classes. We had more pins than anyone else."

He said that the team will be bolstered in this weekend's meet against UM with the addition of Stevie Cudmore, who is currently out with an injury and by Big Bob Lockwood in the heavyweight spot. Born said that Lockwood has had limited wrestling experience but "he's a big kid who likes to work. It's a matter of teaching him a few techniques and then we should have a good wrestler on our hands."

Ping pong

There will be a Table Tennis Level I Coaching Clinic February 4 and 5 at the Nashwaaksis Junior High School sponsored by the New Brunswick Table Tennis Association.

No previous experience is necessary and the course should appeal to prospective teachers. Applicants should be prepared to do some gym work and some classroom work.

To receive the Level I Coaching Certification candidates must pass a Dept. of Youth examination and do some coaching.

In order to make plans, it is necessary to know how many will be in attendance. If you intend to participate, please contact Doug Jackson, 260 Woodbridge St. Fredericton or phone 454-5633. There will be a \$10.00 entry fee.

Return equipment or else

To Whom It May Concern:

During the past months various teams in the intramural hockey league have had outstanding equipment on charge.

I must remind you that the equipment is there for all hockey league participants use free of charge. Without this equipment many participants and thus teams would be unable to compete in this hockey program.

It is the team manager's responsibility to ensure that all equipment be accounted for after each game that they are involved with.

With the budget restraint now on it will be more difficult to repair or expand on existing equipment. Since this response to these charges has been slow, sterner

measures have to be imposed.

Thus, all teams in question that have equipment outstanding at this time must either replace or pay the outstanding bill by FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 1978 or your remaining practice times will be cancelled and your team will be removed from all scheduled league games.

May I also remind you that you must have at least 12 players on the ice during your practice period. If this requirement is not met you will be charged for the ice time - \$40.00. This amount must be apid before your next practice or next game or the same will apply as above if this is not met and you will be cancelled from regularly scheduled games and practices.

Barry Roberts

UNB swimmers tops

Several of the UNB swimmers are nationally ranked in the CIAU standings. Bruce Williams is rated ninth in the 200 m back and the UNB team is eighth in the 4 x 100 medley relay.

Kathy Gaul is ranked eighth in the 100' and tenth in the 50 freestyle events; Debbie White-

more sixth in the 200 butterfly and ninth in the 200 free; Karen Stangroom is sixth in the 800 free and seventh in the 200 breast-stroke; Ginny Bradley is rated eighth in the 200 free; and Randi Stangroom is ranked tenth in the 400 freestyle. The women's 4 x 100 freestyle relay is ranked ninth while the 4 x 100 medley relay is rated tenth.



Hugh

Allegations that the Department attempted an RCMP investigation alleged kickbacks to the Conservative party considered unfounded to a judicial inquiry matter. John Baxter, Justice in 1973 discouraged an RCMP investigation into PC party financing only because the believed such an inquiry would not uncover anything.

The 117 page report Wednesday morning Minister of Justice J. G. Cross concurred in the imposition of a restriction on an inquiry into political contributions to the Progressive Conservative party of New Brunswick. Reports says that Baxter was aware of any possible activities in connection with fund raising, when he met with senior other justice officials in 1973, and therefore was not improper.

B.J. Giroux, assistant commissioner of the RCMP, charged of the investigation to look into any contributions before with Baxter.

Hatfield comm

"It is now clear question that there interference by officials or by the justice, Mr. Baxter Creaghan" said Premier Hatfield at a news conference Wednesday.

Hatfield was responding to Liberal opposition to Higgins' accusation that the Department attempted to thwart investigation into kickbacks to the party.

An inquiry by Minister Hughes into showed Higgins allegations unwarranted.

Last March Higgins royal commission in of his allegations department inter system of kickbacks would resign if such did not substantiate.

Hatfield said it is reasonable that the continue without be prejudiced by the of its leader whose and reckless conduct past year" was an "judicial system and ed principles of fair political responsibility