

# Beavers have to wait

The UNB Women's Beavers were forced to covet an illusive AUSA championship for yet another year when they were edged out in an emotional final race of the three day competition by the Dalhousie Tigers. The men defeated their rivals from Acadia to take 3rd place.

The championships held at the Sir Max Aitken Pool, were everything they were billed to be and more. As one official stated on the final day, "This has been the best championship in a decade." Indeed it was. After leading Dalhousie by the narrowest of margins for the first two days, UNB relinquished the lead, and the championship on the final relay race.

Despite the losses both the UNB men and women showed that they were the rising power in the conference. At last year's championship the combined UNB team won a single gold medal. That came from Sue Verhille in the 100 metre butterfly. This year, in front of a home crowd, UNB came away with 9 AUSA championships, a tribute to coach Oliver's coaching ability. Eight UNB swimmers qualified for CIAU's at Brock.

## DAY 1

UNB started the meet by

qualifying four girls for the six spot final. In the final Kelly Cuddihy upset Patty Boyles from Dalhousie (CIAU finalist in '84) in a technically perfect race. She beat Boyles "on the turns, came back much stronger," said Oliver, referring to Cuddihy's club record setting time. Tracy Slavin took the bronze medal. The battle lines had already been drawn between UNB and the perennially strong Dalhousie.

Rookie Jackie Hatherly came back twenty minutes later to take the gold for UNB in the women's 200 IM. At the same time she qualified for CIAU's. On the men's side Graeme Young qualified for the men's final in his rookie year.

In the women's 40 metre freestyle Marie Yelle was edged out for the gold by Dal's Susan Duncan. Yelle was beaten to the wall by 3/100ths of a second despite setting a club record, a time for both girls that would have qualified for last year's CIAU final. Bob Robinson came 5th for the men in the 50 free.

In the first relay of the meet, Dal women came out ahead of UNB. UNB ended the day with a slight five point lead. The men showed signs of their increasing prominence by main-

taining close contact with the leaders (DAL & MUN) throughout the race ending up 3rd ahead of Acadia. David Seabrook gave UNB the lead in the medley relay on the first leg. His time was a new club record and provincial record at 59.6.

## DAY 2

The dual between Boyles and Cuddihy fired up again in the 200 free with Boyles coming out on top this time. Chris Daly from Memorial won the men's 200 in a national class time of 1:55.

DAL again got the upper hand in the 100 backstroke as Kim Pryde from Mt. A edged out Marie Yelle to come second behind Dal's Susan Duncan pushing Yelle into third despite yet another UNB club record. UNB's David Seabrook continued to dominate the 100 metre backstroke after his Thursday night performance. He won the gold medal coming from behind in a time just over the 1 minute barrier ahead of rivals John Burns and Dave Petrie from Dal.

Rookie sensation from UNB, Debbie Judah was only touched out in the 100 m. backstroke by Mariane Carlyle from Mt. A. despite not fully peaking for

this competition because she had already qualified for CIAU's in several events.

Judah came right back to destroy the competition in the 400 individual medley in another club record. Jackie Hatherly, winner of the 200 IM came second.

Sue Verhille maintained UNB's winning ways by capturing the top spot in the 100 metre butterfly.

Coming back from a rest in the relay the night before the 800 relay of Slavin, D. Verhille, S. Verhille and Hatherly won the race by a large margin to finish the second day with a narrow lead in the point race. The men's relay of Collard, Smythe, Young and Pheeneey finished fourth.

## DAY 3

Repeating her Day 1 performance, Kelly Cuddihy won the 800 free in record time winning by over a full length to second place Tracey Slavin on UNB.

In the 200 Butterfly Jackie Hatherly of UNB placed third but was disqualified for a one hand turn. Lisa Daigle of UNB moved into the bronze medal spot. In the men's Graeme Young came 5th for the Beavers.

Debbie Judah then avenged her loss in the 100 breaststroke by ripping off another club record and beating the competition by three full seconds. In the men's Peter Woodward came fourth.

Both Greg Pheeneey and Bob Robinson qualified for the final of the men's 100 free, finishing 5th and 6th respectively.

In the 200 back the women added a third and fourth place finish from Marie Yelle and Sue Verhille. David Seabrook added a surprise victory by covering a two second deficit with 50 meters to go to win the men's 200 back.

Despite losing, Coach Mich Oliver said she was "estatic with the teams' performance this year," of 11 club records, and 9 individual AUSA championships. She concluded by sending a warning to those at CIAU's saying her women would place between 5th and 9th after last year's 14th place finish. She also guaranteed that both teams will "definitely be stronger next year." Watch out everybody else.

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# Blazers Tie Bantams: Host Championship

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With their Provincial playoffs scheduled for this weekend the UNB Red Blazers head into the best-of-three series with Moncton flying. The Blazers showed their stuff with a surprise come from behind 2-2 tie with the Quispamsis Bantam "B" team.

The game last Saturday, which was played in the Saint John superb, featured the disciplined style of UNB against the big fast boys team. After a fairly wide open first period in which the Bantams outshot the Blazers 10-5, the womens team settled down. Although the boys got a quick power-play goal to start the second period, play was much more balanced, and it finished 1-0.

In an exciting third frame it got worse before it got better, as a little more than 3 minutes into the period Quispamsis made it 2-0 on a goal by Rich Brown. With 10:51 showing on the clock UNB finally began their climb back. Diane LeBlanc scooped a loose puck past previously unbeatable Mark Woods to narrow the deficit to one.

The Blazers kept the pressure up through the rest of the third period, finally paying

off with 1:23 left as Joanne Gillies tucked home her 15th goal of the season after being set up by the forechecking of linemates Sandy Ward and Carolyn Boushal. The boys pressed for the winner as time ran out but fell short as the UNB defense held. The tie was an impressive result against one of the province's best boys teams.

The best-of-three Provincial Senior series will go in Fredericton Saturday and Sunday. The only other team entered will be the Moncton Jaguars. The Blazers have won the title the last three years and feel they have a good shot at it again this season. In three games against Moncton this year, the teams split a pair in Moncton, UNB losing 1-0, and winning 3-1, and most recently the teams met in the UNB Invitational tournament with the Blazers coming away 3-0 victors in a semi-final game. With a very impressive 10-1-3 record against women's teams from around the Maritimes UNB will be favored to repeat as champions. The Blazers will be going into the weekend at full strength for the first time in some while, the final addition will be defender Cathy Potts who recently missed some time through injury.

Due to a last minute intervention by the N.B.A.H.A. it was learned after this reporter had submitted this story that the schedule for the best-of-three finals had been altered. To accommodate a Moncton protest the first game

of the series has been moved to the Dieppe Arena in Moncton, game time 10 p.m. The second game will take place at the Nashwaaksis Arena Saturday at 8:45, while a third game, if necessary, would be scheduled for the Aitken Centre beginning at 10:30 a.m.

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The winner of the best-of-three will be awarded a berth in the fourth annual Shoppers Drug Mart Womens National Hockey Championships to be held in Summerside P.E.I. during the week of March 21 till 24.

## Reds and Rebels travel to Mount A.

This weekend the UNB men's and women's Volleyball Reds and Rebels will be participating in the AUSA championships at Mt. Allison University. This championship determines which team will represent the Atlantic region at the CIAU championships at York University in Toronto March 7, 8, and 9.

The Reds finished their season in second place (11-3) with U de Moncton and will be playing Moncton in their semi-final match. The other women's semi final will feature Dalhousie University who finished first in the AUAs with a perfect record of 14-0 against host Mt. A. who finished the season in 4th place. The Reds face Moncton at 6:00 Friday while the Dal club semi final is at 1:00 p.m. Friday afternoon. The final is Saturday at 2:00 p.m. Coach Sonny Phillips feels, "we must concentrate on one match at a

time, worry about Moncton for now."

The Rebels will play the league leading Dalhousie Tigers in their semi-final match at 3:00 p.m. Friday while U de Moncton and

Memorial will face off at 8:00 p.m. with the final coming Saturday at 4:00 p.m. According to Coach Mike Washburn, "We've come a long way since October, we took a game off Dal this past weekend and we hope to do well."

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