

SPORTS

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A Journey through time

The year has come to an end as far as the athletics are concerned. It has been a season of triumph for all teams. Many teams have bettered themselves from past records and should now concentrate on final exams and essays. However, the Brunswickan sports department has not yet closed down shop. Despite the fact that we no longer have varsity sports to write about we will try to do our best to keep you entertained. You can still look forward to the weekly "Out in left field" and the "View from the Cheap Seats".

This weeks issue has been dedicated to sporting events of the past. Many of the articles that appear this week do not have the authors name on them, which is unfortunate. There is also some updated events happening on this campus that will interest you. The Bruns sports department hopes that the campus will enjoy reading about past victories and will also pick up the supplement on the past 125 years of the Bruns.

History of the Red Devils hockey

Varsity hockey at UNB is almost as old as the 20th century. Since UNB's first City League game in January 1902, when "the Red and Black" defeated a team of local bank employees 2-1, UNB hockey has altered and expanded as much as the University itself. From the era when "home ice" was a flooded field borrowed from the local garrison and the players, not a Zamboni, cleared the ice; when the team captain doubled as couch and the 7-man starting line-up ("every man in College capable of putting on a sweater") was the entire team -- UNB Hockey has evolved from January/February weekend recreation (weather permitting) into the Red Devils' present 26-game regular-season schedule.

UNB has been a part of maritime intercollegiate hockey competition since MIHL's inception: the first varsity league game (January 1906) saw UNB defeat Mount Allison 3-2. In the 84 years since then -- as the MIHL evolved from the original 4 teams (Mt. A, Dal, St. FX and UNB) into the AUAA's 10-team league -- UNB has missed only 2 years: 1912 when hockey was dropped at Mont Allison and Acadia also, and 1919, owing to closure of Fredericton's Arctic Rink. These apart, and despite the effects of the World Wars -- enrollments declined, Officer Training claimed many would-be players, and travel was severely curtailed -- UNB continued to compete

(sometimes in more than one league) every year.

In 1911 the team hired its first coach, Sandy Staples. This development was funded by the Class of '10, thus initiating a solid tradition of Alumni support for UNB's hockey program which has continued to the present. Since Staples guided his 10-man team to the 1911 New Brunswick League Championship, 19 others have succeeded him as coach. Some came and went; but four men in particular came (two began as players), stayed, and marked notable eras in UNB Varsity hockey.

Throughout Fred MacLean's tenure (1921-30 and 1933-37), UNB had no rink of its own, and had to compete with other

city teams for ice-time outdoor Arctic Rink. Nonetheless, despite the lack of facilities, despite enrolments and athletic levies lowered by the Depression, UNB became permanent holder of the Sumner Cup in 1928, and won the MIAU title in 1934. In '36, when they were NB Intercollegiate Champions, the varsity hockey budget reached \$935 - the highest ever.

Former NHLer Pete Kelly's 19 years behind the UNB bench coincided with major developments in UNB athletics in general and hockey in particular. Kelly was also Director of Athletics -- a measure of the increasing importance of hockey on campus despite the relative weakness of the war years. His emphasis on conditioning underlined the inadequacy of existing facilities, more critical than ever now that most of UNB's varsity opponents enjoyed indoor rinks. In his first year, 1948, the student voted overwhelmingly to dedicate funds provided by Lord Beaverbrook to the construction of an indoor arena. In 1950, athletic financing, hitherto administered by the Student Council, came under the control of the University Senate. UNB's varsity team moved into the newly completed Lady Beaverbrook Rink with a new name: the appearance of the "Red Devils", whose MIAU

titles in '60, '62 and '64, inaugurated the modern era in UNB hockey.

Bill MacGillivray, captain of the MIAU-winning team of '62, succeeded Kelly as coach in 1967. While the next decade saw a number of play-offs but no titles, future prosperity was nonetheless preparing. UNB's "building boom" was in full swing: in 1976, the Red Devils abandoned the Lady Beaverbrook Rink to the Saint Thomas Tommies (rivals relocated from Chatham in 1964) and moved up the hill to the new Aitken University Centre -- a change no less momentous than the shift to the LBR from the outdoor college rink of the 1940's

And as Kelly was succeeded by his protégé, so MacGillivray in his turn coached Don MacAdam. Player for three seasons (1970/71 to 1972/73), then coach 1977-85, MacAdam took the 1983/84 Red Devils to an AUAA title, their finest in 20 years.

The Red Devils have had three coaches since 1985: Doug MacLean (now an assistant coach with the Detroit Red Wings), Rick Nickelchok, and current coach Mike Johnston, whose first season was UNB's best by far in five years. In 1989/90 UNB was twice ranked in the CIAU Top Ten; finished fourth out of the ten AUAA teams; and made the playoffs for the first time since the championship year.

swimmers and officials alike - was most uplifting." She noted that New Brunswick's "small but growing core of dedicated Masters swimmers" consistently posts nationally competitive times and "need not fear to show up at either Canary or Saint John". (Masters swimmers now

comprise one-third of all registered swimmers in New Brunswick.) Pacey said six teammates are already entered in the 1991 Canadian Masters Championships scheduled for May 17-20 in Calgary; Saint John's Canada Games Aquatic Centre will host the event for the first time in 1992.

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Skiers take heed

All ski buffs interested in trying out for the ski team to compete in M.I.A.U. and Open competitions during Winter Carnival please meet in the All Purpose Room of the Student Centre, Wed. 31st at 7:30. Details of the 1961-62 team program will be discussed.

Masters Swim club meet

Two Canadians swimming records fell Saturday at UNB Masters Fourth Annual Masters Meet held at The Sir Max Aitken Pool, UNB.

Women's backstroke events dominated the three-hour-long short-course meet as UNB swimmer Mich (Née Oliver) Sexsmith recorded an official split of 33.87 in the 200-metre medley relay. Teammate Mary Pacey knocked a full 17.45 seconds off the previous national 100-metre record for her 75-79 age-group. Sexsmith, who now holds nine Canadian age-group 30-34 records and three world records, was "pretty pleased" with her

performance, but not surprised. "It was definitely the new turn rule," she said, referring to an international rule -- in effect only since March 4 -- which allows backstrokers to roll over into a freestyle turn.

Pacey, who marked a time of 2:53.23 using the conventional turn, was "both pleased and surprised." Having trained primarily for the shorter events, she entered the 100-metre backstroke on impulse.

Sexsmith, despite "taking this year off" from serious training in order to pursue a PhD in Bio-Engineering, nevertheless faithful attends UNB Masters' three weekly

practices. Saturday's meet fulfilled one of her personal goals for this year; the other is to better her own Canadian record of 1:12.77 in the 100-metre individual medley.

UNB Masters coach Shelly Hanley expressed satisfaction with the performance of her ten male and twelve female swimmers, whose ages range from 23 to 75. The two new Canadian records (UNB now holds three) crowned "a real team effort... at least on p.bp for everyone."

Provincial Masters Chairman Jean Pickles, who also swam Saturday, commented that "the enthusiasm of everybody --

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