

Mermaids Swim Off With Seven and Seventh

At the Canadian Women's Intercollegiate Athletic union nationals held in Etobicoke, Ontario several weekends ago, the UNB Mermaids swim team swam off with several medals, and a seventh place overall of the schools in attendance at the meet. Gail Reynolds, coach of the team said that it was the best that UNB had ever done and that all of the six swimmers from UNB did 'really good'.

Leading the Mermaids was Debbie Prince who came away with two silver medals in the 100 butterfly and freestyle events and a fifth place finish in the 200 freestyle. She was also a member of the bronze medal 400 freestyle relay team.

Cathy Gaul swam to a bronze medal in the 50 freestyle, a fourth place in the 100 free and a seventh place in the 100 backstroke, while Randi Stangroom placed sixth in the 400 freestyle and eighth in the 100 butterfly and swam on the relay teams.

Ginny Bradley swam in the 200 and 800 freestyle events finishing twelfth in the 800 but finishing out of the running after blowing a turn on the 200. She was also scheduled to swim the 400 free but a shoulder injury forced her to withdraw. Bradley was the fourth member of the relay squad.

Also swimming for the Mermaids were Cathy Miller in the 50 and 100 freestyle and Darlene MacDonald in the same events.

Reynolds said that Miller swam the best times of her life in her events and that MacDonald also swam very well in attaining her thirteenth and fifteenth place finishes.

The bronze medal in the 400 freestyle relay was a surprise to the team which finished behind Acadia and Lakehead Universities. Stangroom said that UNB finished one second behind Lakehead and two seconds behind Acadia but that those teams were in different heats. She added that is they had swam in the same heat as the others it could have been closer.

Reynolds said that the Mermaids would be losing only one member next year with the possibility that another would leave.

She said that Prince would be leaving because of ineligibility and that Stangroom may be considering going to school in Ontario.

Stangroom said that she was hoping to go to Ontario but that money would be the deciding factor. The second year bachelor of Physical education student said that 'I'm not too thrilled with the program at UNB.' She added that she had been living in Fredericton for a long period of time and that 'It's time to split'.

Reynolds said that she did not believe in recruiting swimmers to come to UNB but that she was hoping for more new talent to come to this university.

When asked about the possibility of having a common pool of funds for the men's and women's swim teams, she indicated that it could be very advantageous. She said that with a single philosophy guiding the program, practices would be able to run smoother and more efficiently.

She indicated that this attitude may be a factor in the slower development of women's athletics at the university level, but feels that the women's attitude was much more healthy in that they were concerned with the good of the athlete whereas the men were looking for the good of the team or prestige of the school.



Dale McLean [left] and Cathy Meirose [right] represented the AUA in the collegiate nationals. They will travel to Winnipeg to the winter nationals. The diving team is coached by Jeff Deane.



John Thomson will be another member of the diving team travelling to Winnipeg for the Nationals.

Curling Notes

There will be curling this Sunday at 10:00 a.m. with the UNB Recreational Curling Club. After the curling a short but important meeting will take place concerning the future of the Club.

Anyone interested in curling is welcome and you do not have to be a member of the club to attend. It should be noted that if sufficient interest is not shown the club will be forced to discontinue.

For further information concerning its activities call Blake Gilks at 455-5356 or Rose Colford at 455-2585.

El-Khoury to Nats

This weekend one of the members of the UNB Black Bears wrestling team will be travelling to the Canadian Open wrestling Championships to be held in Hamilton. Gabriel El Khoury will be representing New Brunswick in the 134 pound weight class.

El Khoury was chosen to represent the province following his victory in the New Brunswick Open Championships held in Moncton several weekends ago.

Brian 'Taz' Gaudet also won his weight category at the N.B. meet but was not selected to the team which will be traveling to the nationals. Coach Jim Born of the Bears said that only nine of a possible 17 weight classes would have a representative from New Brunswick.

Born was selected as one of the New Brunswick Coaches.

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