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Beavers successful at weekend meet

by Kelly Craig

This past weekend saw a capacity crowd gather at the SMA pool to watch the Beavers swim team in action. The team did very well for their first taste of AUSA action. The UNB team is definitely closing the gap on the AUSA competition. Dalhousie is always a tough team but UNB is already making strides to catch up with them.

Friday night UNB took to the pool in a dual meet against Dalhousie and the University of Sherbrooke. It was all UNB over Sherbrooke. The women scored 59 points as apposed to Sherbrooke's 26 points. Unfortunately, the girls could not achieve this same goal against Dalhousie. Dal downed UNB with 57 points as apposed to UNB's 34 points.

The UNB team did, however, come away with a victory in the 400m relay. Team members included Christine Verhille, Shelley Wyand, and Timley Lynch. Shelley's performance earned her the UNB athlete of the week award. Shelley also performed a first place victory in the 200m breast stroke. Timley Lynch made her presence known with a first place in the 200m fly.

The Dalhousie club ran away with most of the rest of the events. Their team of four managed a first placing in the 400m free relay. Gisele Roy had a very good weekend for the University of Sherbrooke as she placed first in many events all weekend. Friday night Gisele managed a first place the 200m free, 400m free, and the 800m free.

ON the men's side, the scores were a little closer with UNB losing to Dal by 9 points and the University of Sherbrooke by only a single point. Dal finished with 50 points as opposed to UNB's 41 points. Sherbrooke finished on top of UNB with 46 points where UNB came close with 45 points.

Paul Halmazna had a great weekend for UNB as he earned the UNB male athlete of the week award. Paul finished first in the 50m free and the 100m free. As well, Paul was a member of the winning 400m free relay team with Phil Chaplin, Sean Penney, and Jeff Roach. Sean Penney also finished on top of the competition with a win in the 800m free.

Jon Walsh finished high for the University of Sherbrooke with a win in the 200m free, 200m back, and the 400m free. The Dal team finished off the day with several top place finishes including a win in the 400m relay

event.

On Saturday, the Varsity Mania crew came out in support of the UNB Beavers with the latest extravaganza-The Bellyflop Contest. In the men's competition the University of Sherbrooke came out on top of UNB with 48 points as compared with UNB's 38 points. UNB came even closer to Dal on Saturday losing with 36 points whereas Dal came up with 43 points. It was Dal's day as they also defeated Sherbrooke 47 points to 39.

Paul Halmazna was the star of the day for UNB as he finished first in the 50m free and the 50m fly. Paul joined Phil Chaplin, Sean Penney, and Jeff Roach in winning the 200m free relay. The men's team has made strides since the first of October to catch up with Dal's level of swimming. In just a few short weeks there will be no stopping them.

The women came much closer than the men to Sherbrooke on Saturday as they defeated them with 51 points while Sherbrooke only came up with 28 points. Unfortunately, fate was not with them as they came up short against Dalhousie. Sherbrooke lost to Dalhousie as well.

Timley Lynch came up big for the Beavers winning the 100m fly and the 50m fly. Meaghan Seagrave won the 50m free while the UNB relay team of Krista Daigle, Tina Tector, Tanya Pit, and Jennifer Wright placed first in the 200m relay. The women have a bit of work to do to bridge the gap with Dal. But, working as hard as they do, new head coach Andrew Cole should have them ready in no time.

It is always hard to beat Dal in the pool as they have a long history of success there. With swimmers like Janet Tingley who placed in the 50 and 100m back stroke. Dal's relay teams are also difficult to beat and they showed this this weekend with a win in the 200m free relay.

On Sunday, the SMA pool bid a fond farewell to Dal and welcomed Acadia. UNB had much better luck against Acadia than Dal as both the men's and women's team won. The women's team proceeded to beat Sherbrooke on Sunday as the men's team just missed them.

The UNB women won the 4 * 50m relay. Shelley Wyand, Timley Lynch, Meaghan Seagrave, and Christine Verhille joined together for the win. This same group of girls also managed a win in the 200m free relay. Meaghan took first place in the 50m fly, Christine came up the winner in the



Lady Beavers in winning form against Dalhousie Photo by Randy Goodleaf

200m fly, and Tina Tector won the 50m breast stroke race. Shelley again came through with a win for UNB in the 50m back. Once again Gisele Roy had a sensational day for Sherbrooke as she won the 200m free, 1500m free, and the 200m breast.

The men's relay team of Phil Chaplin, Sean Penney, Jeff Roach, and Paul Halmazna won the 200m free relay. Sean came first in the 200m free while Paul came up a winner in the 50m fly. Derek Desaulniers also put in a showing for the Beavers with a first in the 1500m free.

The Beavers have realized that a total team effort is needed to win the AUSA again this year. The swim season seems long to most people but to the Beavers it is very short. The AUSA's are in March and that is not far off. Therefore, hard work and patience is what the team needs.

The UNB squad has brutal competition ahead of them in the Dalhousie team. As Dal proved this weekend they will not go down easy. Every year the Dal team comes out with a strong nucleus of swimmers. UNB has a strong nucleus returning in Phil Chaplin, Angie Pickles, Krista Daigle, Sean Penney, and some other tough veterans. Unfortunately there is not adequate space to mention all team members of the Beavers.

The team consists of about 35 athletes that train every day in the SMA pool. This weekend the team travels to Maine in an exhibition meet. They will be in the states all weekend.

Red Devils on top

By Frank Denis

The UNB Red Devils sit atop the MacAdam division this week following a loss and a win last weekend. The loss came against last year's National Champions, Moncton Blue Eagles, on Saturday losing 6-4 and the win came against the St. Mary's Huskies as the Devils rallied to a 6-4 victory.

UNB leads the division by a single point over Moncton who have a game in hand. St. Thomas and UPEI are a close second with 4 points a piece ahead of Mount Allison who have a win and a tie this season to account for three points.

In the Kelly Division, it appears a team not expected to make the playoffs is running away with the league. The University College of Cape Breton Capers began the season with five consecutive wins before suffering their first loss against Mt. Allison last Sunday.

Saturday night in Moncton, the Red Devils came out and a solid team effort was needed to top one of the best teams in the country. At the end of the first period, UNB led by a score of 2-1 but the Blue Eagles rallied and

won the game 6-4. Moncton forward, Sylvain Lemay, led the way with a pair of goals and singles were scored by Steve Salter, Eric Boisvert, Richard Lindeau, and Danny Gauvin. Replaying for the Red Devils were Ken Murchison with two, Gord Christian and defenseman Shane Easter with one each.

Immediately following the game the team headed off to Halifax for their Sunday game against St. Mary's. Tom Gemmill was the offensive leader for UNB as he had a goal and three assists. Jamie Colvin also helped out offensively with a two goal game while Christian, Murchison, and Dominic Niro rounded out the scoring. St. Mary's goal scorers were Dave Brooksmith with two, Tom Gilligan and Steve Kluczkowski. Scott MacDonald registered the win in the UNB net as he stopped 29 of 33 shots.

Tonight the Red Devils hope to increase their lead in the Mac Adam division as they play the St. Thomas Tommies at the Aitken center. Game time is 7:30pm and admission is free to all students.

Sticks heartbroken at Nationals

by Julie Frits

Field Hockey season may be officially over for this year, but rest assured, Red Stick's coach Donna Hornbrook will have her team working hard in the next several months to prepare for the 1991 season.

This past weekend at the CIAU's, UNB came remarkably close to making the medal-round of play. Although the team lost a game 3-0 to Victoria on Friday, they also managed to tie UBC 0-0. Going back out onto the field a few hours later for a stroke off, Red Stick goalie Sheila Bell made two great saves and two UNB shots were deflected off the goal post; however, UBC took the win 3-2 and later advanced to win the title.

Coach Hornbrook, who was reasonably satisfied with the play, was also disappointed that the Redsticks didn't make the cross-over semifinals. UNB did go on to beat the University of Alberta Panthers 2-1, thereby earning fifth place overall.

Josette Babineau and Joan Robere were both chosen as All-Canadians and Sheila Bell, who surrendered only three goals in regular season play, was named to the tournament All-Star team. Coach Hornbrook, in her first year of coaching the Red Sticks, was chosen as CIAU coach of the year.

This year's team was a young team and the experience they gained in Edmonton will more than likely be invaluable next year. "We have a lot of raw talent," says Hornbrook,

"The team could be there next year because we came really close this year."

"The athletes are there, the potential is there, we've got to work to improve our skills so that we will be able to adjust to the speed that they play at and then play well."

Sheila Bell is the only Red Stick who will definitely not be returning next season, so with a more mature, more experienced team, UNB will be looking to sweep their way through another AUSA, and this time, CIAU Championship.

I would like to thank Donna Hornbrook and all the Red Sticks for giving me some great quotes and such great games to write about.

Athletes of the week

Male

Female

Paul Halmazna, also of the UNB Beaver Swim team, has been named the UNB male athlete of the week. Paul an AUSA all star last season won 8 out of the 9 events he swam in this week-end at the UNB tri-meet.

Paul is a 19 year old, Calgary native in his second year of the Bachelor of Physical Education program.

Coach Andrew Cole mentioned that, "Paul is an extremely dedicated athlete and that he swam with a lot of fire in his heart this past week-end."

Shelly Wyand of the UNB Beavers has been named the UNB female athlete of the week. Shelly proved her versatility as she won events in 3 of the 4 different strokes, and was also a member of every winning relay at the UNB tri-meet on the week-end. Shelly, a former Canada Games representative, is a 17 year old rookie with the Beavers from Charlottetown, PEI.

First year coach Andrew Cole was pleased with the Beavers' performance and added that, "Shelly is an extremely versatile athlete which in part is due to her great attitude and dedication to the sport."