

The AUAA and CIAU Swimming championships are now part of history. The UNB Beavers swimming team had a year of somewhat mixed successes. Ath the AUAA championships the Beavers had hoped to come second in the women's division behind the Dal Tigers and the men had aspirations of coming third behind the Tigers and Memorial. They also wanted to increase their CIAU qualifiers from three the year before. The Beavers doubled their number of qualifiers to 6 for national championship, which as it turned out was a small but fast meet because other universities had qualified fewer swimmers than inprevious years. However, as was the case throughout the season, UNB came out slightly short on the point scoring aspect of the conference championship.

The women came third just 3 points behind Mt. A. and the everpowerful Dal Tigers. This year could mark the peak of the Dal team as UNB looked stronger than in recent memory and is apt to be even stronger next year with the help of some talented recruits. On the men's side UNB lost third place to Acadia by 10 points.

Despite the disappointing teamscores Coach Mich Oliver says she was pleased with the team's overall performance. "We can't be disappointed when we double our national qualifiers in one year and have the kind of individual performances we had this season," says Oliver. The kind of swims Oliver meant came from rookies and vets alike. Rookies Wendy Stirling, Tracy Slavin, Dave Seabrook, Bob Rdoinson and Deborah Hodgeson all had times much faster than during the dual-meet season. Wendy Stirling's medal performances in the 50 and 100 fr while Deb Hodgeson came out of nowhere to make the final in the same events. Robinson got to show his stuff to the conference by dropping 5 seconds off his 100 meter Freestyle to qualify for the final. Tracy Slavin peaked at conference to medal in COO meter butterfly and qualify for CIAU's. David Seabrook put in a good lead off leg on the medly relay to qualify for

Veterens Greg Pheeny and Captain Barton swam to persoanls cap of the season. Pheeny making the final in both the 50 and 100 meter freestyles. Probably the most emotional performaces for the Beavers came from graduating Captain Peter Barton who swam every event he entered in a personal best time, and medalling in the 200 m fly and 400 IM. He finished his conference career with perfect record in qualifying for CIAU's in all five of his years at UNB while studying engineering.

UNB was very successful at the national championships in Toronto. The four women and two men UNB sent scored 83.5 points. A vast improvement when one considers they scored less than 10 last year. For the first time in 3 years the men scored at CIAU's. Every member of the person in the six man contingent took part in the scoring at least once and the women scored a combined 5th place finish in the 4 x 100 meter freestyle relay. The women finished 12th overall with Wendy Stirling placing 8th nationally in the 50 and 10th in the 100 meter butterfly and Tracy Slavin 17th in the 800 freestyle.

David Seabrook improved his conference performance to tie for 11th in his specialty - the 100 meter backstroke equaling his personal best. Peter Barton came 16th nationally in the 400 Individual Medley competing with the likes of world ranked Brian Johnson and world record holder Alex Baumen. That event typified the world-class performances at the meet in which in any men's event it would have taken a world ranked (top 20) time to get a medal. CIAU swimming is probably Canada's strongest collegiate sport in terms of world class performances.

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