

SWIM TEAM PREPARES

Last Sunday, the UNB Beavers Swim Team held their first meeting of the year. Coach Bruce Fisher is enthusiastic about the upcoming season, as the team has been considerably strengthened by the addition of 15 new recruits. Most members of the last year's team intend to compete this year too, so overall, the prospects for the team are excellent. Bruce Fisher expects "the men's team to be right up there with Dalhousie (last year's AUAA's champion) and the women's team to be a serious contender with Mount Allison for 2nd place".

Among the notable rookies are Peggy Ackerl (Montreal), Paul Halmazma (Calgary), and Steven Quinn, who all competed (and in Peggy's case, made finals) in this year's Nationals. Andrea Parent (Cowansville) is another rookie worth mention. All these recruits are strong Freestyle swimmers, so the relay teams this year will benefit considerably.



The returning veterans, captained by Gardiner MacNeill and Katy Naylor for the 2nd year running, are all optimistic about their chances. Good performances are expected from Angie Pickles, Krista Daigle (who qualified for CIAU's last year), and Bridget Byrne. Phil Wright, Sean Penney, Tim Jackson and Keith Garratt are expected to do exceedingly well this year. With luck, they will be joined after Christmas by Rob Stirling, who is currently facing an eligibility crisis.

RED TIDE

There was a new presence at Varsity-Mania last Sunday, and it wasn't just another mascot. The fans were introduced to the latest addition to the Varsity-Mania Crew, the Red Tide. Chapman field was rocking all afternoon as the newly formed spirit band lead the crowd through cheers and fight songs, as well as the odd classic rendition of "Wipe-out" and "hockey Night in Canada." The band was the highlight of the event and received rave reviews from all who witnessed their zany performances.

Mania Coordinator, "The guys are just incredible!!" The Red Tide is made up of a group of Burgess' friends and are sponsored by Moosehead Breweries. Mitch Price, one of the key players in the organization of the band, said the following, "We are just a crazy bunch of entertainers having a great time and partying along with the rest of the crowd."

The Red Tide, along with the rest of the Varsity-Mania Crew, will reappear on Saturday, September 23 at Chapman Field for the next Varsity-Mania event, featuring the U.N.B. Red Shirts against the UPEI Panthers.

Last year's outstanding female swimmer, Jackie Hatherly, returns this year

to help coach, as her 5 years have run out (the maximum allowed by CIAU rulings). She was a valuable member points-wise for the team, and will be sorely missed.

The 1st meet of the season is October 20: UNB vs. Acadia at UNB. The Bruns. welcomes all swimming rookies to the world of UNB Varsity Sports - and wishes the UNB Beavers Swim Team a GREAT season.



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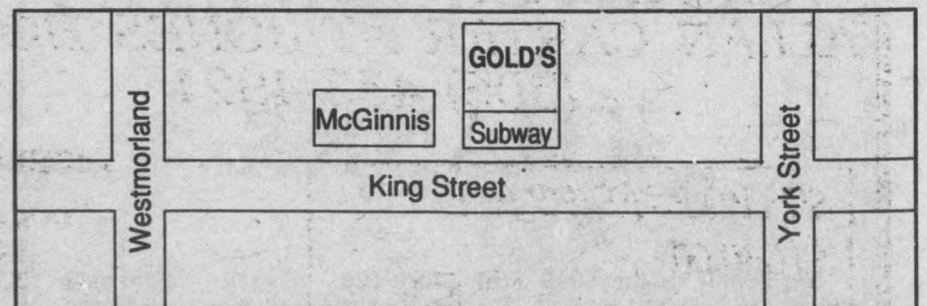
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