UNB Beavers didn't give their opponents a chance

UNB Beavers swimming and diving team returned from Acadia this weekend with another Atlantic Universities Atheltic Association (AUAA) conference title. Under the coaching of Gary Brown, the Beavers have won the title three times out of the last five years but have shown an overwhelming dominance in all events this year.

Thursday evening, UNB started their victory with Mike Brown placing second in the 1650 yard Freestyle, breaking the old conference record by one second and Dave Pretlove, new to the distance event, placing seventh. To finish off, the Medley Relay team of Bruce Williams, Craig Maitland, Paul Steeves, and John MacGillvary placed second overall behind Acadia, with both teams breaking the old record.

Team returned the next day to begin the individual event with Dave Banks placing first in the 200 yard Freestyle, setting a new record and placing in Division II Nationals and with MacGillvary placing sixth in the finals.

Williams started to prove his dominance in the Backstroke events by placing first in the 200. UNB's depth started to show in the Breast stroke with Paul Steeves tieing for first place in the finals but placing second to the Acadia swimmer on a judges decision with Bill Curtis placing fifth.

Maitland qualified for the Nationals with a second place finish in the 100 fly, meeting the standard by one second and placing fourth in the following event, the 50 yard freestyle.

Brown set a new conference record in the 400 yard Individual Medley breaking his old record by 5 seconds and qualifying for the Nationals.

With a break in the events before the 800 yard Freestyle, the divers started the ball rolling by tieing up all the placings on the three meter board. John Thompson, Dale MacLean, Gary Kelly, Ewen Dickson and Mike Allard placed first to fifth respectively with coach Jeff Dean left in amazement.

The final event of the day was the strong victory for UNB in the 800 Freestyle Relay with a new conference record by teammates Paul Steeves, Mike Brown, John MacGillvary, and the strong anchor of David Banks bringing home the victory. UNB finished the second day of competition more confident to win the championship leading the by 30 points over rival Acadia.

Saturday brought the UNB team into the finals to prove to their rivals their high calibre of team effort.

The first event was the 200 Individual Medley with Banks and Steeves first and second respectively with both swimmers breaking the conference record and Banks qualifying once more for the Nationals.

MacGillvary surprised everyone with a fourth in the 100 yard Freestyle.

Depth showed once more on the part of the UNB team with Banks, Pretlove, John Bennet placing first fourth and sixth out of the six finalists.

Brown and Maitland showed their strength and endeavour by placing fourth and fifth in the 200 yard Butterfly, putting the UNB score even further ahead.

Williams, showing peak performance, placed first in the 100 yard Backstroke, with a new conference record and missing the Olympic trials time by five tenths of a second.

Record breaking performances by Steeves proved his superiority by breaking his old conference record by two-tenths of a scond and qualifying for the Olympic trials by eight tenths of a second under the standard.

The divers went to to the one metre board to completely dominate the diving competition by a repeat performance of Thompson, MacLean, Kelly, Allard and Dickson placing first to fifth respectively.

To finish off the AUAA championships the UNB team consisting of Maitland, Steeves, Banks, and Williams placed fourth in the 400 yard Freestyle Relay to retain the championship trophy.

Bruce MacDonald, Bill Caldwell and Peter Zwicker placed alternate in their events missing the finals but putting on a strong showing for UNB.

The overall scores were, UNB - 169, Dalhousie - 104, Memorial - 90, Acadia - 88 and Mount Allison - 15.

Ten members of the Beavers were selected to represent the AUAA at the Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic Union (CIAU) National Championships.

Banks, Steeves, Maitland, Williams and the entire diving team of Thompson, MacLean, Kelly, Allard and Dickson were all chosen as members of the team.

UNB set eight new conference records overall and proved to be a team, which was uncontested with their strong peak performances.

The Most Outstanding Male Swimmer award went to Banks for record breaking performances in the 500 Freestyle and the 200 Individual Medley and for placing first in the 200 Freestyle and being a member of the winning 800 Freestyle Relay team.

The Beavers are now in the process of training for the CIAU National championships to be held in Waterloo on March 8 to 10.



The UNB Beavers captured the AUAA conference title last weekend. The men also smashed numerous records and several qualified to compete in the Olympic trials.

Three UNB Bears to Lakehead U for national wrestling meet

By TOM BEST

UNB's wrestling team, the Black Bears, are still on the prowl although their intercollegiate season is over. Last weekend, all five of the wrestlers from UNB who went to the New Brunswick Open Wrestling championships held in Moncton, George Pineau, captured first place in the 109 pound class; Dave Niles won the 154 pound division; Rick Cuthberson was first in the 163 pound spot and Rod Bell captured the heavyweight honors.

Mike Ballack, fighting for Born's Wrestling Club, was the winner in the 149 pound bracket. With the exception of Ballack, who competed in the Senior class, all of the UNB contingent won their titles in the Junior classification.

The winners of the N.B. open will be eligible to compete in the Atlantic Open championships to be held in St. John's, Newfoundland March 5 and 6. Any of the successful grapplers in that contest will be eligible to compete in the Canadian Open championships to be held the following weekend.

This weekend, three of the Bears go to the Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic Union (CIAU) wrestling championships in Thunder Bay, Ontario. Pineau, Cuthberson and Bell along with Coach Jim Born will travel to the tourney slated for Lakehead University.

Devils win cont.

after Hercun's third to end the game at 10-8.

The season, so ended for the UNB Red Devils, has been a disappointing one for all involved. The young team, which seemed to suffer from a generation gap between seniors and rookies, seemed to have what it takes to win games but just couldn't put it all together.

First year defenseman Dave Neill put it this way. "We just haven't been able to pull it together." Neill stated. "I don't know what's wrong, what it is, but everyone's to blame, I think."

When questioned as to whether he was looking forward to a better season next year, coach MacGillivary replied, "Oh God - we'll have to have a better season next year or there won't be a program the year after."

MacGillivary said that he was finishing this year with a feeling of relief. For him and for the Red Devils it had been a bad season and he's felt this year's edition of UNB's hockey representatives is oen of the most difficult to understand yet. Problems have abounded from the attitudes of his players and MacGillivary is hoping that natural processes will weed out the problem individuals for next year.

For the most part, the UNB Red Devils will be little untouched by the processes of graduation and eligibility. Playing in their final seasons of intercollegiate hockey are seniors Jerry Grant and captain Doug McDonald, as well as Donnie Kinsman, all of whom have played four years of intercollegiate hockey.

Another familiar face will be missing from the 1976-77 lineup in the person of Pat Morrissette, a sophomore defenseman, who has turned in a favourably impressive year. Morrissette was among the top scorers on the squad this year and supplied the Red Devils with tough steady defense as well.

So the season for the Red Devils ends on a winning note and leaves them with five wins to their credit. But one must not overlook the number of one goal games to be found among their 11 losses during the season.

In other AUHC action this past weekend, the league leading St. Mary's Huskies were handed their first loss of the season's campaign when they fell 10-8 to the U de M Blue Eagles. The Huskies, who were undefeated in 15 starts, finish the season with a 15-1 record and have earned the right to host the AUHC championships slated for Halifax this coming weekend.

Inner-tube waterpolo

Following March Break the Women's Recreation program will start off with Volleyball; Tuesday nights (9, 16, and 23) in the West Gym from 8:30 - 10:30 p.m.

On Wednesday evenings from 8:30 - 9:30 p.m. (10, 17, and 24) co-ed inner tube water-polo will be run at the Aitken Pool. The ladies have had lots of practice at this sport as we had it in our program earlier in the term. Everyone is welcome to come out and play. Teams will be made up on the night you come. You do not have to come all three nights as new teams will be made up each week.

Remember, it is for Recreation and Recreation is for fun and fun is for your enjoyment, so do not miss out on your program.

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