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Beavers swim to AUAA championship

by James Otto

The UNB Varsity Swim Team won the Atlantic (AUAA) Championships at Acadia University this past weekend in both the men's and the aggregate combined.

Not only did UNB do well in the team awards, they also did very well in the individual awards.

The women's AUAA swimmer of the year was won by UNB's Meaghan Seagrave whilst the rookie swimmer of the year was Iain Tennent and male swimmer of the year was Jason Lukeman (all from UNB).

Seven swimmers from UNB qualified for the National Championships and Coach Andrew Cole was named AUAA Coach of the Year.

Cole, in only his sophomore season was very pleased with his team's performances, "This impressive weekend shows that our swimmers are believing in themselves and in the Beavers swimming program."

The men won 12 of 16 events for a total of 225 points against 2nd place Dalhousie with 118 points. The women's team also garnished 12 medals and had a very tight dual for 2nd place with Mount Allison.

The women's team was highlighted by the performance of fourth year team captain Angie Pickles of Fredericton, who qualified for the National Championships on what would have been the last race of her varsity career. This heart-warming swim won her the 200 meter backstroke and declared her an AUAA All Star.

Meaghan Seagrave of Fredericton finished first in both the 100 and 200 meter breaststroke, 2nd in 200 and 400 individual medley. She proved her versatility by also meeting the time standard for the National Championships.

Shelly Wyand of Charlottetown, last year's AUAA rookie of the year swam personal bests in the 100, 200 backstroke and 200 individual medley. This gave her two silver and one bronze medal and brought her within 16/100's of a second to qualify for the CIAU's.

Jennifer Davis of Yarmouth also won a bronze in the 50 meter freestyle and was a member of both silver medalling relays along with the butterfly, and freestyle specialist Rebecca Smith of Waterloo, Ontario.

The UNB Beavers are this year's AUAA Champions following their win at Acadia last weekend
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Medallists from the Men's Team included Jason Lukeman of Port Hawkesbury, NS who won the 50, 100, 200 freestyle and golds in two relays. These record-breaking performances now rank him in the top four in Canada.

Iain Tennent found gold in both the 100 and 200 butterfly, silver in the 100 freestyle and bronze in the 400 freestyle. The rookie from St. John's Nfld. was the only swimmer to qualify for CIAU's prior to this meet.

Stephane LeBlanc found the fire and won the 100 breaststroke and was 2nd to teammate Giovanni Slaviero. This order was reversed when Gio won the 200 breaststroke. Both of these rookies from Moncton will be going to Montreal in two weeks along with fellow Monctonian Jacques Chamberland. This ironman won the mile as well as the 400 meter freestyle, which also earned him a birth on the AUAA All Star Team.

Tim Brown was the silver medallist in both of these events and came within 1/2 second of qualifying for the CIAU Championships in an

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Black Bears defend AUAA title

The 1992 AUAA Wrestling Championships were held on Saturday, February 15 at Mount Allison University in Sackville. The UNB Black Bears once again pounded their Atlantic opposition into the mat to win their third straight AUAA title.

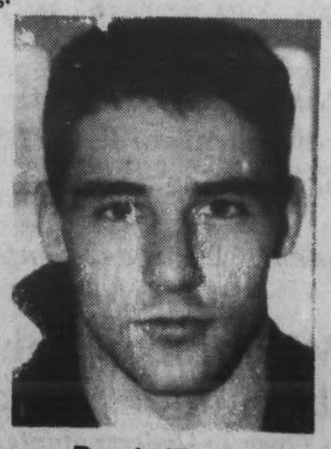
Along the way, they also took a good chunk out of Concordia wrestlers from the National Training Centre in Montreal. Long before the finals were over, it was apparent that UNB would not be denied their 14th AUAA title in wrestling since 1973. The final team standings had UNB in first place with 34 points to St. Francis Xavier's 27, Mount Allison's 24 and Memorial's 19 points.

The final matches of the tournament started in fine style. Terry Pomeroy justified his third place ranking in the CIAU by easily defeating his St. FX opponent to win the 52 kg weight class.

At 57 kg., Pat Zwicker was able to sit back and watch his opposition fight for the silver medal as he had already destroyed them in the preliminary rounds. Especially satisfying was his convincing victory over Brian Curwin of Mount Allison, previously ranked fourth in the CIAU.

David Gallant dominated his opponent from St. FX to ensure his place in the medals but had to settle for bronze at 61 kg. after losing a tough final match.

Stacy DesRoches dominated his opponent from Memorial (15-0) but lost a close match to Don Reid of St. FX, the 1992 AUAA Outstanding Wrestler and had to settle on the silver medal at 65 kg. Last year's AUAA outstanding wrestler, Sean Dockrill didn't let a touch of the flu slow him down. He came off his 'deathbed' to hammer Richard Schwartz of Concordia, ranked fourth in the CIAU, and claimed the gold medal at 68 kg.



Sean Dockrill captured the gold medal in the 68 kg weight class

At the tough 72 kg weight class, Jesse Simon finished fourth although he had both the silver and bronze medallists in trouble during those matches.

The 76 kg class was the closest of the tournament as all five wrestlers in the weight class lost at least one match. Preliminary round victories included a Concordia wrestler that he quickly

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