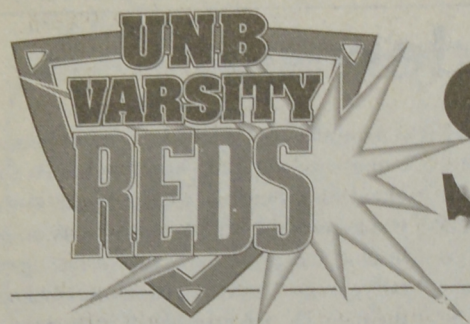




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UNB edges Dal 195-188.5 in Halifax at AUS finals

UNB swimming wins championship banner

James Otto

Special to The Brunswickan

It was an incredibly exciting conference fight last weekend in Halifax as the UNB women won the Atlantic University Sport Championships.

The final score was UNB 195 to Dalhousie 188.5 with Dalhousie outnumbering UNB 18 to 14. The roller coaster competition had UNB and Dalhousie within two points of each other over most of the weekend.

Day One

Shannon Quirk started the competition off by being the first woman to qualify for the CIAU National Championships. The next event had Fredericton rookie Victoria Lally win the 50 metre backstroke in a time of 31.14 with the top three swimmers within 8/10's of a second. In the same event, UNB iron man Andrew Hulse swam a career-best time for a gold in 27.63 seconds.

Carla Geurts swam in the 400 metre Individual Medley to win with Kara Folsom finishing second a full seven seconds ahead of the next Dalhousie swimmer, in what turned out to be a highly controversial disqualification by Halifax officials. In fact, it was one of the only technical infractions that was called the whole weekend. The women then went on to destroy Dalhousie by five seconds in the 400 freestyle relay with Shannon Quirk, Victoria Lally, Sienna Quirk and Carina Waycott.

Day Two

Day two started with Carla Geurts tying the AUS record and winning gold in the 100 metre backstroke, swimming a lifetime best by almost two seconds in 1:04.48 seconds. Andrew Hulse went from sixth place to gold in a time of 58.70; he also destroyed the field by more than a

second in the 100 metre backstroke. The third UNB gold medal in a row was won by Carina Waycott when she broke the 30 second barrier for the 50 metre butterfly in a time of 29.85 seconds.

The 400 metre freestyle also proved to be a very interesting race with the Quirk sisters winning both Gold and Silver. First-year swimming sensation Sienna Quirk won in a time of 4:32.91 with older sister and team captain Shannon Quirk more than two seconds ahead of Dalhousie in 4:36.62. Dark horse Adam Moore surprised the entire field by improving more than seven seconds in the men's 400 metre freestyle to win the Silver in 4:11.92. Geurts continued the sweep by winning the 200 metre butterfly in 2:19.11.

The second day finished with the UNB women destroying Dalhousie by 18 seconds in the 800 metre freestyle relay. Leading the attack were teammates Jane Gregg, Kara Folsom, Heidi Morrison and Carla Geurts. At the completion of this day's events the score was Dalhousie 134 to UNB 132.

Day Three

Sunday started off with Sienna Quirk handily winning the 800 metre freestyle with a time of 9:18.50. Sienna finished the weekend winning more gold medals than any other rookie in the Conference. Geurts once again won the 200 metre backstroke in 2:18.01, making her world performance ranking the highest and therefore winning AUS Swimmer of the Championships. Andrew Hulse completed his sweep of all three backstroke events by winning the 200 metre backstroke in 2:07.17.

The highlight race of the entire weekend was definitely the women's 400 metre Medley relay. Victoria Lally led off the backstroke in 1:06.81 which coincidentally earned her the AUS Rookie of the Meet and gave



Kevin Forneris/The Brunswickan

The UNB men's and women's swimming teams had a great time at the AUS Swimming Championships in Halifax this past weekend. The women came away with the championship title, winning their conference against a tough Dalhousie team. The women beat Dal with a final score of 195-188.5.

UNB a lead of 1.5 seconds. Tracy Guimond swam the best time in the breaststroke but Dalhousie pulled ahead by 2.5 seconds. Carla Geurts swam the butterfly leg to give an even race going into the anchor freestyle performance. Sienna Quirk was then head to head with the 100 metre freestyle Gold medallist from Dal. With 50 metres to go, Dalhousie pulled ahead on the turn and maintained the lead until 15 metres from the finish line. Sienna stopped

breathing as did everybody else in the building to watch a spectacular come from behind finish with UNB winning in 4:27.26.

Dalhousie was disqualified, after being beaten, for substituting a swimmer in the last minute and also changing the order. Sienna saved the day as her watchful eye stopped the officials from changing the relay entry card during the race.

In the end, every swimmer performed season-best times with

almost all athletes swimming lifetime best performances.

The victory was shared proudly with all members of the team. Coach Andrew Cole stated that "it was an extremely hard-fought battle with all athletes rising to perform their best."

At its completion, coach Cole was named AUS Coach of the Year. Coach Cole praised his team by stating, "our conference is highly competitive and UNB has once again risen to the occasion."

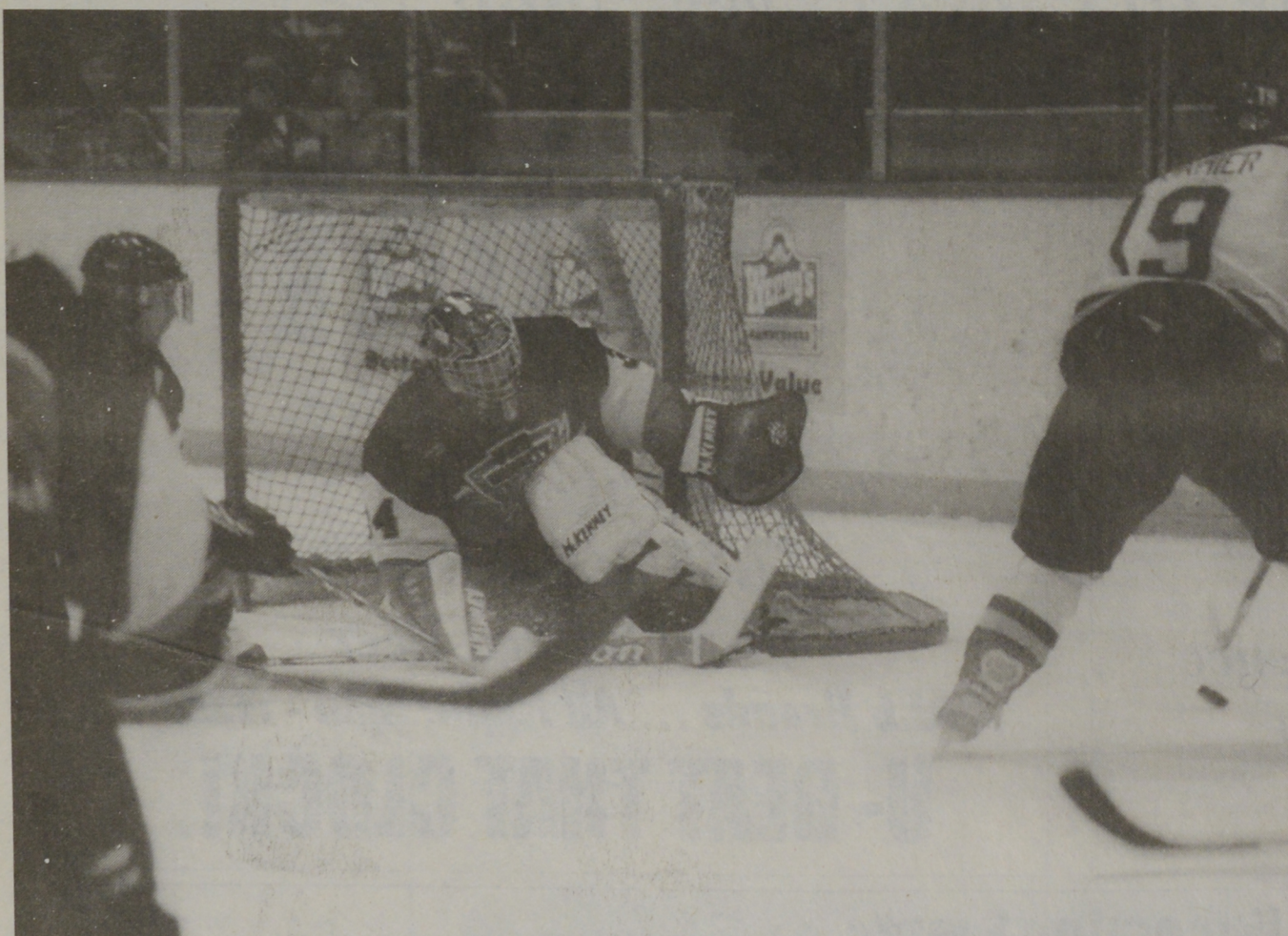
UNB AUS swimming medalists

200m freestyle: (Silver) Shannon Quirk, (Bronze) Jane Gregg
200m freestyle: (Silver) Adam Moore
50m backstroke: (Gold) Victoria Lally, (Silver) Kara Folsom
50m backstroke: (Gold) Andrew Hulse
100m breaststroke: Tracy Guimond, Tanya Taylor
100m butterfly: Carina Waycott, Sienna Quirk
400m individual medley: Carla Geurts
4x100m freestyle relay: (Gold) Shannon Quirk, Victoria Lally, Sienna Quirk, Carina Waycott
100m back stroke: (Gold) Carla Geurts, Victoria Lally
100m backstroke: (Gold) Andrew Hulse
50m butterfly: Carina Waycott

400m freestyle: (Gold) Sienna Quirk, (Silver) Shannon Quirk
400m freestyle: (Silver) Adam Moore
200m breaststroke: (Bronze) Tracy Guimond
200m breaststroke: (Silver) Aaron Lee
50m freestyle: (Silver) Victoria Lally, (Bronze) Sienna Quirk
200m butterfly: (Gold) Carla Geurts
800m freestyle Relay: (Gold) Jane Gregg, Kara Folsom, Heidi Morrison, Carla Geurts
800m freestyle relay: (Silver) Adam Moore, Mike Robertson, Aaron Lee, Chris Grimes
800m freestyle: (Gold) Sienna Quirk
50m breaststroke: (Silver) Tracy Guimond, (Bronze) Jane Gregg

50m breaststroke: (Silver) Chris Grimes
200m backstroke: (Gold) Carla Geurts, (Bronze) Victoria Lally
200m backstroke: (Gold) Andrew Hulse
100m freestyle: (Silver) Shannon Quirk, (Bronze) Carina Waycott
100m freestyle: (Bronze) Michael MacKay
200m individual medley: (Silver) Kara Folsom
400m medley relay: (Gold) Victoria Lally, Tracy Guimond, Carla Geurts, Sienna Quirk

Finalists: Chandra Dehaan, Katy Chancey, Kelly Clark, Mike Robertson, Tanya Taylor



Cindy Brown/The Brunswickan

UNB's Lloyd Lafrance makes a save against Moncton's Luc Cormier. The Reds edged the Blue Eagles this past weekend in hockey action at the Aitken Univeristy Center, 7-6. The Reds finished fourth in their division and will play the Acadia Axemen in the first round of the playoffs. Their first game is next Thursday in Wolfville and then they return for games two and three in Fredericton. Both game times are at 7:00pm with game two on Sunday the 25th and game three, if necessary, on the 26th.

UNB leaves Moncton feeling 'bleu'

Reds win 7-6 in men's hockey action

Jeffery Smith

The Brunswickan

UNB hopes that their last game of the season speaks for what they hope to accomplish in the playoffs this upcoming week. The Reds beat the University of Moncton Blue Eagles 7-6 at the Aitken Center this past Friday night in a hard fought game that at one point, saw UNB losing by two goals.

The win closed out the season, putting the Reds three games over .500 with a 13-10-5-0 and 31 points.

UNB placed fourth in their division and will face the Acadia Axemen in the first round of the playoffs that start on February 22nd at Acadia in Wolfville. Since UNB has home-ice advantage, the best-of-three series returns to UNB on the 25th and 26th at the AUC.

In the other series, the Dalhousie Tigers (3rd) play the Saint Mary Huskies (6th) and Saint FX (1st) and Saint Thomas (2nd) have first-round byes.

In nets on Friday night, the Reds

started backup goalie Lloyd Lafrance as regular Gene Chiraello was in Poland playing in the FISU Games.

The Reds started the game off with a fast pace, quickly scoring only 4:19 into the contest. Todd Alexander was fed the pass in the slot by Calvin Watson and beat UdeM's Dominic Biouin through the five-hole.

A penalty by Moncton and physical pressure by both teams got the crowd into things and it appeared that UNB was going take a two goal lead. Moncton quickly doused these hopes as the Reds played poor defense against Moncton's Vincent Dionne who scored shorthanded on a two-on-one and cut in front of the net to beat Lafrance.

The Blue Eagles scored two more goals before the period was over to take a 3-1 lead. A shorthanded goal by Luc Cormier and then a power play goal by Stephane Huot hushed the crowd and made the Reds look shaky for the remainder of the period.

A number of great saves by Lafrance

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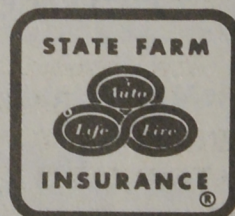
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