

SPORTS

CIAU's... Here comes UNB

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For this first time in four years, the UNB men's cross-country team has won the AUSA championships. The race, two loops of a 5 km course through Pleasant Park in Halifax, was completed at a very fast pace with Dal and UNB battling for the title.

The first 5 km of the race was run very quickly with Dal's Craig Parsons and Dave Whittle each vying for 1st place. Close behind with the strong grouping they had

shown all season were UNB's top four runners. This grouping remained basically unchanged throughout the race with UNB's Noel Gallant, Chris Pinsent, Scott Hare and Bill MacMackin working hard to maintain their spots in the top seven. In the middle of the pack Louis Brill, James Ayles and Greg Bishop pursued a large block of Dal runners to establish the fifth counter.

At the finish Craig Parsons barely outkicked Dave Whittle for 1st place but UNB's overall strength shone through as rookie Noel Gallant once again lead the team to place

3rd(32:28) closely followed by Chris Pinsent in 4th (32:34). Noel Gallant ran with the same strength he has shown all season and with this type of racing in his first year he could be the best in the conference in the future. Chris Pinsent finished his last year of eligibility by running the best race of his UNB cross-country career. Very close behind in 6th place (32:41) was Scott Hare who once again pulled it all together when he was needed. The fourth UNB runner was Bill MacMackin, the team captain, who placed 7th (32:46) for his best AUSA plac-

ing in his four years of university competition. The final counter for the Harriers was James Ayles whose dedication to team and training finally paid off. His hard fought 17th place finish was good enough to put UNB four points ahead of Dal. The rest of the UNB squad included Greg Bishop and Louis Brill.

This AUSA championship was undoubtedly one of the hardest fought in recent years. The race was the fastest all season with the top seven finishers all running faster than the second place finisher on the course a month before.

UNB won the AUSA's on the overall strength of their team and the close grouping of it's top four runners, who were once again declared AUSA stars. Dalhousie had a cross-country championship title swept from under their feet. The Red Harriers paid the price over the season in hard work and were ready to run their best race to win. That was just what they did. Now with that same determination, they are ready to head for the CIAU's in London, Ontario where they plan to prove they are UNB's strongest team in years.

Red Stick... Avengers

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The UNB Red Sticks field hockey team sewed up the AUSA's Championships this past weekend with a 2-0 victory over the University of Moncton Blue Angels. The Sticks advanced to the finals through a 4-1 trouncing of St. Mary's University Saturday afternoon.

The scorers for Saturday's game was a combination of three veterans, Carla Reeves, Susan Grady and Carol Cooper and one rookie Deb Fullerton...nice work girls. Sunday's championship slated for 1 in the afternoon saw a very pumped up Moncton team giving UNB Red Sticks some pretty fast, aggressive play. The first half of the game was scoreless until 26:05 with a quick goal by forward Carla Reeves. The Blue Angels were constantly challenging the Sticks for ball possession and control of play.

The Moncton team was urged forward by captain Danielle Audet a carded athlete for the Canadian national team, as well as Jean Leblanc who continued to hammer the ball towards the Red Sticks goal.

It was Cathy Whalen who placed the only other marker of the game neatly in the corner of Moncton's net.

When asked how she felt her team played coach Joyce Slipp stated that "they were playing rather flat throughout the game." This could have been due to the controversy sur-

rounding the eligibility of the team from Memorial University of Newfoundland. The coaches and teams were waiting for a ruling by the National Federation of Field Hockey on the eligibility of Mag Davis, the Memorial's goalie who is both a full time student and teacher; prohibited under CIAU rules.

Since the tournament it has been learned that Memorial is indeed ineligible.

Coach Slipp is optimistic about the Sticks ability to perform well against the Western teams. The only question is in the area of goaltending as neither UNB goalie has really seen any action this year. All

these questions will be answered just a few hours after you read this paper as the Sticks are scheduled to play their first game Friday afternoon at Lamport Stadium.

In case you've forgotten; the Red Sticks placed second last year against the University of Toronto - *Second in Canada!* They are headed to Toronto to see if they can't avenge that loss by 2 penalty strokes. This is your chance as UNB students to take pride in a team that could possibly be best in the nation. Listen to your radio this weekend to hear how your UNB team is making out. GOOD LUCK GIRLS!!

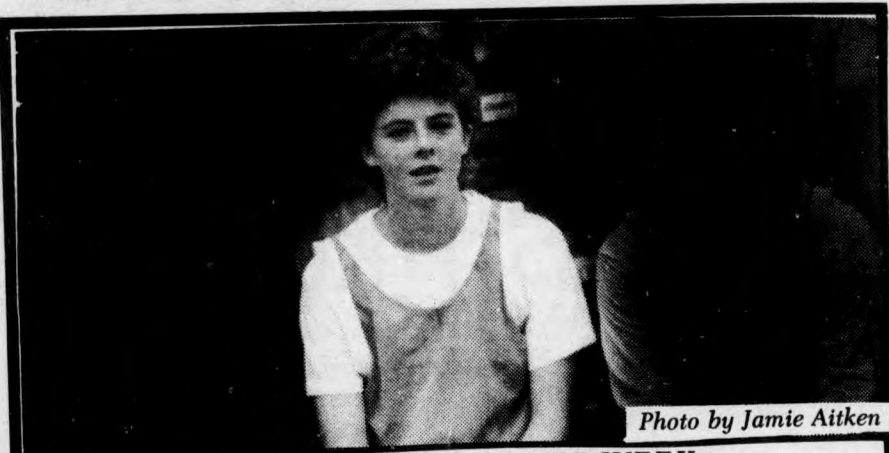


Photo by Jamie Aitken

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

The University of New Brunswick's two AUSA championship teams are represented in this week's athletes of the week award.

A gritty performance by the Red Harriers Cross Country team has earned the team athletes-of-the-week honors for the week ending Oct. 26. After losing once and tying once in meets against Dalhousie, the men's team came back in the AUSA championship to take the crown away from their arch rivals from Nova Scotia.

UNB won the competition by four points (38-42), placing their top four scorers in the first seven. Red Harrier coach Rick Hull described the team's performance as "heroic" and the "best of the season."

Noel Gallant was UNB's top scorer in 3rd position followed by Chris Pinsent, 4th, Scott Hare, 6th, Bill MacMackin, 7th. By winning the AUSA championship, the Red Harriers also earned a berth at the CIAU championship in Nov. 8 at the University of Western Ontario.

Representing the AUSA champion Red Sticks field hockey team is Carla Reeves. Carla was awarded athlete of the week honors for her outstanding play in the AUSA tourney on the weekend. The O'Leary, PEI native scored a goal in each of UNB's winning games against St. Mary's and the Universite de Moncton.

Her two weekend goals bring Carla's season total to 14, including six league goals and six exhibition scores. Carla's strong performance was essential in UNB capturing the AUSA title for the second year in a row.

Coach Joyce Slipp said the 20-year-old bachelor of education student was "brilliant in her hustle and determination on the weekend. Although she was marked two-one in each game she still managed to get her stick on the ball time and time again and did something productive with it.

The Red Sticks will head to Toronto this weekend in search of their first-ever CIAU national championship. Last year the Red Sticks fell just short of the crown losing a heart-breaker to the University of Toronto in overtime.



Photo by Jamie Aitken

U.N.B.'s winning team of stokes and cockswnains displaying some of their Moosehead wares. The winning team was:
BACK: Captain Kirk, Tim Prince, John Woods, Ralph Manning, Lisa Oland, Leslie Eglinton.
FRONT: Pam Pickles, Wanda McNaughton