

Harriers sport new look, win 3 meets

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The UNB Red Harriers cross-country team are undefeated after their first 3 conference meets. Their only loss came at an invitational meet held in Lewiston Maine, which was not part of the conference schedule, but only an exhibition race.

The UNB team is heavily favoured, to win the Atlantic Championship to be held Saturday October 22, in Halifax. A win there means a trip to the Canadian University Championships where this year UNB will definitely be in the race for the top cross-country team in Canada.

According to coach Wayne Stewart and for that matter anyone else who has seen the team in action, this is the strongest cross-country team ever fielded at UNB. There are four reasons for the strength of this years team and the first is the return to UNB of one of Fredericton's best distance runners, Doug Haines. Haines, a student at Lakehead for the past two years, opted for UNB this year to start his masters program and to take advantage of the excellent running advantages the city now has to offer.

They are a new indoor 166 m. track for winter training, a new 400 m. outdoor all-weather track in Oromocto for summer and fall training and miles and miles of University woodlot roads for fall and winter distance training.

Haines has been running spectacularly all fall and was UNB's top finisher in every meet so far. "I'm in the best shape I've ever been in my life", he said.

The same reasons are what essentially lured Peter Richardson, a native Frederictonian, back to UNB. Richardson, a well-known figure in Middle-distance running

in Canada for the past five or six years, is training very hard this fall for the University championships as well as the Canadian open championships.

Richardson has never been more than 15 or 20 seconds behind Haines in a race this year but is expected to be UNB's top runner later on in the fall when the championship meets roll around. Richardson returned to UNB from a successful year of hard training in California. Last winter he was the Canadian indoor champion over 1500 m, a title he has in fact held for 3 years.

The third coup for the team was the acquisition of Rick Hull, an outstanding middle-distance runner from F.H.S. Hull although receiving offers from other universities chose UNB on account of the excellent training and racing opportunities. Hull was second in the Canadian cross-country championships 2 years ago and last fall came even closer to winning the title but because of an unfortunate mix-up in the course, Hull finished 5th in the final standings. Over the summer Hull was a member of NB's Canada Games team and was one of the teams top finishers in track and field.

At the start of cross-country season Hull was hoping for a good solid season of running interspersed with top-notch racers.

Back on the team from last year are Shawn O'Connor in his final year as a Red Harrier, Jacques Jean, Joe Lehmann, Peter McAuley, Martin Brannon and Nancy Wheatley, the only female Harrier.

Jean, also a member of the Canada Games team, is running the best he ever has and is steadily closing the gap between himself and the previous 3 runners.

O'Connor unfortunately has been plagued with injuries

throughout the summer and fall and although not in top shape, is trying to recover in time for the championship meets. What he may lack in basic conditioning this year, he more than makes up for in guts and hard work. He has been one of UNB's counters in every race this fall, (top 5 on a team are counters), and without his performances, UNB would not have won some of the meets it has in the past.

Lehmann, McAuley and Brannon are consistently improving and should be in fine shape when the important meets roll around.

Running even better than last year is Nancy Wheatley who is now giving some of the male Harriers something to worry about. Running in the men's university races, Wheatley has beaten many of the runners from Maine and usually manages to finish in the top half of the field.

Wednesday Sept 21st UNB scored its first victory of the season by defeating 2 teams from Maine, Fort Kent and Presque Isle, on their home course here at Odell Park. UNB won with a perfect score of 15 meaning they captured the first 5 places.

Saturday, Oct 1st, UNB scored an unexpected victory over the Univ. of Maine, Orono, which is probably UNB's toughest competition of the conference teams. Orono had been expected to win the meet as it has in the past 8 or 10 years but the Red Harriers really showed them what running is all about. UNB captured the first 3 places winning the meet with a score of 25 vs Orono's 32 points.

Doug Haines, running one of the best races of his career won the meet and at the same time demolished the old course record. Haines won the 5 mile race with a time of 23 minutes and 51 seconds. Close behind and running very relaxed, was Peter Richardson who crossed the line in 24:10. Even closer behind was Rick Hull battling with Dave Dunn of Orono for third place. Hull proved to be the stronger of the 2 finishing with a time of 24:14, 2 seconds ahead of Dunn.

Jacques Jean also ran one of the best races of his life finishing seventh splitting up the Orono team who ran pretty well in a pack. It was this move by Jean that guaranteed the win for UNB.

The fifth counter for UNB was the perennial O'Connor. O'Connor battled the Orono pack throughout the race but because of his injuries they finally overtook him in the last dying moments of the race. O'Connor finished twelfth in 25:20. Peter McAuley also ran well finishing 15th with a time of 25:58. Nancy Wheatley, the seventh member of the team ran extremely well finishing twenty-seventh out of the field of 53. Wheatley was the first female finisher (4 had entered the race) covering the distance in 28:11. The next girl was about 10 minutes behind.

The course was extremely muddy and slipping and the weather was cold and rainy. A total of six teams had entered the meet.

UNB won their third meet Monday Oct 3 on their home course. Their score was another perfect 15, as they captured the first seven places. U of Maine, Machias, was second with a score of 50 pts. Rick Hull and Doug Haines crossed the finish line in a

best of best

What makes four UNB students get up out of bed at 4:30 a.m. every morning in the summer? If you think an alarm clock, you're only partially right. The main reason that Rose Caulford, Randi Stangroom, Shelly Cutts and Julie Johnson rolled out of bed at such godawful hour was to row.

The four started rowing in the early summer months under the direction of coach Greg Gilks. In an exclusive interview at the Arms Athletics Club, they said that they wanted to begin in the sport because "it was new and it looked good. Everybody else started and we decided that we wanted to."

Only one of the four had any previous experience. Rose said that she had rowed last summer for a month. The rest were totally new to the sport.

The practices consisted mainly of technique training. Other aspects of training were running and weight training.

The rugged regimen paid off since when the quartet travelled to the Canadian Championships in Montreal, they finished in fourth place in competing against teams which have been together for up to three years.

In other competitions, they came in second (twice) and fifth. Now for the heartbreaker. Later this month, the CIAU rowing championships for rowing will be held in Ontario. There's only one catch, that being that only 20 clubs have been invited to compete. All of the clubs are from Ontario. Hardly seems fair.

The meet is billed as the Canadian intercollegiate championships but only teams from one province are allowed to compete. I think that a complaint should go in to the CIAU about the situation before it sets a precedent. Maybe next time only teams from Ontario will be allowed to take part in the wrestling CIAU's or something like that. At least a protest should be sent.

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I better say how good the cross country team is doing before they run me out of town. And how good the soccer team is doing before they kick me out and how good the field hockey team is doing before they bully me out. And the football team before they make me pass out.

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Really like that Chuck Proudfoot and the way he's booting that football. As I've said before, I'm a field goal fan from way back and I've really enjoyed those three pointers from Chuck. Keep up the good work.

This weekend the Bombers take on Acadia on home turf. The game starts at 2:00 at College Field and promises to be one of the most exciting contests played at UNB for several years. Be there.

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I have some news that is of some importance to me because it means a big change in my life. I have resigned from all positions of responsibility on the Brunswickian Staff because of many reasons. I will continue to write my column when time permits and I will continue to write stories (fairytales as some would call them).

The reasons are many but the biggest one is that I am tired. I am tired of being tired on Thursday mornings. I am tired of complaining about being tired. I am tired of not getting assignments done on time. I am tired of living under the gun each and every week of the academic year. It is hard to be a full time student and a full time newspaper person.

I am also tired of having people expect me to do something for them all the time. Maybe it's old age or maybe it's something else. I don't feel that I am copping out and there is nothing that anyone could say that could make me feel otherwise.

I would like to thank all of my professors who have put up with my nonsense for too long.

See you at Goofy Roofy's.

Bye now.

tie for first. They covered the muddy 5.2 mile course in 28:08. The weather was again cold and rainy.

McAuley finished third in 28:15, Lehmann was fourth in 28:34, O'Connor fifth in 28:37, Jean sixth in 29:01 and Brannon 7th in 29:54.

The next race for the Harriers is tomorrow, Saturday Oct 8 at 11:00

at O'dell Park. This race should be a great warmup for the football game later in the afternoon because the Harriers should whomp the visiting cross country team from Dalhousie U. in much the same way as the UNB football squad is gonna whomp Acadia at 2:00. Be there and support the UNB teams.



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