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UNB VICTORIOUS

by Tim Lynch

In order to win the AUSA Men's Cross Country Championship, UNB Lady and Red Harrier head coach Rick Hull knew that his men's team would have to capture the "lion's share" of the top-ten places. To the coach's delight, the team responded well last Saturday in Antigonish. The Red Harriers placed three runners in the top-ten as they went on to defeat Dalhousie by the slimmest of margins to win their first AUSA title since 1986. The team will now be competing in the CIAU Cross country Championships at the University of British Columbia tomorrow. In the women's portion of the meet, the Dalhousie lady Tigers finished well ahead of the second-place Lady Harriers on the St. F.X. terrain.

"We didn't win this race on the strength of one or two sharpshooters...Our first guy didn't come in until sixth spot (Rod Clarke), but the next guy came in seventh (Mike Fellows), and we had another one come in ninth (Garn Pomeroy)...Then we took fifteenth and seventeenth spots. (Bill Sheel and Jeff Staples, respectively)...Dalhousie took second and tenth," commented coach Hull.

The race couldn't have been any closer. The final tallies gave UNB the winning low-point total of fifty-four compared to Dal's fifty-five. If any one Red Harrier dropped one position in the standings, the results would have been reversed in Dal's favour.

According to coach Hull, the outcome of the race remained a mystery until the last moment. "Not until the calculators were out at the end of the race and the scores added up, was it finally determined who won the race...That's the way it should go. It's a great boost for cross country in this conference. It's the type of competition we need as we gradually evolve toward a national level of competition."

UNB's Brad Daniels and Glen Pugh also competed in last weekend's meet. Incidentally, Joel Bourgeois, of the University of Moncton, the most dominant runner on the AUSA circuit this year, finished the ten-kilometer race in a first-place time of 33:57.

Not only did the Red Harriers capture a team title, but their were also some individual awards handed out. Coach Hull was honored with the AUSA Men's Cross country Coach of the Year award. As well, by virtue of their finish in the top seven, Clarke and Fellows were both named AUSA All-Stars.

Meanwhile, the Lady Harries finished a distant second behind the Dalhousie squad with forty-seven points. Dal managed an impressive sixteen to capture the AUSA title. Veteran, Michelle Cormier, who ran in her final AUSA competition, placed fifth in the five-kilometer race to lead the team. As a result, she was

named an AUSA All-Star. Heather Eagle, Tracey Shanks, Felicia Greer, and Gisele Gallibois finished ninth through twelfth, respectively. Margaret Pugh and Willa Jones, who was plagued with a leg injury, also competed.

"This race has to be a disappointment...Dalhousie really

took it to us at the beginning...The past three weeks of our training, we've been training in preparation for that start, and the Lady Harriers were still caught off guard...You have to give the Lady harriers their due. They haven't been ranked

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Sticks Head to CIAU's

by Kelly Craig

Excitement was definitely in the air last weekend as the UNB Red Sticks passed by St. Mary's 1-0 for the AUSA Championship. Last weekend the UNB team opted to change the AUSA's from Fredericton to Halifax. This turned out to be a wise move on their part as they defeated last year's champions, the St. Mary's Huskies.

On Saturday the UNB Red Sticks hands UPEI a defeat in the first semi-final game. UPEI had yet to beat UNB and UNB never let up on them. UNB defeated UPEI 2-

0. In the second semi-final, second place St. Mary's shut out third place UdeM by a score of 2-0.

Sunday turned out to be the day for the girls in red. UNB defeated St. Mary's 1-0. Wendi Gallant picked up the goal for UNB in the first half. UNB benefitted from the change from a grass field to the astroturf of St. Mary's.

This weekend the girls head to Toronto for the CIAU's. Coach Slipp has a positive outlook on this tournament. Playing two games on the turf at St. Mary's will help UNB as they will play on astroturf in Toronto. Astroturf is a very different surface to play on from grass so the experience last weekend will strengthen the UNB team.

UNB has a young team this year with only two seniors on the team. "We have not looked beyond the AUSA's" said Joyce, but they do have realistic goals. Joyce is hoping the team will finish in the top four. This is the most inexperienced team that Joyce has worked with for a while.

The girls do have some weaknesses but the major weakness is the lack of experience. However, UNB is hoping to use this and

their style of play to their advantage. UNB will hustle after every ball and use playing styles that other teams are unfamiliar with. Since UNB is a young team, the other teams at the CIAU's have never seen them before and aren't sure what to expect.

UNB's first game begins at 9:00 am against the University of Victoria. Victoria is a highly skilled and fast team. They have very few weaknesses. Joyce is planning on UNB's "marking style" of play to cause some problems for the Victoria team, UNB will use their determination and hard playing style and "will not give up."

Pub Crawls Banned

According to a lunch hour report on CHSR Campus/Community Radio, on the 2nd of November, Pub Crawls can no longer be organized by student groups at St. Thomas University. This decision was made at a meeting held between University President George Martin and the Student Union President Irma Ferlatte.

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photo by Glen Vineau

UNB Red Sticks and their trophy

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