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Rowing club excels in Connecticut

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Over the Thanksgiving weekend, 31 members of the Fredericton/UNB Rowing Club pulled their way through the 13th Head of the Connecticut Regatta, held in Middletown, Conn., just south of Hartford. With well over 120 U.S. colleges and schools participating in this Regatta, the Fredericton/UNB Rowing Club was the only Canadian club present.

A total of six boats were entered from (our) club with each one of them showing a strong and most impressive performance, having two boats place first, one second, one third, one sixth and another seventh.

The crews arrived at the rowing site bright and early Sunday morning for a warm-up row under an overcast sky and a cool 3° - 4°. Nevertheless it was relatively calm water

which proved to be helpful for our crews, as it was the first Head for the majority of our club members.

The first race on the water from club was the Men's Novice Eight. They were called to proceed to the starting area one hour prior to race time. With boats departing at 10 sec. intervals, UNB rowers, with coxswain Jen Philips, Kirk Elliot as stroke, Phil Coulson, Dave Reagan, Scott Robarts, Scott Dickison, James Peck and bowman Andy Cooper showed that they were a strong and determined crew by passing two boats and missing a near collision with the Army crew. With over 40 crews in their race, UNB finished near the top of the pack with a very respectable third in a time of 18.01 min.

The second race for UNB rowers was the Women's Novice Singles race midmorning with powerhouse Shawn

Cronin showing what she can do by not only passing the three boats that started out ahead of her to come in first in 21.23 min but also passing a few of the men's novice singles in the race which began just prior to hers.

Event number 7 and third race of the day for UNB was the Women's Novice Eight. With Tara Tingley as coxswain followed by Tina Thanisch as stroke, Elain Buck, Lisa Oland, Jocelyn Whalen, Kirsten Jones, Cheri Moore, Celina Bolye and bowman Wendy Smith, UNB women proved to be the strongest in their pack. They were the fourth boat out of the start and within the first kilometre were passing one of the boats in front of them. Close to halfway into the race and also the narrowest section of the river, another opportunity arose for passing. With confidence, coxswain Tingley manoeuvred the boat by the competitors with only a minor collision (common occurrence for Head races!). They managed to cross the finish line in 19.00.86 a comfortable minute ahead of second place.

The fourth race for us was the Women's Pairs. Stroking was Leslie Eglington and bowman was Jill Blois. Together they pulled a good race finishing in a comfortable second at 22.46.05, merely 8.5 seconds off of first place.



Appreciative fans look on

The fifth boat of the day for UNB was the Women's Open Eight. Again with over 40 boats in this race, including the U.S. Women's National team, the competition was tough. The crew managed to pass three boats during the race and pulled themselves into a very respectable sixth place finish in a time of 19.06.5 sec., slightly over a minute behind the U.S.'s national team. The crew consisted of coxswain Tanya Gillis, stroke Jackie Blois, Leslie Fellows, Jane Phillips, Joanne Blois, Cheri Moore, Sue McMaster, Pam Pickles and bowman Pam Hartling.

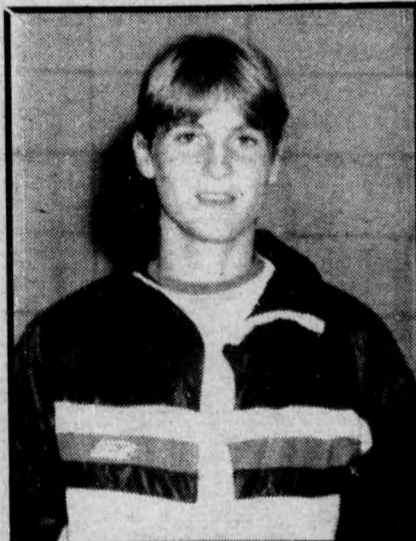
Open Eight, "The competition was much stronger than I expected. For Cheri Moore, who raced in both eight races, the day's events were "just awesome!"

The final race for UNB and third to the last for the day was Men's Open Singles. Here Dave Dickison pulled a hard race with well over 40 in his event. After passing a few boats he finished the race in seventh place in a time of 21.15.04.

If anyone is interested in seeing the rowers in action, feel free to come and watch the upcoming local regatta to be held Oct. 24 (Saturday) here in Fredericton. You will surely get to see some of the best rowing talent around.



Sharon Kronen prepares for her first place race



Michelle Cormier

UNB ATHLETES-OF-THE-WEEK

Two Cross-Country runners from Fredericton were selected as UNB's Athletes-of-the-Week.

Michelle Cormier, 20, a third year student of physical education was selected for the second time this year as female Athlete-of-the-Week. Michelle, the 1985 UNB female rookie of the year and the present captain of the Lady Harriers beat out 90 runners to finish in second place at the Codfish Bowl meet held in Boston, Mass. She ran the 3.1 mile course in a time of 18 minutes and 18 seconds. Coach Rick Hull noted that "Michelle continues to lead the Harriers in all meets. She is striving to earn a berth at the CIAU's".

Mike Fellows, 18, a first year Science student, was the first rookie this year to earn Athlete-of-the-Week honours. Mike turned in an impressive performance at the Codfish Bowl on Saturday. He finished sixth out of a field of 120 runners. His time for the course of 5.1 miles was 27 minutes and 4 seconds. Coach Rick Hull commented that "as a first year runner, Mike is running like a well seasoned veteran. He is already a force to be reckoned with in the AUAA conference".

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 Mike Fellows
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A portion of the race course. The start is several kilometres upriver