

Red Harriers win title

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The University of New Brunswick Red Harriers are the 1979 AUSA cross-country champions. The Harriers won the honor last Saturday in Antigonish N.S., by clearly defeating defending champions Dalhousie University with a score of 36 points to Dal's 62 points. Other teams competing in the championship were, by order of finish, Memorial University, Universite de Moncton, Acadia University and St. Francis Xavier University.

Leading the winning charge for the Red Harriers was Peter Richardson who placed second to Acadia's Alistair Robertson. Richardson changed from his customary tactic of starting at the front of the pack to start at the back and gradually moving up to second place. Joe Lehmann was UNB's second runner to finish by placing sixth. Lehmann was running well in third place for a while but only to fall back by three positions. Meanwhile, newcomer Henry Flood ran very strong to take the seventh spot. Rick Hull was three positions behind Flood for a tenth place finish. Both Flood and Hull have shown consistent improvement since the beginning of the season. Last Saturday's race is their best so far this season. Peter McAuley also ran well despite a back injury and placed eleventh.

However it wasn't peaches and cream for every UNB runner. Jacques Jean did not run well and placed a disappointing twelfth, while Tony Noble, hampered by an ankle injury, could do no better than twenty first.

Steve Collins, who was not a counting runner for UNB, ran very good and placed sixteenth. The race was run over a 3 mile loop covered twice by the runners for a total of 6 miles. The course was very tough, one of the toughest the Harriers had to face this year. It was quite open except for one mile of narrow, muddy, trail through the surrounding Antigonish Golf Club.

For Coach Mel Keeling it was his first championship as coach of a university team. Previous to that he had led Fredericton High School to many provincial high school championships. Keeling was happy with the Red Harriers' performance as a team but expressed disappointment at the individual performances of Joe Lehmann, Jacques Jean and Tony Noble. But Coach Keeling is confident those runners will put in good performances in their next race.

The Red Harriers will now travel to Toronto on November 3 for the CIAU cross-country championship.



Red Harriers AUSA Champions (back l. to r.) Peter MacAuley, Henry Flood, Joe Lehman, Rick Hull, Peter Richardson, (front) Tony Noble, Jacques Jean, Steve Collins.

Swimmers look good

With five qualifiers for nationals after only one meet this year, the UNB swimming and diving squads appear to be back in top form for yet another season. The Beaver's sent two swimmers under the mark while the Mermaids placed three at the Acadia Invitational Swimming and Diving Meet held last weekend in Woodville, N.S.

For the men, Dave Banks cracked the pace in the 200 meter individual medley while Bruce Williams in an impressive performance made it in the 100 meter backstroke.

Niki DeVries and Linda Potts, both rookies on the team, went under the wire in the 200 IM and the 100 breast respectively and Laura Kirkpatrick, keeping in the tradition of the old-timers, splashed her way to the QT (qualifying time) in the 50 freestyle.

Individual first places came at the hands, and feet, of Hulk Williams in the 50 free and 100 back, Beast Banks in the 200 IM and 200 free and DeVries in the 200 free. Overall, the men placed second to a strong Dalhousie Squad while the women were

third behind Dal and Acadia. DeVries also placed second in the 200 IM, third in the 800 free and fifth in the 100 back. Kirkpatrick placed second in the 50 free while in her specialty, the 100 back, she was third.

Potts placed third in the 100 breast, fourth in the 200 breast. Leslie Eglinton, another rookie on the team, placed second in the 100 fly and garnered fifth in the 400 IM and 100 fly while Darlene MacDonald took fifth in the 50 free before massive crowds at the Axemen pool.

Rookies Janice Avon, Edith Conroy and "Party" Penny Burton put in credible performances and kept team spirit flying both at the pool and in the hotel.

Divers Joanne Ditomasso and Andrea Bakker, despite the handicap of having no coach, placed well in their first meet of the year. Bakker placed second on both one and three meter boards while Ditomasso was fourth on both.

Besides his firsts, Banks also placed second in the 100 free and third in the 50 free while Williams placed second in the 200 back.

Dudley "Bill" Curtis, an old vet with the team, took third in the 100 breast and fourth in the 200 breast as Warren "Thrill" Saville took third in the 200 breast fifth in the 200 IM, and sixth in the 100 breast. The Thrill also almost made it under the magical minute in the 100 freestyle.

Peter Barton won both of his heats in placing fourth in the 100 fly and fifth in the 100 free. Dave Pretlove won both of his heats as well in the 200 free and came second in the 400 free in what coach Jane Wright called an astonishing performance. Darrell O'Brien in his first meet as a Beaver performed well under the incredible pressure of his teammates.

The men's relays placed second in both the 400 medley and 400 free to Dalhousie as they were touched out at the end by the numerically superior Haligonians.

Coach Wright said that she was pleased with the team's performance on the weekend but said that she was expecting more people to qualify in the coming weekends. This year's schedule is much tougher than last and while the team swims nearly every weekend up until the Christmas break, she feels that the members will pull together to increase the number of people at nationals.

will be UNB's toughest opponent. Slipp revealed everyone from the Dalhousie team will be returning and the team has been picked for some time.

The Bloomers hope to have an exhibition game versus ex-Bloomers which should prove exciting as well as an excellent warm-up for the 79-80 season. The first scheduled league game in Nov. 16 against St. FX at the Lady Beaverbrook Gym starting at 8 p.m.

Basketball preview

Men's

The UNB Red Raiders have made their initial cut of the Pre-season and 13 players are expected to continue workouts under head coach, Don Nelson and his assistant, Phil Wright.

The Raiders started practice one week ago with 15 "Invitees" and six "Walk Ons". All of the "Walk Ons" were released on Tuesday night and two "Invitees" were cut last Friday.

The process of cutting the squad from 21 players to 15 was "most difficult" states Coach Nelson. He feels additional cuts will have to be made as the Raiders dress only twelve at home and have a travelling squad of ten.

This year's edition of the Raiders will have eight players returning, three seniors, one junior and four sophomores. Returning players are:

- Bob Aucoin 6'3" Soph. Campbellton, N.B.
- Scott Devine 6' Soph. Hyde Park, N.Y.
- Luigi Florean 5'10" Senior Fredericton, N.B.
- Roberto Florean 6'3" Soph. Fredericton, N.B.
- Don McCormack 6'4" Soph. Fredericton, N.B.
- Marc McGeachy 6'1" Senior St. Stephen, N.B.
- Steve McGinley 6'3" Junior St. Stephen, N.B.
- Wayne Veysey 5'10" Senior Florenceville, N.B.

Transfers may play a big role in the Red Raider system as the coaches are excited about having some size and experience in the case of both young men who decided to switch schools and be part of the Raider Tradition - they are:

Ted Kicinski 6'6" Soph. Niagara Junior College
Don MacNeil 6' Soph. St. Thomas College

Freshmen on this year's team are expected to make their presence felt in all aspects of the game. Coaches Nelson and Wright consider their recruiting efforts to have been successful and the three young men in this category are:

Chris McCabe 6'5" Yonkers, N.Y.C.
Mike McLaughlin 6'5" St. Stephen, N.B.

Raad Wilson 5'9" St. Stephen, N.B.

The Red Raiders play an exciting 30 minute game schedule with 17 of these contests to be decided on the Lady Beaverbrook Gym Hardwood. Opening night will have a Semi-Pro team from Presque-Isle, Maine, meeting the Raiders, November 2nd and 3rd. The Friday game is slated for 7:30 p.m. and Saturday's contest will get underway at 3 p.m. Both these contests have a special "Meet the Raiders" Night and afternoon admission of 50 cents for all fans. Children under 12 and Senior Citizens admitted free of charge.

MALE ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

A second year Physical Education student Henry Flood is our Athlete of the Week. A 1st year member of the Red Harriers Cross Country team, the 19 year old started as 7th man on the UNB team. In the AUSA championship last weekend he finished 3rd on the team and 6th overall.

Coach Mel Keeling has an excellent runner to work with in Henry and with more experience he should prove to be a top runner in the AUSA.

Women's

The UNB Red Bloomers final selection has been made for this season with the exception of one opening on the twelve player team. Returning from last year are veterans Carolyn Gammon, Moira Pryde, and Laura Sanders. To fill the spaces left by Patty Sheppard, Claire Mitton, Cathy Maxwell and Lois Scott are a variety of new faces to the Bloomer fans.

At the guard position newcomers include Carla Ryder, Joanne MacLean, Jill Jeffery, and Sandra Hill who also plays forward. Playing forward are Carole Anne Ahier, Sharon Keays, Ann McClellan, and Caroline Hamilton-Irving.

Although seemingly lacking experience, the Bloomers have Keays, Jeffery, and Ryder who

played on the New Brunswick Winter Games team last year and Ann McClellan who played on the Junior National team this summer.

The coaching staff consists of Joyce Slipp with Dick Slipp as assistant coach. Managing the team will be Nancy Wight and Donna Phillips. Coach Slipp feels the Bloomers have lots of potential supplemented by good height. Slipp also said she was impressed with the intensity the players had shown.

Several of the teams UNB has faced in the past are expected to perform better this year. St. Francis Xavier and St. Mary's have most of their players returning with SMU under the guidance of a new coach. As usual Dalhousie

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