

Nancy Wheatley loves to run cross country

Nancy Wheatley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wheatley of Cornwall, Prince Edward Island, is the only woman on the University of New Brunswick Cross Country team, but she likes the motivation that she feels she gets from running with, and against men. The first year physical education student said that since there are few girls to compete against in New Brunswick, she often runs as

part of a UNB squad. "I've never come last in a race against guys," she said and noting the attitude of men towards being beaten by a woman, added "When one guy saw that I was a girl, he would have died rather than lose the race to me."

Wheatley indicated that she enjoys the challenge of sometimes defeating men. "Some guys don't like it," she said with more than a

hint of delight in her voice.

She said that she liked running with the men on the Red Harriers as the UNB team is known, because of the feeling of unity among the team members. The training schedule calls for team members running together on the weekends and usually during this kind of training, the runners stay together and concentrate more on distance than on speed.

"I couldn't believe the feeling of closeness on the team when I first came here. Running isn't competing every race. I like the social aspect of running at UNB," Wheatley said.

Although she has been running for six years, Wheatley said that she has been running seriously only for the last three. She feels that she was influenced by the fact that her older sister ran but she was not sure of the real reason why she began to run. Since not many girls in the area ran cross country, Wheatley said that one reason why she began a more rigorous training schedule is that she has a "competitive streak" and that running was a way to compete against others and herself.

"I enjoy the challenge against myself. It's a test of your own mental and physical strength," she said. "It grows on you. I have to run. I enjoy the people you meet and getting away from the crowd. When I run I forget about my problems. It's a good form of relaxation."

Wheatley feels that most girls do not become serious runners because of the fact that so much is demanded of the committed competitor. She jogs at least seven miles a day when she is training but feels that some of the men live only from running since they often run much further distances per day.

Wheatley has a great deal of respect for the coach of the Harriers, Wayne Stewart. She said that the fact that Stewart often

trains with the team has a good motivational effect on it. In a recent national competition, Stewart placed seventh and was chosen to a team which will represent Canada in the World Cross Country Championships next March in Luxemburg.

Stewart feels that the women's cross country movement needs more young people like Nancy Wheatley who show interest and dedication to the sport. With examples such as her to follow he feels more women would become interested in running.

Sport Canada is evidently under the same impression as Stewart as far as drumming up interest is concerned since Wheatley is one of two P.E.I. residents to receive scholarships from that organization.

Although Wheatley has not run any intercollegiate races against women this year (since cross country is not a recognized women's sport in the Atlantic Womens Intercollegiate Athletic Association,) she won the New Brunswick championships. In the women's open age class national championships, she placed 26 out of 40 competitors entered.

Wheatley said that she was not setting any ultimate goals for herself. But at the present time she is training to compete in the Canada Games which will be held next summer.

"I guess I'll go running now" she said at the conclusion of the interview. Obviously, Nancy Wheatley is a person who loves to run.

Red Rebels win two more

By BOB SKILLEN

The Rebels carried their winning streak to four consecutive matches last weekend as they defeated, in succession, the University of Moncton and the Mt. Allison men's volleyball teams.

On Friday night, the Rebels faced off against the Blue Eagles from Moncton in what turned out to be a closer match than had been expected. Although the Rebels defeated Moncton in three straight games, 15-8, 15-12 and 15-13, they did not show the dominance that they should have over this weaker club.

The offence and defence of the Rebels, which are normally both effective, did not seem to come together for them in this match. At times, the Rebels play turned into

the low quality type of ball which Moncton is used to playing. In essence, the Rebels were making it tough for themselves by not playing their type of ball.

Overall, it was not a spectacular effort by our club, although they did manage to come away as victors once again.

Saturday, it was Mt. A's turn to meet defeat at the hands of the Rebels. Mt. A, probably the weakest team in the league, gave coach Mal Early a chance to use players which normally do not see much action.

Sonny Phillips was the only player dressed from the regular starting line-up. Players new to the dressing team were Tim Snow, David Teed and Paul Belanger.

Although the calibre of ball was

not that pleasing to the fans, it did give some playing time to the bench and showed once again that the Rebels depth is going to be of great value to them this year.

The two victories leave the Rebels undefeated and tied with the St. Francis Xavier X-men for first place in the Atlantic college league.

The Rebels don't officially play again, until January 7 and 8 when they travel to Sackville for the Mt. A Invitational.

Ed. Note:

For all of your people who have been supporting the Rebels, the guys would like to say thank-you. Your next chance to see the Rebels at home is on January 14.

Ski trip planned

By MONIQUE MCCRACKEN

For all of you who 'thought snow', you weren't disappointed. There's plenty of it around and the UNB-STU Ski Club is taking full advantage of it.

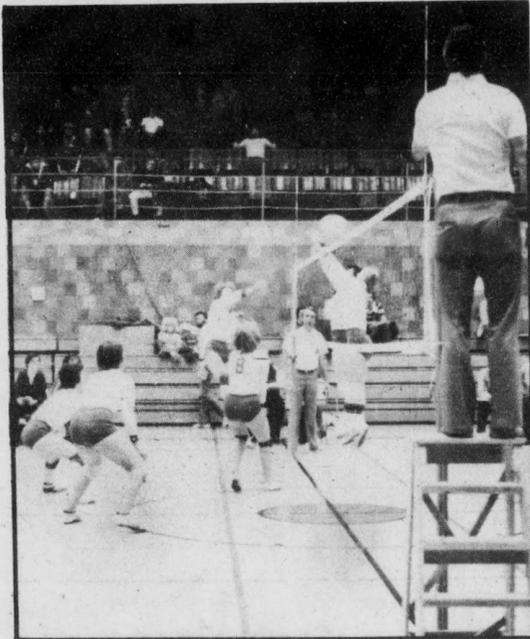
For the weekend of January 27, the club is scheduling a ski trip to Squaw Mt. at Moosehead Lake in Maine. For three days and nights, great skiing can be had at this beautiful resort.

With a 750 foot vertical, fourteen miles of terrain, and trails ranging from beginner to expert, this mountain offers the best to the most discriminating skier.

The facilities of this area offer a wide choice of activities. Including cross-country skiing, swimming in a heated pool, saunas, game rooms, discos, lounges and more, and it's all in the lodge.

The price of this package trip includes accommodations, two meals daily, all lift tickets, and a hour and a half lesson daily in your choice of alpine or cross-country skiing access to all resort facilities and activities. Transportation will be discussed at the first trip meeting.

For more information, contact Ski Club Squaw trip coordinator Doug Robertson 472-2518.



The Red Rebels volleyball team is dominating the AUA league with play similar to that seen last weekend.

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