

Red Harriers capture AUCC Championship

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For the second year in a row the UNB Red Harriers are the Atlantic University Cross-Country Champions. Last Saturday, in Halifax, UNB earned the right to represent Atlantic Canada in the Canadian championships by beating teams from Dalhousie Univ., U of Moncton, and St. Francis Xavier as well as runners from Acadia and Memorial Univ. of Newfoundland.

UNB won the meet with a team score of 25 versus Dal, who had 38 U of M was third with 86, while St. F.X. was fourth with 114.

The race was won by Randy Bullerwell of Dal in an exceptionally fast time for the hilly 8,000 metre course, 25 minutes and 35 seconds. 200 metres back in 2nd place was Paul Groarke, originally from Alberta but this year running for Dal. His time was 26.08.

UNB, however, destroyed any hope of Dal winning the meet by placing their five top runners in the next five positions, thereby winning the meet in a single sweep. At that point the race was essentially over with the other teams fighting it out for second place in the team standings, and UNB had earned the trip to Kingston.

Bullerwell and Groarke will also be going on the basis of their performance but they will be running only as individuals.

The finishing order for UNB's top five runners was: third Doug Haines - 26.29; fourth Rick Hull - 26.43; fifth Joe Lehmann - 26.54; sixth Peter Richardson - 27.02; seventh Shawn O'Connor - 27.05.

The two final members of the

UNB team, Peter McAuley and Jacques Jean, battled throughout the race for 13th spot with McAuley finally kicking past Jean near the end, and finishing ahead with a time of 28.28 while Jean finished 14th clocking 28.34.

However both of these runners finished just ahead of Dal's 5th counter thereby increasing the gap between UNB and Dal. A total of 30 runners took part in the race.

UNB did not fare so well in the women's section of the meet. Nancy Wheatley, running in her first race in over 3 weeks, experienced cramps and stitches throughout the race and was

almost forced to drop out. She hung on, however, to finish the 5,000 metre course placing 4th behind 3 other runners that she usually beats. Her time was a respectable 18.40 less than a minute behind the winning time of 17.54.

Wheatley has another 2 weeks to recover from the illness that kept her from training for those 3 weeks, before her next meet which is the Atlantic Open Cross Country championships which are being held Nov 6 in Amherst N.S. Because of poor planning between N.B. and N.S., this meet is the same weekend as the Canadian

'university' cross-country championships. This means that any of the UNB runners who want to compete in Amherst must leave Kingston right after running, drive to Ottawa, fly to Moncton and then drive to Amherst for the race the next day.

The Amherst race is to be the selection meet for a senior men's team to represent the Atlantic Region at the Canadian 'Open' Championships the following weekend.

Since only the top five or six will make this team it doesn't look too good for the UNB runners who will have to run 2 tough races back to

back with absolutely no rest in between. This is unfortunate

because under normal conditions UNB could have made up the bulk of that senior team. Hopefully in the future this type of conflict can be avoided.

Getting back to the University championships, this just may be the year for UNB. They have the strongest team ever and if everybody runs close to their personal best, they stand an excellent chance of winning the national title for the first time in UNB's history.

Red Shirts - best soccer team ever

The UNB Red Shirts finished the season in style by virtue of a decisive 3-0 victory over University of Moncton Blue Eagles in soccer action Saturday afternoon in the capital city.

In typical UNB fashion, the shirts paid no attention to the mud, the cold weather, the rain and dangerous field conditions as they delighted the some 125 drenched fans in attendance.

Special mention should be given to Pierre El-Khoury and David Stringer for outstanding performances. They did everything one can expect from a soccer player. Besides dribbling the ball through mud and U of M players, tackling the opponent, they generated UNB's attack with precise passing and well-executed plays.

Above all El-Khoury and Stringer performed well during the entire game.

Oromocto native George Wood put UNB on the score board as he took advantage of a miscue by the U of M defenders to score his fifth goal of the season. His shot sizzled past the goalie to pick the top right hand corner of the net.

Hayrettin Yucel netted the second goal as he found himself alone in front of the U of M goalie on an excellent pass from Pierre El-Khoury. With ten minutes left in

the game El-Khoury rounded out the scoring driving the muddy ball to the left of a sprawling goaltender.

Playing without starters Cletus Ntsike, Phil Primeau, Jim Kakaletris, and, for most of the game Ebenezer Dania, the shirts proved that they are a team to be reckoned with even if substitutes are inserted into the line-up.

The U of M attackers threatened only a few times but Winston rose to the occasion each time to preserve his second shutout of the season. In two of his saves he leaped high in the air to redirect

bullet-like crosses that were intended for Moncton forwards stationed in front of the net.

New Brunswickers Tim Hicks and Ed Hansen played their usual steady game. Like bodyguards in front of the net they ruined most of the enemy's attempts to challenge Ayeni.

All my compliments to ex-goalie Mike Smith, presently manager of the UNB Red Shirts on a job well done. I have seen Mike in action and as a manager not only is he competent and composed but he is also approachable. The UNB soccer club is fortunate to have

Mike Smith at their helm "taking care of business".

The UNB soccer team has appreciated the support they have received from Fredericton residents, UNB students and N.B.

(namely Ron Pickerrill and Brian Hawkins). The players and coaches hope that the fairly high attendance will persist when they host the Atlantic University Soccer Conference Championship on November 5, 6 at College Field. It will be a great opportunity to see some of the best teams in Canada in action.

Bloomers 'blooming' this year

Don't be surprised if the UN Red Bloomers are playing for the Canadian Championship in Calgary next March because that is exactly where the potential talent of this year's team should be realized.

This season the Bloomers have their tallest team ever. Janet Proude (6'0"), a Canadian Tournament All-Star in 1974, has returned to the Bloomers after one year off and is expected to increase the already strong rebounding ability of the team.

Two other new additions are Claire Mitton (5'11"), an excellent shooting forward who has transferred from St. F.X. and played with the Junior National Team in 1976, and Carolyn Gammon (5'5"), a quick guard from Fredericton High School.

Returning players from last season are: Sylvia Blumenfeld (5' 10 1/2") forward who played with the Senior National Team this past summer; Cathy Maxwell (5' 10") center who led the team in rebounding last year; Moira Pryde (5'11") a good shooting and passing center who showed the best leadership as a team player in 1976; Nelda Robbins (5'7 1/2") forward who displays one of the best shots in Canadian basketball; Laura Sanders (5'9") forward who had a strong rookie season as a scorer and rebounder; Liedy Scholten (5'7") forward who scored well with outside shooting as a rookie.

The two returning guards who will probably be called upon to direct the team from the back-court are Patty Sheppard (5'5"), an extremely quick and exciting player, and Lois Scott (5' 6 1/2"), a good ball-handler and outside shooter.

With a new league regulation of 10 players per team, there is still tremendous competition among the 11 Bloomers to make the squad that will dress for the opening tournament in November.

Joyce Slipp, in her second year as Coach of the Bloomers, and her assistant coach and husband Dick are impressed with the pre-season work-outs.

prove to be a major factor this season, but the good depth of the team should see us through." He says "I'm also greatly enthused by the team spirit of these girls and as well by the work of team manager Terry Curtis."

He added that "Acadia should prove to be the toughest competition in the Atlantic area, but we'll play the schedule one game at a time."

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Five of the UNB Red Sticks are seniors with the team shown above they are Janet Miller, Lola Montgomery, Pam Wiggins, Sharon Gilmore and Heather Howe all of whom have been standouts for the team for the years they have played.

This year the Sticks have amassed a total of 11 wins against a single loss and are favored to win the Atlantic conference title.