

UNB Foresters Felled in Competition

Women's team places 19th overall

By CHRIS CHAPMAN

Twenty eight teams from eleven universities and colleges came to UNB Saturday to compete in the 18th Annual Intercollegiate Woodsmen's Competition.

MacDonald College, from Montreal, narrowly edged Sir Sanford Flemming College, from near Toronto, to take the overall championship. While MacDonald only finished first in one event, the tobacco spit, they did consistently well enough in all other events to win.

The UNB 'A' team, the defending champions, placed 9th, the 'B' team finished 15th, and the Women's team wound up 19th overall, but came 3rd amongst the women's teams.

The mists were rising from the St. John river as the competition began at an hour uncomfortably close to dawn. Chez Joe's, the cafeteria and souvenir shop on the site was an invaluable help to most of the hardy souls up at that hour by infusing them with coffee and doughnuts.

The opening event was one of the more impressive ones, the fell and twitch. Teams were required to fell a pole so it (hopefully) hits a spike, and then drage it across a line in as short a time as possible. University of Maine at Orono won handily, doing it in just over two minutes, and hitting the spike.

The fell and twitch was over early, before many spectators had appeared, no doubt so none would be hit by falling timber. Afterwards, teams went off to compete in those events requiring all six team members, those being the swede saw, cross cut saw, pulp toss, and tug of war. The UNB women's team came first of the women's teams in both sawing events and indeed beat both UNB men's teams. Early morning practices must build more strength.

After lunch, the individual and two person events were on. These were the axe throw, chopping, splitting, log decking, power saw, pulp throw, tobacco spit and

orienteering events. The UNB women were once again prominent, particularly in the latter two. Irene Strucel finished 4th in the orienteering but first of the women's team. Melanie Richards won a spittoon for her efforts in the tobacco spit, where she beat all the other women, and placed 5th overall, with an impressive 14 foot six inch spit. This great performance should elevate the entire women's team to the athletes of the week awards.

While the UNB men's teams did not perform as well as they might have liked, the entire competition was certainly a success, with the women's team's 3rd place adding to that. The contest attracted teams from New Brunswick, of course, as well as Maine, New Hampshire, Nova Scotia, Quebec and Ontario, as far away as Thunder Bay. Perhaps more than 700 spectators passed through during the day, drawn by the superb weather and the keenness of the competition.



Melanie Richards shows her winning form as she prepares to spit her way to taking home a brass spittoon. She spat 14 feet, 6 inches.

Photo by Chris Chapman

Lady Harriers win AUAA's: Undefeated

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The awesome reputation of the UNB Lady Red Harriers preceded them as the girls travelled to Halifax this past weekend for the AUAA Cross-Country Championships. Since women's Cross-Country became an official AUAA and CIAU sport four years ago, the Lady Harriers have dominated the Atlantic Conference by winning every AUAA title. This weekend was no exception as the UNB girl claimed their fourth straight AUAA title to remain undefeated in the history of women's Atlantic Cross-Country competition.

Success for the girls has been possible because of the dedicated, expert coaching and guidance from Mel Keeling and Joe Lehmann. Their efforts were also recognized in Halifax as Mel Keeling was named AUAA Women's Cross-Country coach of the year at the banquet.

It was cold and windy in Halifax on Saturday as the 25 girls set off to tackle the hills in Point Pleasant Park.

UNB's first finisher, Margaret MacDonald, ran a fair race to come in second place in a time of 18:00 for the 5 km. course. Memorial's Nicola Will continued her winning ways by crossing the finish line 1st in 17:40.

UNB's rookie, Helene D'Avignon showed her improvement and strength by running an excellent race for 3rd place in 18:46. Tammie Richardson displayed her renowned speed by capturing 5th place with a time of 19:23. Lynn Sutherland gave it all she had to run another strong race just missing 7th place to end up in 9th with a time of 19:34. The other Lynn on the team, Lynn Poole, was not far behind to be UNB's fifth counter in 10th place at 19:50.

When it was all over, it was clear that UNB was again victorious with 28 points, compared to 42 for Memorial, and 54 for the host team, Dalhousie.

Exiles defeat Ironmen I

By B.D. RUSSELL

On Saturday College Field provided the setting as the UNB Ironmen I hosted the Fredericton Exiles I.

It was Mark Sheehan who scored for the Exiles to open a 4-0 lead after the convert attempt failed.

Bob Aucoin took the ball from the line out and ran blind to open a 8-0 Exile lead when once again the convert failed.

UNB finally got their offense going when Sean Curan side-stepped a number of Exile defenders and out ran the pursuit into the end zone. The try went unconverted and UNB had narrowed the margin to 8-4 in favor of Fredericton.

Dave Banks who carried the ball over and Tagget Phillips convert was good to give the Exiles a 14-4 lead.

Despite the fact that both the score and the clock favored Fredericton UNB pressed their opponents and eventually pinned them in their own end attempting to score. However, a stingy Exile defense yielded no points and the final score stood at 14-4 for the Exiles.

