

UNB Ski Team Latest Seahawks prey on Women Reds



Captain of the UNB ski team, Gordon Weary, treads lightly yet swiftly through the Super G course. Photo Mel Soiche

by Winger

On February 11th and 12th Crabbe Mountain hosted the Cavendish Farms Cup, a down-hill ski race consisting of two Super G races and one Giant Slalom race. Speeds in excess of 80 km/hr were experienced by the UNB Ski Team members. Competing ski teams heralded from Mt. Farlange, Edmundston, Poley Mt., Sussex, Sugarloaf Park, Campbellton, Ski Wentworth, Nova Scotia, and Ski Martock, also from Nova Scotia. Crabbe Mt. also fielded their own team of talented racers, but for the first time UNB was represented by its own enthusiastic ski team.

Gordon Weary, UNB Ski Team captain, previously part of the McGill Alpine Ski Team, offers plenty of encouragement and advice to UNB's Ski Team members. Training occurs every Wednesday night at Crabbe with the superb coaching of Peter Russell, a level 3 coach, Janet Morrison, a level 2 instructor and coach, Jason Jensen, a level 2 instructor and coach and Cam Rust, a level 3 instructor and coach. Cam Rust, with qualifications to coach the Canadian National Ski Team, has supplied exceptional guidance for the UNB Ski Team which paid off during the Cavendish Cup race last weekend. Over 110 male and female participants raced during the weekend.

In the first Super G race, UNB Ski Team members, Greg Harding, Gordon Weary and Brian Crothers each grabbed 4th, 5th and 7th place respectively. The second Super G race only improved their excellent timings with Crothers placing 6th, Weary 4th and Harding snatching the Bronze Metal with his spectacular 3rd place finish. Andrew Ellis of Mt. Farlange, placed first on both Super G races. Ellis will be representing New Brunswick in the Canadian

Nationals in March. The GS race on Sunday gave another 4th and 6th place to Weary and Crothers respectively.annah Gamblin, a proficient UNB Ski Team member, posted an excellent time in the first women's GS run but was unable to finish the race due to a mishap during the second part of the course.

Wilson Edgar, founder of the Vertical Ski Club, has assisted the UNB Ski Team at every possible moment. "I hope all this great support for the team lets us keep racing, going this fast is the ultimate adrenaline rush!" says Crothers with an enthusiastically contagious grin on his face. With the continued support of excellent coaches from Crabbe and the UNB student body, the UNB Ski Team hopes to continue its success for many years to come.



Brian Crothers, Weary and Greg Harding. Photo Mel Soiche

by Caroline Gross
Bruns Sports

The Memorial Seahawks defeated the Varsity Reds women's basketball team snapping their four game winning streak on Saturday. MUN downed UNB 61-48 after the Seahawks lead at the half 33-24 and the Reds were never able to catch up.

The only Reds to crack the double figures against the Seahawk defence were Donna Retson with a dozen and Shelly Ryan tossed in 11 points. Retson is currently tenth in league scoring, second in the league in free throw percentage and eighth in the field goals. Coach Claire Mitton states that "Retson is a key contributing player on the team."

The trouble continued on Sunday for the Reds as they were downed 62-52. Retson lead the Reds with 14 points and Ryan, Krista Foreman and Erin Savage each tossed in 10 points in a losing cause. The Reds fell behind 35-24 at the half and just couldn't catch up. UNB's record drops to 9-7 and are currently in fifth place in the AUA, while MUN is in second at 10-6.

Mitton states "the goal of the team is a team focus and there is an awesome work ethic on the team." This has made the team one which "nobody wants to play" says Mitton. In addition they have made "believers of themselves and others" as many people were unsure of this year's team.

The Reds will be at home this weekend to play against St. Mary's at 6:30pm and Acadia at 2pm before taking off for "some tough games on the road."



Marnie Dickens takes on Bridget Gamble in practice.



Todd Sparks shoots against Darryl Paquette in the shootout to help MacAdam win the Tim Horton's Cup. Photo Maria Paisley

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