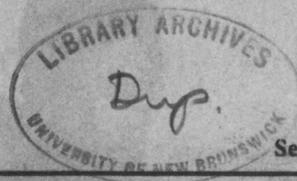


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Sticks shut-out competition

by Julie Frits

The UNB women's field hockey team has much to celebrate this week. The team shutout both the University of Moncton Blue Angels and the St. Mary's Huskies in the AUAA finals to win the AUAA field hockey title, thereby earning the right to represent Atlantic Canada at the CIAU's in Edmonton.

Not long after the game, the girls were already concentrating on their next obstacle. "If we can get through the semi-finals," said Red Sticks coach Donna Hornibrook, "anything can happen." With the strength the team showed this past weekend, they have every right to be confident.

The action began on Saturday at St. Mary's Huskies stadium, as an icy wind blew strong across Halifax. UNB faced off against the Blue Angels in what was to be Moncton's final game of the season.

The game was never in doubt as UNB dominated the play. Joan Robere opened the scoring

with two goals in the first half, and Darlin Walsh and Tanya Whalen each had a single in the second to give Sheila Bell the 4-0 shutout. Coach Hornibrook was pleased with the game, "we made some good plays" she said "Tanya Whalen did a great job playing defensively and coming through with the ball, and Shiela Bell can always be counted on as a clutch player." When asked what she was going to do to prepare the team for Sunday's final, she responded readily, "we're just going to play our own game, and let the other team worry about us." And play their own game they did. Both teams were prepared for a challenge on Sunday, and as the girls practiced during the pre-game warmup, there was a general feeling of excitement and anticipation surrounding Huskies stadium. Fans from both UNB and SMU filled the bleachers as the game began.

Coming out into the match against St. Mary's, UNB was confident. From the opening pass when Josette Babineau

carried the ball through several SMU players into the Huskies' zone, the Red Sticks dominated all aspects of the game. High scoring offensive players such as Babineau and Joan Robere kept the pressure and the UNB defence managed to shut any Huskies' offense completely down.

However, the St. Mary's defence played tough and the SMU goalie, was forced to make numerous saves including one that was tipped just high off the net when Robere fired it in off a pass from Nancy Pepler. The defence also stopped a few up close and at the end of the first half, the game remained scoreless.

Tension rose during the second part of the game. Both teams knew that if just one goal was let in it could mean the end of the season for them. The girls fought hard and a few close calls brought nervous cries from the crowd. However, as the play neared its final minute and neither team had scored, talk of overtime filled the stadium.

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Joan Robere leading the Sticks to the AUAA's

Harriers cruise to AUAA victory

by Kelly Craig

Saturday, Oct. 26, turned out to be a very good day for the UNB Harriers Cross Country team. The Harriers went to Dalhousie in hopes of AUAA victory. There was no stopping the men's team as they cruised to a first place team victory. Once again the men's team proved successful and defended their title as Men's Champions.

As expected, Rorrie Currie outclassed all competition as he won his fifth race of the season. Currie finished an impressive 10 km race 57 seconds ahead of Joel Bourgeois from Moncton. The Harriers posted 35 points as opposed to Dalhousie's second place finish of 42 points.

Currie's first place finish no doubt aided the Harriers first place finish; however, his was

not a sole effort. Men's captain, Mike Fellows, finished the race in fifth position for the Harriers. Also, Keith Fahey, another Harrier rookie, finished in seventh position. Rorrie, Mike, and Keith were named to the AUAA all-conference team. Jeff Munn finished eighth for UNB as Garn Pomeroy, a four year team veteran, finished off UNB's counters with a fourteenth place finish.

On the other side of the coin, the Lady Harriers were not as successful as the men's team as far as the AUAA title. They lost out to the ever tough Lady Tigers of Dal to take second place. The Dalhousie Lady Tigers copped the AUAA title for the sixth year in a row. Dal finished on top with 16 points as UNB came in second with 56 points just edging out Memorial.

Tracy Shanks led the Lady Harriers with an eighth place finish. Heather Eagle came up with a tenth place finish as women's captain Willa Jones finished twelfth. Rounding off UNB's counters were Nicole Leblanc placing fifteenth, Feli-

cia Greer sixteenth, and Cheryl Presley eighteenth.

Well deserving Coach Rick Hull was named AUAA coach of the year. Rick's work with the Harriers over the past years has been phenomenal.

Next weekend, the 10th of

November, the Harriers head to Ottawa for the CIAU's. No doubt they will be ready to avenge last years seventh placing. Remember, there's a Harrier out there somewhere preparing to face the rest of Canada.



UNB Cross Country team: Champions in their own right

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