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Women's x-country second in opener

BY R.P. LENNOX

Armed with spikes and black and gold uniforms, the Dalhousie Tigers women's cross country running team travelled to Fredericton to do battle with a tough field of Atlantic Canada's finest runners, and a few contenders from below the boarder.

According to coach Al Yarr, the women were up against the toughest competition they have ever seen in the first race of a season. But it was not the competition who set the pace in this race. Kristen Lewis led from wire to wire to win her fifth straight AUAA cross country meet.

Although Lewis had complained of severe back and leg spasms before the race, her years of experience at the front of the pack allowed her to distance herself from the rest of the competition early in the event. Two American women gave chase, but Lewis simply ran away from them to claim yet another victory over her conference rivals.

Sandy Smith — who recently won the Canadian and North American Orienteering Championships, and is in her third year of Medical School — ran a superb race, gliding across the line to finish fourth overall. Only six seconds later, Kelly McKean finished in sixth position.

"I liked the atmosphere out there today," McKean said after the race. "It was friendly yet competitive."

Juliet Thornton, the women's team captain, crossed the line seventeen seconds after her good friend and training partner McKean. The final woman to score for the Tigers was sophomore Amy Higgins, who placed in the top 10 despite a minor illness

Also competing for the Tigers were Kelly Prendergast (11th place finish), Karen Martin (15th), Christine Bourne (18th), Carmen Helm (21st), and Nathalie Gionet (32nd).

But despite the tough performances by the female Tigers, they were defeated by a single point by their rivals from Maine's Bowdoin College. Regardless of the slim margin that prevented them from claiming victory, the women were not disappointed but rather saw the race as a "great way to start off the season."



