

Heart marathon

Preparations for April 10th's Marathon are well underway. This year's Race Committee is expecting at least 400 runners, which would be the largest turnover ever.

Several changes have been made which will hopefully attract more runners. The most significant one was mentioned in last week's article, that being the new course layout. Runners will now proceed from Fredericton to Oromocto and back, rather than travel the hilly Fredericton-Mactaquac-Fredericton route.

A second change is the registration fee. If registered before March 20th runners pay only \$10.00; any later entries will be \$12.50.

It was felt that April 10th would be an ideal day for your students, since classes are ending that week and the first exams are on the 16th. So, hopefully, those few extra hours away from the books won't make that much of a difference.

One interesting addition to this year's race will be full coverage by Channel 10. Pre-race interviews, coverage of the race itself, post-race interviews and Awards Banquet highlights will be featured on a Channel 10 one-hour special.

As well, all runners will be photographed as they cross the finish line and will have the option of purchasing prints. Whether you run in the quarter, half, or full marathon it is still an accomplishment and something to be proud of. A finish-line photo is a great memento.

ICS (Interactive Computer Systems) has agreed to help us out as well. They will take care of printing up the entry forms, processing the registration information and all of the results, amongst other things. This will take quite a load off of volunteers and should allow for a speedy determination of results.

The more runners that participate the better. Whether you're an experienced runner or not is unimportant. The important thing is that you are participating, and, in so doing, helping out the Heart Foundation.

Don't let the snow and colder temperatures discourage you. Next week's article will feature some Winter Training Tips that should help you out.

Until then any questions/comments are welcome at The Runners' Line: 455-6598. Until next week... Keep On Running!

Bears finish second David Bessey shines

Last weekend the Black Bears participated as one of twelve teams in the Mount Allison Open. The team finished second, only four points behind Memorial University.

Rookie David Bessey led the way by winning the gold medal in the 177 pound weight class by defeating all five of his opponents.

Silver medals were won by Team Captain Denis Mahoney; who lost to an American wrestler ranked 8th in NCAA standings; Rick Parker, in the heavy weight class, and Wayne Wiggins, who lost but one match in the 190 pound class.

Rookies: Ron "Rocket" Richard fought hard according to coach Born, as did Gary Wilson who won four of six matches with an injured knee. Rookie Tom Critchlow had the shortest match of the meet by pinning his stunned opponent in just over 20 seconds.

Coach Born was proud of the teams strong showing and felt that it was a good indication of the competition his wrestlers would face in the AUSA championship.

It was a real learning experience for the team's rookies who for the first time had a chance to wrestle all of their future opponents.

To date the Bears in four meets have had a total of 73 individual matches of which they have won 49 and lost 24. Giving the team a respectable winning record of 67%.

The teams top three wrestlers are Captain Denis Mahoney at 8-2; at 7-1 are both rookie David Bessey, and Wayne Wiggins.

From performances to date the team is on their way to another sensational year. The season continues this week with the team on the road to Dalhousie University. Hopefully this trip is as successful as those of the recent past!



Now wrestling is a fun sport.

Red Bloomers continue undefeated

It's the same old story. Nothing has really changed for the UNB Red Bloomers as they racked up another outrageous victory, this one over Husson College of Maine, 93-34. After this introduction not a lot is left to say. Jennifer George hooped 17, Sandy Hill and Jackie Mooney added 13 each, Sue McMaster chipped in a dozen and the list goes on. Chris Matheson saw her first action this year before the sparse crowd at the L.B. Gym.

Chris had knee problems that had sidelined her for the most of the season and she has only been practising for about two weeks. "The knee is pretty good, it's not great yet, but it's getting there and I was pretty pleased for the fact that it was my first game," commented Chris. "I'm just gonna play when I get the chance and work as hard as I can and hope everything works out alright."

Many people figure the Bloomers biggest problem to be a lack of competition in the AUSA, but Coach Coleen Dufresne counts that out. "I think we're pretty hasty to say there will be no competition throughout the rest of the games this year. Remember, we only beat Dal by 2 points at their place, and St. F.X. was only by 8 or 9," states Coleen "so expect good games from

them." "This weekend I don't know what is gonna happen to us in Newfoundland, Memorial had a 12 point game with McGill after Christmas", adds Coleen, "so I expect there might be more competition there than we had anticipated." With half of their fourteen games played and still undefeated, the team should go undefeated, something the team would love to do against Dalhousie.

"I don't know if the team thinks about it that way as much as they do winning the AUSA," says Dufresne, "personally, I expect us to go undefeated, I hope we will. If we play our style of game then that should be the end result." "However, I don't think it's to the point where the girls are thinking we've got to be undefeated and that's the only way around it," adds Coleen.

The AUSA stats released this weeks show only one Bloomer in the top ten scoring, that being veteran guard Jill Jeffrey, who places in the Number 10 spot. Last year at this time UNB had the two top spots in the players of Laura Gillespie and All Canadian Joanne MacLean. "I think it said good things for the team, it points to the fact that we have a lot of people that can score" says Gillespie, who is in her second year here at UNB.

We don't have to rely on myself, Jill, Jennifer or anybody else for that matter. When you can put five people on the floor and know that anyone can put it in the hoop, it presents problems for the other teams."

This weekend the Bloomers are off to Newfoundland for Saturday and Sunday encounters with the Beothuks. Newfoundland has a very physical ball club and are expected to be very aggressive searching for wins to stay in playoff contention.

"We try to play our game and not try to play the game of another team," comments Dufresne, "we are a very physical team to begin with, so if they think they can get tough with us physically and run the way we do, then more power to them. I don't plan on going in there and changing anything."

Next week sees the Bloomers playing a couple of mid-week contests. On Tuesday they take on a tough Orono squad at home in an 8:00 p.m. start at the L.B. Gym. Then on Wednesday they travel to Sackville for a 6:00 p.m. encounter with the 0-9 Mt. Allison Mounties.

By this time next week, the Bloomers should be 10-0 and well on their way to another AUSA championship.

Reds win bronze

The UNB Volleyball Reds returned home Sunday night from the Dalhousie Volleyball Classic with a Bronze Medal, the best finish so far by UNB in the history of the tournament. Gold Medals were taken home by the University of Winnipeg Lady Wesmen who defeated the Penn State Nittany Lions three games straight.

Play for the Reds began Friday night at 7 p.m. when they met the University of Ottawa Gee Gees who they also played at the Ottawa Classic earlier this year. Although they got off to a slow start, the match ended in favour of UNB with scores of 15-13, 15-12, 14-16, 12-15, 15-10. Matters were complicated more with an ankle injury to key hitter Alice Kamermans but which was, fortunately, not serious enough to keep her out of the entire tournament.

Saturday morning found the Reds matched against the number one ranked university team, the Lady Wesmen of the University of Winnipeg. Despite their hardest efforts the cream rose to the top as the Lady Wesmen defeated the Reds three games straight.

Later that afternoon, the Reds defeated their AUSA rivals, the Memorial Beothuks,

with a slight change that found Sue Woods hitting from the outside and Andy McDougall blocking in the middle, a rotation that seemed quite effective.

Outstanding play by Reds Helen Bridgeo, Janice Johnson, Cheryl Matchett, Sharry Mariin and Caroline Ball earned them a shot in the semi-finals where they played the Penn State Nittany Lions. Faced against some former U.S. National! and All American team players the Reds were again beaten 3 straight but saw exceptional performance by hitter Brenda Johnston and Paula O'Brien, who later received one of four awards for outstanding play in the semi-finals.

As a result of their loss to Penn State, the Reds went on to face hosts Dalhousie Tigers for the Bronze Medal. In an exacting five game match, and to the disappointment of many Dal fans the Reds came out on top with scores of 12-15, 15-10, 14-16, 15-11, and 15-6. Again, Sue Woods and Alice Kamermans as well as rookie Cathy Carpenter came through in fine style. This weekend also saw the return of Judy Burns (away first term for practise teaching) who showed consistent back court play.