

## Greetings Alumni, Sponsors and Teammates!

The 2003 collegiate road season was officially opened this Sunday, March 2 in Piscataway, NJ. The Rutgers team once again did a fabulous job pulling together this very early season race. The Saturday circuit race was cancelled due to inclement weather, but despite the chilly temperatures and rain, the ECCC got down to business at Sunday's criterium.

Harsh winter conditions resulted in only a very small UMBRC team showing at this event. Saturday's cancellation, lack of equipment, and decisions to save money for later season races all played their usual role. Despite the small showing, the 4 men lead by the ever enthusiastic Dave Berryman put UMass in 12<sup>th</sup> place out of 22 teams (division 1 and 2 inclusive). Dave himself hopped on a breakaway for an eventual 4<sup>th</sup> in mens A. In the B men category, freshman sensation Justin Finn took 15<sup>th</sup>, followed closely by Alvin "Money" Nordell in 17<sup>th</sup>, and Aaron Oakes in 22<sup>nd</sup>.

For a full press release and results of the Rutgers race, check the following links:

[http://www.eccc-info.com/2003/rutgers\\_release\\_post.html](http://www.eccc-info.com/2003/rutgers_release_post.html)

[http://www.eccc-info.com/2003/rutgers\\_results.html](http://www.eccc-info.com/2003/rutgers_results.html)

The team travels to Pennsylvania this coming weekend for the Penn State Nittany Classic. The traditional points race in Trexlertown on Saturday, March 8, and a road race in Reading on Sunday, March 9. Tune in again next week for highlights and news!

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