

**Greetings Alumni, Sponsors and Teammates!**

UMass Bike Racing Team Takes its A-Game to Pennsylvania:

On the weekend of April 2nd and 3rd, the UMass Bicycle Racing Club took the long trip to State College, PA to compete in the Penn State Collegiate Weekend. With over fourteen hours of total driving time, racing in the rain and snow, it was a show of dedication just getting to the race. The dedication and commitment evidently paid off.

In Saturday s circuit race, held on rolling country roads soaked by the frigid morning rains, Justin Lindine took a fourth place sprint finish in the men s B field, luckily avoiding a nearby finish line crash. It would be the second day of racing that would prove to be the most successful for the UMass team however.

Due to a dangerous amount of snow on the course Penn State was forced to remove the upper section of their hill-climb time trial. Cut down to a sub three mile distance, with a mild up hill grade and a vicious headwind, the parking lot was full of teams breaking out their full aero equipment in the hopes of gaining the slightest advantage. Despite temperatures in the thirties, despite the snow, and most impressively, despite the benefit of any time trial equipment, UMass s Alvin Nordell rocketed up the road with an impressive 7:18.93 beating his closest competitor in the ultra competitive men s A field by half a second to take his first collegiate win. In addition to Alvin s impressive win, Justin Lindine took 2nd in the men s B field, moving him up to the fourth overall ranking in the Eastern Collegiate Cycling Conference.

The Penn State weekend showed without a doubt that UMass riders are approaching top form and are ready to take on any school in the conference. It marks yet another successful weekend in what has been an impressive road season so far. This upcoming weekend, April 9th and 10th, is the Boston Beanpot Collegiate race and with 10 racers committed to going, it should prove to be the strongest weekend that UMass has seen so far.

Thanks to the support of all our sponsors, Competitive Edge Ski & Bike, Bueno Y Sano, Zanconato Custom Cycles, Honey Stinger Energy Products, Kenda Tires, Thompson, Voler Apparel, and Sock Guy Socks we have been able to bring in excellent results so far this season and we hope for even better as the weeks move on.

Justin Lindine

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