

## Mid- Season Report – Fall 2006

The mountain bike season is in full swing, and we've had a very successful start. The first race weekend, hosted by Penn State's cycling team, was a sign of things to come. In the Cross-country race on Saturday, Dave Bottomley Finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Men's C event, Jake Margulies won the Men's B. Sunday Alex Duggan chased a 3 man break for most of the short-track cross-country to finish 4<sup>th</sup> in the Men's A XC, Chris Kessler and Anthony Maressa worked hard to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> respectively in the Men's B category, and Dave Bottomley brought home the win in the Men's C field. Matt Tenure finished 4<sup>th</sup> after crashing and breaking the fork on his bike in the Men's A Downhill, and on Day 2 won

Theresa Maynard in the Women's B race at MIT



riding his trail bike!!



Above: Alex Czulak goes through the start-finish in the MIT XC  
Below: Alex Duggan takes a corner in the Men's A STXC



The next weekend, the UMass team finished third in the UConn Enduro, a relay type race which lasted over 8 hours and required the last rider to finish with lights as the sun had already set. Rested or not, Sunday we were out for another hard day of racing at the MIT events in Wompatuck Park. Alex Duggan finished 4<sup>th</sup> in the Men's A Cross-country, and Jake Margulies, Chris Kessler and Anthony Maressa finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> respectively in Men's B. In the women's B category, Theresa Maynard finished 3<sup>rd</sup>. The team dominated later in the day in the Short-Track races. In the Men's B Chris Kessler took the win, as did Theresa Maynard in the Women's B and Dave Bottomley in the Men's C.



Chris Cook hits a jump in the UVM Dual Slalom Race

The third weekend, hosted by the University of Vermont, featured some of the muddiest, toughest racing we had seen this season. Dave Bottomley moved up from the Men's C category to the Men's B and put in an impressive 7<sup>th</sup> place finish followed immediately by UMass rider Anthony Maressa. Theresa finished 5<sup>th</sup> in the Women's B XC race and Chris Cook took 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Men's B Dual Slalom. In Sunday's Short-track races, the Men's B team made up of Anthony, Alex C., Dave and Chris, worked together, taking 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> places respectively. Theresa scored another 2<sup>nd</sup> in the women's B STXC. In the Men's B downhill Joe Klemenzie and Chris Cook finished 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.

UMass now holds first place in the Eastern Collegiate Cycling Conference, with large leads on the competitors. Penn State, who is usually not a big contender, sits in 2<sup>nd</sup> place, down by almost twenty points. This lead is solid enough to be held through the season if we keep up the top-level performance!

In the individual standings: Alex Duggan sits in second place in the Men's A category. In the Men's B overall Anthony Maressa, Chris Kessler and Jake Margulies are 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, respectively. Theresa Maynard is now 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Women's B category.

We now are looking forward to hosting the Eastern Collegiate Cycling Conference Championships to be held October 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> in Hancock/Dalton, MA. We will be defending conference dominance on our own turf this year and the the weekend should be extreme! Contact the club officers for more information.

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