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# Boudreau solo win in ski marathon

Seventeen-year-old David Hayward of Chatham was the first Miramichi club member to finish last weekend's 30 km marathon in Kouchibouguac. David finished a very respectable sixth overall out of over 200 skiers.

The crusty snow conditions on the day of the marathon didn't seem to create too much of a problem, as all of the skiers from the Miramichi fared well. Two club instructors, Jan Truka and Norm Brown, finished in the top fifteen, Jan in eighth place and Norm in twelfth. Another young club member, seventeen-year-old Wade Lane, finished 14th.

Approximately fifteen Miramichi Cross Country Ski Club members entered the marathon. Congratulations to everyone.

Edith Boudreau picked up the only trophy for the Miramichi for the third year in a row. Special congratulations goes to her. Edith, you're not getting older, you're getting better!

The snow conditions, or rather the lack of snow, which plagued the marathon Sunday also made any skiing this week difficult. If snow conditions do not improve, the Maritime Marathon planned for this weekend (Feb. 7-8) could suffer. The 110 km course already entails skiing over some treacherous terrain. I shudder to think what it could be like with the small amount of hard crusty snow we have now.

But whatever the case, at present the sleigh ride and ski planned for this Sunday (Feb. 8) is still on. The event, planned by Wally and Edith Boudreau, will also include a bean lunch. If the sleigh ride must be cancelled, club members will be informed over CFAN.

Ski enthusiasts everywhere will be praying for snow this week. I hope some of that white fluffy stuff comes our way, otherwise, there may not be much to write about next week.