

Woodroffe ties twenty-year-old St. Andrew's record



By Jake Courtepatte

A St. Andrew's College student has become just the second Saint in over a century to be crowned the top runner in the school four times.

Nobleton native Connor Woodroffe claimed the Wallace Cup for the fourth time earlier this month, after running the college's annual cross-country run in just over twelve minutes.

‘It feels amazing,’ said Woodroffe. ‘It’s something I will treasure for the rest of my life.’

The Grade 12 student tied alumnus Dan Wells for the most race wins ever with four, after Wells accomplished the feat in 1995-1998. Wells went on to become an accomplished triathlete following his SAC years.

Woodroffe admits he doesn't particularly have a background in running, but has been playing soccer at a high level since a young age.

‘I don't really do any training for this run; I mostly just do my daily soccer and hope that's enough.’

As a midfielder for the first soccer team, Woodroffe has helped the Saints to an almost perfect record in the CISAA fall season so far.

The Wallace Cup was handed out for the first time in 1902, making it the oldest and most storied trophy within the college. The history of the Cup only adds to the accomplishment, which Woodroffe says is a highlight of his SAC career.

‘My school highlights the motto of leaving a legacy before leaving the school and I guess this was my way of leaving a legacy.’

Woodroffe's win helped secure an overall victory for his ‘clan’ MacPherson, with an average placing in the run through the college's campus of 138th. The finish was well ahead of second place Ramsay Clan, who had an average of 163rd place.

The winner of the Middle School Race was Jeronimo Cuevas Aguilar Alvarez, a grade eight boarder in Macdonald House and member of the Montrose Clan.