

Creek Road Runners

NEWARK, DELAWARE

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IN THE LOSS OF UD MEN'S PROGRAMS, COMMUNITY RESPONDS

Event Inaugurates "Fischer Running Club"

CRR Jim Fischer had plenty of reasons to smile on Tuesday, February 1, 2011, despite the fact that little more than a week earlier it was announced by the University of Delaware that he would no longer have a men's NCAA team to coach after the spring season.

Former UD runners Mike DiGennaro and Pat Castagno, both prominent high school coaches in Delaware, organized a mass community workout on the indoor track at UD's Field House to kick-off the beginning of the Fischer Running Club in Jim's honor.

Read some of the run-up press (below) that led to this friendly show of support for Jim.

[initial UD story](#), [NBC TV10 lead story](#)

[Sports Illustrated article by Jeff Pearlman](#), [Lexi Ambrogi's opinion article](#)

photos by Mark Deshon



Runners gather at 6:00 to hear from Coach and CRR Jim Fischer.



Event organizer Mike DiGennaro (right) talks about Jim.



Jim checks out the new running club shirt, which bears his image.



Pat Castagno leads the group in paying tribute to Jim after handing out specially designed T-shirts.



Jim shares a lighter moment with Tatnall coach Pat Castagno and St. Mark's coach Mike DiGennaro, two of Jim's former UD runners.



Jim thanks the group and then gives instructions for the group workout.

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