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VILLANOVA TAKES I.C.4-A TRACK FIFTH STRAIGHT TIME

PRINCETON, N. J., March 6 —Villanova won another Intercollegiate Association of Amateur Athletes of America indoor track and field title today, but the Wildcats had to share the spotlight with a former shortstop from Rutgers and a Pittsburgh distance runner who says marriage is the way to faster times.

Tom Ulan, a Rutgers quartermiler who spent all of his time in high school running around a baseball field, won the 600-yard run. His time equaled the third fastest ever and was the fastest by a collegian on a conventional indoor track.

Outdistancing the field from start to finish, the 21-year-old then beat Greg Govan of Villanova by 14 yards in 1 minute 8.5 seconds, easily a meet record. Only Martin McGrady, the master at the distance, and Lee Evans, the Olympic 400-meter champion, had ever run faster.

Ulan Sure of Victory

“At the quarter-mile (48.8). I knew no one would pass me,” said the Westhampton, L. I., senior, whose only exposure to track and field in high school came at a junior development meet. “I really felt strong.”

So did Jerry Richey of Pitt, who set a meet record of 8:42.1 in the two-mile and ran the anchor mile leg (4:05.5) for the Panthers’ triumphant distance-medley relay team. Once considered a promising, if some-what inconsistent, performer, Richey had a dramatic turnabout in the sport since walking down the aisle last March.

“I just don't have time now to stay up until 4 in the morning discussing world problems,” Richey said, in talking about his improvement. “So I feel good enough to work out during the day.”

Neither performance could interrupt Villanova's march to a fifth consecutive I.C.4-A indoor team crown and its ninth in the last 10 years.

The Wildcats finished with 42 points, well ahead of the two runners-up, Pittsburgh and Pennsylvania. The Villanova points, as expected, came from a first and second-place finish in the mile, by Marty Liguori and Chris Mason; Lamotte Hyman's determined run in the 440; a Liguori-anchored victory in the two-mile relay, and a six surprising first-place points in the pole vault.

Liguori's third consecutive indoor mile triumph was his slowest, 4:06.1. But he joined a select group of runners—Leslie MacMitchell, Fred Dwyer and Dave Patrick—as three time winners of the event indoors.

Hyman, entered in one of the four events added to this year's program at Jadwin Gym, thrilled the crowd of 4,500 by catching Dennis Walker of Adelphi, the early leader, at the tape. Hyman won by one yard in 48.5.

It was another Villanova quarter miler, Larry James, who had predicted Ulan's emergence. After his last race spring, in which he beat Ulan, James shook hands with his rival and said, “its all yours now.”

Ulan justified James's words and the faith of his coach, Les Wallack. Today's victory may have lacked the international appeal of his 400-meter triumph in the World University Games last year, but it strengthened Ulan's stature to run and win as he pleases, not as the pace dictates.

The fastest mile of the two day meet, 4:03.4, was recorded in the freshman distance medley relay, by Joe Savage of Manhattan. The performance was particularly significant since freshmen will become eligible for the I.C. 4-A outdoor championships this spring, a move that should tighten the point gap between Villanova and its eastern rivals.

Richey did not take the lead in the two-mile run until 330 yards from the finish, when he spurted past Donal Walsh, the gritty Villanova Irishman. Richey, who will defend his National Collegiate title next week in Detroit, ran the last quarter in 57.9.

“I don't have that blazing speed for the mile, like Liguori and Jim Ryun,” he said. “But I'm in good shape. My wife sees to that.”

The mile was Liguori's easiest victory of an impressive indoor season. “It was tough getting psyched since I knew Chris was the only, competition in the race,” the 21-year-old senior said. “It was just like practice.”

On the last lap of the eightlap race over the fast Tartan surface, Liguori actually was more concerned about Mason than himself. When Bruce Fischer of Syracuse began to challenge and moved within 10 yards of the lead, Liguori backed off, let Mason move in front and wore down Fischer on the backstretch with a quick kick.

“I was the buffer,” said the Cedar Grove, N.J. olympian who covered the last 440 in 57.9 seconds. “I figured it would help Chris.”

Villanova recorded an unexpected victory in the pole vault. Jerry Klyop of Villanova and Vince Struble of Maryland registered meet records with leaps of 16 feet 4½ inches, but Klyop was awarded first place on fewer misses. It was a career best for him.

One of the more exciting finishes came in the triple jump, were Bryant Salter of Pitt and Glenn Fausset exchanged the lead several times. Salter won the event on his last jump with 50 feet 1 inch.

Sirois Repeats, Samara Wins in Finals of IC4A

PRINCETON, N.J., March 5 (AP)—Tom Sirois of Northeastern defended his 35-pound weight throw title and Pennsylvania's Fred Samara swept to a long jump victory today at the 50th annual IC4A indoor track and field championships.

The 35-pound weight and long jump were the only two finals contested today in the two-day event held for the first time at Jadwin Gymnasium

after 49 years in New York. There will be 15 final events Saturday with defending champion Villanova looking for its fifth straight title and 12th in 15 years.

However, Jim Elliott's Wildcats will be threatened by Penn, a coming power in the East, in the meet conducted over the eight-lap, tartan surface with 66 colleges and nearly 1,000 competitors entered.

Sirois, in winning the weight throw with a toss of 62 feet, 8½ inches, became the first defender to repeat in this event in 29 years. Second was Bill Dinneen of Dartmouth at 61-1½ and Ed Nosal of Harvard was third, 60 feet even.

Samara, who also qualified for the pole vault final, had a best leap of 24-9½, easily the best of the day to capture the trophy and give Penn six points. Mike McMannon of Notre Dame was next at 24-½ with Princeton's Bill Foucher third, 23-9½.

Villanova's Marty Liquori easily qualified for the mile final, winning his heat in 4:13.6, loafing to a 15-yard triumph over Bill Showers of West Chester State. Teammate Chris Mason captured his heat in 4:12, the fastest of the four trials for Saturday's final.

In all 10 competitors qualified for the title run.

Villanova Easily Wins IC4A Track

PRINCETON, N.J., March 6 (AP) — Villanova, ignited by a 1-2 finish in the mile by Marty Liquori and Chris Mason, captured the team title for the fifth consecutive year today at the 50th annual IC4A indoor track and field championships with Rutgers' Tom Ulan turning in the meet's outstanding performance.

Ulan, the 400-meter World University Games champion, turned in a 1:08.5 clocking in the 600-yard run, one of the four meet records set during the two-day meet on Princeton University's eight-lap, Tartan track at Jadwin Gymnasium.

It was Villanova's 12th triumph in 15 years.

Liquori Runs 4:06.1

The first Villanova victory was Liquori's 4:06.1 mile, which teammate Mason followed up with a 4:06.9, good for 10 points in the team title scoring.

Mason took the lead at the one-half mile with Liquori close behind. Then with three-quarters of a lap to go Liquori took over and bested Mason by five yards with Bruce Fischer of Syracuse another five yards behind in 4:08.

Villanova, with Mason and Liquori running the last two legs, swept to the two-mile relay title in 7:31.6, a meet record that snapped the 7:33.4 mark set in 1984 by Seton Hall.

Other Villanova winners were Lamotte Hyman in 48.5 in the 440 and a surprising triumph in the pole vault in which Jerry Klyop went over at 16 feet, 4½ inches, bettering the former mark of 16-4¼. Defender Tom Blair of Penn was third at 16-0. Maryland's Vince Strubel also bettered the record with a 16-4½ effort but was placed second on more misses.

Easy Winner

Villanova easily took team honors with 42 points. Pittsburgh and Pennsylvania had 21 points, Maryland 20 and Manhattan 18.

The third record to fall was in the two-mile. Pittsburgh's Jerry Richey won in 8:42.1, bettering by one-tenth of a second the mark set last year by Dick Buerkle of Villanova. Tom Donahue of Manhattan was next in 8:44.3 with Donal Walsh of Villanova third.

Ulan's time snapped the mark of 1:09.2 set by the Wildcats' Larry James in 1969.

Hanley Wins Shot

John Hanley of Maryland won the shot put with a toss of 58 feet, 10 inches. Defender Roger Taylor of Syracuse was next at 56-7.

Lonnie Dalton of West Chester won the high jump at 6-11, regaining the championship he won two years ago. Defender Joe David of Maryland was third at 6-10, the same height as runnerup Chris Dunn of Colgate.

Duke's Jeff Howser took the 60-yard high hurdles in 7.2 seconds. Tony Dedmond of Army captured the 60-yard dash with Tony Greene of Maryland a step behind.

The triple jump went to Bryan Salter of Pittsburgh at 50-1, while John Lovett of Manhattan took the 880 in 1:51.5.

The 1,000 went to Mike Mosser of West Virginia in 2:07.9. Pittsburgh took the distance-medley relay in 9:52.5 and Manhattan won the mile relay in 3:17.4.