

73rd IC4A XC Championships
Van Cortlandt Park, Bronx, NY
November 2, 1981

CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION

Individual Leaders

1. Steve Binns, Providence, 23:52.5 seconds; 2. Sosthenes Bitok, Richmond, 24:03; 3. Geoff Smith, Providence, 24:03; 4. Alan Scharsu, Penn State, 24:10; 5. Pat Petersen, Manhattan, 24:19; 6. Bill Reifsnnyder, Bucknell, 24:21; 7. John Babcock, George Mason, 24:22; 8. Brendan Quinn, Providence, 24:25; 9. Ross Donoghue, Villanova, 24:26; 10. Ray Treacy, Providence, 24:28; 11. Jim Casey, Rutgers, 24:36; 12. Dwight Stephens, Penn State, 24:46; 13. Charlie Breagy, Providence, 24:47; 14. Mark Kimball, Boston U., 24:52; 15. Mark Hulme, Bucknell, 24:54.

Team Scores

1. Providence 35 points; 2. Penn State 96; 3. Bucknell 100; 4. Georgetown 169; 5. St. Joseph's, Pa. 198; 6. Boston U. 204; 7. Manhattan 207; 8. Villanova 208; 9. George Mason 210; 10. Rutgers 219; 11. Syracuse 242; 12. Richmond 261; 13. Massachusetts 285; 14. William and Mary 311; 15. St. John's 396; 16. Yale 434; 17. West Virginia 440; 18. Cornell 478; 19. Princeton 549.

UNIVERSITY DIVISION

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1. Greg Cauller, Millersville, Pa. State, 25:08.8; 2. Pat Gahan, Delaware, 25:30; 3. Dennis Walsh, Lafayette, 25:31; 4. Erik Steudel, Millersville State, 25:36; 5. Don Williams, Millersville State, 25:41.

Team Leaders

1. Millersville State 53; 2. Delaware 55; 3. Iona 101; 4. East Stroudsburg State 139; 5. Colgate 171.

College Division

1. John Bannish, Brandeis, 25:34; 2. Greg Rapp, Glassboro, 25:41; 3. Derick Adamson, Glassboro, 25:53; 4. Mike Fossas, Brandeis, 25:56; 5. Ed Connor, Brandeis, 25:58; 6. Jorge de la Vega, Glassboro, 25:59; 7. George Patriarca, Brandeis, 26:00; 8. Frank Turkington, Bates, 26:02; 9. Lou Quackenhouse, Rochester, 26:02; 10. George Eshte, CCNY, 26:03; 11. Mike Graffeo, Glassboro, 26:30; 12. Don Deckert, Glassboro, 26:40; 13. Vince Coelho, Glassboro, 26:50

Brandeis 30, Glassboro State 46, Rochester 75, Rider 135, James Madison 144, Towson 190, Amherst 194, Merchant Marine 233, Siena 260, City College of New York 272, Gettysburg 272, Wesleyan 339, Mount Saint Mary's 356, LeMoyne 399

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Marist 7th

Joe Burleski turned in a 12th place time of 26:05 as Marist College finished seventh out of 16th in the University Division of the IC4A's Monday.

The Red Foxes scored 186 points. Lehigh finished sixth with 175 points and C.W. Post was eighth with 195.

Other Marist runners were: Mark Wickham, 40th overall with a 27:03 clocking, John Lovejoy took 43rd in 27:10 and Mike McGuire was 46th in 27:16.

Also, Dave Haupt finished 55th overall in 27:33 and Dennis Martin was 57th in 27:35. Paul Peterson placed 61st with a time of 27:42.

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But no one survived the stiff climb better than Binns in the 73rd annual Intercollegiate Association of Amateur Athletes of America Cross-Country Championships.

The 21-year-old Providence College freshman from Keighley, Yorkshire, England, made a nimble ascent and speedy descent and went on to win the IC4A five-mile championship in the record time of 23 minutes, 52.5 seconds.

Binns' decisive individual triumph — Richmond's runnerup, Sosthenes Bitok, was 60 yards back in 24:03 — quickly paved the way for Providence's decisive team triumph.

Four teammates packed into the next 11 places and the Rhode Island Friars — all imports from England and Ireland — had their winning team score of 35 points locked up.

This was one of the lowest winning team totals in the 73 years of this meet and again demonstrated why Providence will be the principal Eastern challenger to Texas-El Paso at the NCAA Championships Nov. 23 at Wichita State University.

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"Don't believe it," said Providence Coach Bob Amato, whose team was back in the IC4A race for the first time in five years. Providence has won 86 consecutive dual meets since 1973 and came to New York, Amato said, "just so we could get some good competition for a change."

Providence's Smith wound up third, Brendan Quinn seventh, Ray Treacy 10th and Charles Breagy — the last three from Ireland — and the team fight was over.

Penn State, led by fourth-placer Alan Scharsu, was a distant second with 96 points and defending champion Bucknell third at 100.

After winning the Metropolitan, New Jersey and Eastern Athletic Association championships, Rutgers slipped to 10th place. Jim Casey of Manalapan Township was the Scarlet Knights' leader in 11th place, clocked in 24:36.

This was 14 seconds slower than Casey's winning time in the Mets three weeks ago and a disappointment to him.

"I looked around after the first mile and I was 100 yards down," said Casey. "Those guys really took it out. I told myself to get going after them. But I never could. I never could get out. In the Mets, I had control. Today I didn't."

Consolation for Casey was winning his first IC4A medal and continuing his four-year record of improvement

in this race. He placed 127th in 1977 and 22nd in '78 (while at West Virginia University) and (after transferring to Rutgers) 16th last year.

Millersville, Pa. State won the University Division title and Brandeis edged Glassboro State's favorites in the College Division.

FOOTNOTES: Previous IC4A five-mile record was 23:59.4 by Villanova's Sydney Maree in 1979 ... Manhattan's Guy Emmons, Marlboro, ran 31st, Rutgers' Joe Keenan, Red Bank Catholic, 43rd and St. Joseph's Ron McGinn, Brick, 62nd in Championship Division ... Olympic Team steeplechaser John Gregorek of Georgetown, conqueror of Smith and Binns in Big East Conference meet, slumped to 20th.

Rider College ran fourth in College Division, led by freshman Mark Hastings, Manalapan, in 11th. Runnerup Greg Rapp led Glassboro, but Profs ran this one without key men Frank Melo and Len Hernandez, resting for Collegiate Track Conference Championships at Van Cortlandt Saturday.

Profs take second in IC4A as Rapp, Adamson excel

NEW YORK — Greg Rapp and Derick Adamson sparked Glassboro State College to a second-place finish for the second consecutive year in the College Division of the IC4A cross-country championships yesterday at VanCortlandt Park.

Brandeis, with John Bannish finishing first with 25:34 over the five-mile course, captured the title with 30 points.

Glassboro wound up with 46 points as Rapp, a junior from Pleasantville High School, took second in 25:41. Adamson finished third in 25:53.

The Profs also had Jorge de la Vega sixth, 25:59, Mike Graffeo, 17th, Don Deckert, 22nd, and Vince Coelho, 25th.

Rapp and Adamson, a senior, ran

in front of the pack for the first four miles before Bannish moved in front going up a long hill. Rapp regained the edge briefly at the top of the hill, but couldn't hold off the Brandeis runner.

"This is the first time we've ever had three guys in the top 10," said Profs' Coach Bill Fritz. "That means they get recognition as All-East in the IC4A College Division.

"I'm also thankful the team was second. Rapp and Adamson were not up to par because they are just coming back from being sick. And Len Hernandez and Frank Melo, who can run with just about anybody on the team, missed the meet because of illness. De la Vega had a great race. He was 20th after three miles, but rallied."

Fritz came out of the meet think-

ing the Profs are ready for next week's Mid-East Regional meet in the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III championships. Brandeis is considered the top Division III team in New England, and Rochester, which finished third, is one of the best in New York State.

In the Championship Division, Providence College, which placed five runners in the top 13, took the title with 35 points as Steve Binns set a meet record with 23:52.5.

St. Joseph's finished fifth with 198 and Villanova was seventh with 205. St. Joe's was led by Jim VanBlunk, 18th, in 24:57, and Rich Agnello, 22nd, in 25:03. Villanova had Russ Donoghue, ninth, 24:26, and Brian O'Keefe, 24th, 25:06.

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Binns, a freshman, took the lead after the two-mile point and easily captured his race in 23:52.5. That surpassed the previous standard of 24:04 posted in 1978 by Sydney Maree of Villanova.

The time really surprised Binns.

"Usually, I don't run so well in humid weather," said the 5-foot-7, 128-pounder, a native of England. "I knew what the record was, though, and I was aiming for it."

During the season, curiously, Binns was primarily the second-best runner for Providence, behind Olympic sophomore Geoff Smith of Great Britain. Smith placed second, with Binns fifth, in the Big East meet just a week ago. Monday's victory was the first for Binns over Smith.

Smith wound up third Monday in 24:03. Sosthenes Bitok of Richmond was adjudged the runner-up in a similar clocking. Overall, Providence placed five men among the top 15 and finished with 35 points in a field of 22 squads.

Pat Petersen's 24:19 for fifth place led the way for nearby Manhattan College. The Jaspers were eighth in the team configuration with 207 points.

Meanwhile, Gregory Cauller, a senior at Millersville, Pa., took the lead after two miles and won in the University Division race with a 25:08.3 ticking. In the same race, Jay Messina was the Iona pacesetter with 26:10 for 14th place. Teammate Terry Perrault was right behind in 26:17.

Peter Van Bloom of Fordham was the top Ram with 26:17 for 19th place; Mike Cleary of Iona finished 24th in 26:40; Mike Varieur of Iona was 27th in 26:46; and Pat McCarthy of Iona was 29th in 26:49.

Iona was third in the team totals with 101 points. Millersville won with 53 points and Delaware was second with 55.

Next up for the area harriers are the College Track Conference championships Saturday at Van Cortland Park.

Record Is Set by Binns In IC4A Cross-Country

Stephen Binns, a freshman from Providence College, captured the IC4A championships at Van Cortlandt Park in the Bronx yesterday with a meet-record time of 23 minutes 52.5 seconds for the five-mile cross-country race.

Providence College took the team title with 35 points in a race that included runners from 22 colleges. The Friars had five runners in the top 13.

"We have more quality depth than ever before," said Coach Bob Amato of Providence, whose team was ranked second in the nation behind Texas last week. "This is one of the strongest teams we've ever had, and we've had some good ones."

Most of Amato's runners, including all five who finished in the top 13 yesterday, are imports from Britain. Recruited by Teammate Binns, from Yorkshire, was recruited by Geoff Smith, his teammate, who finished third behind Sosthenes Bitok of the University of Richmond. Smith, who is from Liverpool, was rated ahead of Binns before the race.

"I'm surprised I won," Binns said moments after the race, held in bright sunshine and 70-degree temperature. "This is the first time I beat Geoff Smith. I was behind him in the Big East race last week." Binns finished fifth in the Big East Conference title race.

Bitok, a native of Kenya, and Smith were both clocked at 24:03, with Alan Scharzu of Penn State fourth in 24:10. Patrick Petersen of Manhattan College was fifth at 24:19.

Penn State was second to Providence with 99 points, and Bucknell, which had two runners in the top 15, was third with 102. Georgetown finished fourth with 173 and St. Joseph's of Pennsylvania fifth with 203.

The University Division race was captured by Gregory Culler of Millersville State, which had four of the top six finishers. Its fifth man finished 39th.

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Georgetown was led by freshman Fran McConville's 17th-place finish.

McConville finished in 24:56, three seconds faster than Georgetown's second-best runner, John Gregorek, who finished 20th. Gregorek, considered among the favorites, was suffering from a sore foot injured three days after he won the Big East Conference individual championship on Oct. 24.

Kevin King, another Hoya freshman, finished 32nd in 25:23. Senior Phil Reilly finished 41st in 25:35 and junior John Sullivan was 63rd.

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MSC Wins Run

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Cauler covered the distance in 25:08.8 to edge Delaware's Pat Gahan (25:30). Delaware finished second in the team standings followed by Iona.

Other top MSC finishers were Erik Steudel (4th), Don Williams (5th), and Bill King (6th).

King 6th In IC4A

NEW YORK — Former Central High School standout Billy King clocked 25:42 for 5.0 miles and finished sixth overall Monday while helping Millersville State College to the IC4A University Division cross country championship at Van Cortlandt Park.

A freshman, King's performance earned him All-East Honors as Millersville compiled a total of 53 points to finish in front of University of Delaware (55). Greg Cauler of Millersville was individual champion in 25:08.

King, in fact, was the first freshman or sophomore runner to cross the finish line.

Hens 2nd in IC4A meet

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For Bates, Turkington was the first finisher from teams other than Brandeis and Glassboro as he toured the course in 26:02 to earn All-IC4A honors. Len Morley was one second out of the running for the All-Star team, taking 16th place; the Bobcats also placed Ken O'Regan 38th, Mark Dorion 78th and Al Waitt 28:23.

John Foley and Ed Dippold ran for the Bobcats in the non-scoring sub-varsity race, and were timed in 28:44 and 29:58, respectively.