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Villanova Wins IC4A Meet

Villanova's speed and endurance overcame Maryland's strength as the Wildcats won the 108th annual Outdoor IC4A Track and Field Championships today.

Villanova, winning the meet for the third time since 1957, scored all of its 73 points on the track, and Maryland tallied 52 of its 58 in field events.

Penn State, the 1984 IC4A indoor champion, finished third with 43 points, followed by Boston University with 42; East Carolina, 41; Iona, 37; West Virginia, 32; Northeastern 30; Seton Hall, 27, and Manhattan, 26. The defending champion, George Mason, finished 12th with 25 points. A George Mason freshman, Abdi Bile, kicked away from the field to win the 1,500 meters in 3:40.26, just 2-hundredths of a second off Sydney Maree's meet record.

Villanova, running on its Jumbo Elliott Track, named for the late track coach, turned the meet around in the 800 meters by amassing 21 points, including 10 for John Marshall's victory. The performance allowed the Wildcats, who started the race with 28 points, to take the lead from Maryland.

Marshall, a junior from Plainfield, N.J., won the 800 in 1 minute 48.32 seconds, with his teammate John Borgese placing second in 1:48.77. Vince Watson of Penn State took third with Brian McNellis of Georgetown fourth. Villanova's Kevin Davis placed fifth and the school's Sean O'Neill was sixth to complete the 21-point streak under the 10-8-6-4-2-1 scoring system.

Villanova failed to score in the two- day meet until the 400-meter hurdles today. Tony Valentine, a freshman from Plainfield, N.J., won the event in 50.52 seconds and Martin Booker finished second to give Villanova 18 points.

Villanova increased its total to 28 in the 1,500 meters. Marcus O'Sullivan scored 8 points with a second-place finish, and Gerry O'Reilly received 2 points for fifth.

Villanova completed its late surge with a 6-point third in the 5,000 by O'Sullivan and a victory in the 1,600- meter relay.

Willie McLaughlin of Manhattan won the 400 meters in 45.70. Kieran Stack of Iona won the 3,000-meter steeplechase in 3:43.9.

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