

9th ECAC XC Championships
Waveny Park, New Canaan, CT
November 10, 1990

CHAMPIONSHIP

Sonia O'Sullivan (16:56) led a quartet of four Villanova runners in the top eight and captured individual honors. Kate Fonshell (17:21) was fourth, Cheri Goddard finished fifth (17:22) and Nnenna Lynch (17:36) was eighth.

Canisius runners: 20. Heather Whalen 18:20; 60.
Susan Wood 19:23; 65. Mary Beth Riley 19:34; 69.
Kathleen Bechard 19:43; 82. Karen O'Donoghue 20:07.

Villanova 33, Georgetown 83, Providence 88, Cornell 191, William & Mary 198. Also: Penn 249 (8th); St. Joseph's 474 (19th):

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Villanova scored 33 points to win the women's ECAC Championships at Waverly behind Sonia O'Sullivan's victory in 16:56. Former Ridge High star Karen Mitrakul was 62th overall in 18:50 on the 5,000-meter course.

In the women's race, Mount St. Mary's finished 18th among 31 teams in the University Division.

Sophomore Nadine Jamerson was the top Mount runner, finishing eighth in 19:33.

ECAC scoring mix-up scrambles results

Because of a scoring discrepancy, the final placings in the ECAC and Regions I and II meets were not available Saturday night.

Villanova's powerful cross country team won ECAC honors, scoring 33 points at Waveny Park's soggy 5K course in New Canaan, Conn., Saturday.

Georgetown was second with 83. Providence (88), Cornell (191), W&M (198), Yale (204), Penn State (239), Penn and Boston College followed in that order, but those scores are subject to change because State's **Amanda Dudley** was not included in the scoring. She was Penn State's No. 3 scorer in the race, but for some reason her name was omitted by the scoring committee, which will affect the scores above.

The top two teams in each region automatically will advance to the NCAA meet at Knoxville, Tenn., Nov. 19. Villanova and Georgetown are assured of berths, placing 1-2 in Region II, respectively.

Sonya O'Sullivan of Villanova won the race but her time wasn't available.

Coach Teri Jordan of Penn State is hoping that her team moves up in the final standings enough to earn an at-large berth in the nationals.

Wendy Nelson was 11th overall in 17:44 and eighth in Region II. Teammate **Leslee Martin** was 34th in 18:27 and 23rd in the region. Dudley was next, but the scoring sheet credited Carol Davis as State's No. 3 runner.

When Jordan discovered the discrepancy, she returned to New Canaan and reported the mistake to meet officials. A final decision is expected in the next day or so.

Women maintain No. 1 ranking

Despite adverse weather conditions last weekend, the women's cross country team captured its fifth straight victory this season. Ranked No. 1 in the nation since their opening meet, the Wildcats have not lost a cross country meet since 1988 and are eagerly looking forward to defending their national championship title in Knoxville, TN Nov. 19.

The Cats traveled to New Canaan, Connecticut to compete in the ECAC/NCAA Regional meet Nov. 10. The Wildcats trekked through the pouring rain to capture their victory "with the lowest score ever for ECAC's by the biggest margin ever," according to Head Coach Marty Stern.

Leading the pack for the first time this season was senior Sonia O'Sullivan, who set the pace with a first-place time of 16:56. Kate Fonshell secured fourth place in 17:21, followed closely by Cheri Goddard who finished at a 17:22 clip.

Nnenna Lynch raced to an eighth-place finish in 17:36, followed by Carol Haux (17:53), Carole Zajac (18:21) and Michelle Torelli (18:45).

Villanova tallied 22 points for first place, with Georgetown

Hoyas' Harriers Gain NCAAs

In the ECAC women's cross-country championships, also at Weavancy, Villanova won the team title with 33, followed by Georgetown 83, Providence 88, Cornell 191, William and Mary 198.

Christi Constantine of Georgetown was fourth individually.

The Harvard men's and women's cross-country teams travelled to Waverly Park in New Canaan, Conn., Saturday to run in the IC4A's & ECAC's..

On the women's side, Harvard was hampered by both natural (the mud) and man-made elements (a difficult starting position).

The race opened with a 75-yard sprint before channeling into a narrow opening in the woods. Harvard was stuck on the edge of the starting pack, with 25 of the race's 28 teams to the left of the Crimson. The Harvard runners couldn't gain position over their opponents during the sprint and were near the back of the pack as the race entered the woods.

The Crimson couldn't play catchup. Suzanne Jones finished an impressive 28th, but her teammates were far behind. Amber Duncan was the second Harvard finisher, 97th overall. Alais Griffin finished 108th, while Jenny Schenk and Wendy Campbell rounded out the Harvard scoring, finishing 110th and 121st, respectively.

Another factor working against the Crimson was injuries. Ellen Villa, Holly Moore and Rachel Lewis, who have been consistent scorers for most of the season, were all sidelined.

Jones was another Crimson runner who barely made it out of the medical tent. Since suffering a pelvic stress fracture this summer, Jones has been at rehab more than practice. The senior's performance was the highlight of the Crimson's afternoon, however. Jones finished the 3.1-mile course in 18:19, a minute-and-one-half behind winner Sonia O'Sullivan of team champion Villanova.

"I felt alright," Jones said, "I just wish I could have gotten out a little better, because I think my start hurt me in the end. It was difficult to move up because the footing was so awful. We had to tape our shoes on to make sure we didn't lose them in the puddles."