

82nd IC4A XC Championships
Waveny Park, New Haven, CT
November 10, 1990

CHAMPIONSHIP

Top individual finishers:

1. Peter Rono, Mount St. Mary's, 30:58; 2. Andy Ball, Connecticut, 31:01; 3. Steve Holman, Georgetown, 31:10; 4. Aaron Pogue, Army, 31:18; 5. Keith Dowling, Pitt, 31:20; 6. Chris Teague, Providence, 31:21; 7. Terrence Mahon, Villanova, 31:24; 8. Rick Wemple, Yale, 31:25; 9. Pete Rea, Connecticut, 31:24; 10. Terry Stillman, Dartmouth, 31:34.

Other UConn finishers: 12. Gary Giffen 31:37; 36. Wim Luypers 32:17; 45. Christer Malm 32:25; 77. Mark Militello 32:51; 79. Bill Gill 32:58.

Canisius Finishers: 27. Thomas Appenheimer 32:35; 52. Mark Andrews (Canisteo) 33:21; 52. Mark Andrews (Canisteo) 33:21; 75. Eric Webdale 33:48; 102. Jeremy Ashfield (Pittsford) 34:20; 107. Michael Rippe 34:36.

Penn State's top finisher was **Mike Crescenzi**. He was 32nd in the IC4A (32:11) and 13th in the region. Freshman **Dave Crowe** was 40th (32:19) and 17th in the region. Other Lion scorers: **Mark Wimmer** (53rd in 32:31, and 24th); **Aidan O'Reilly**, 63rd, 32:42, and 31st, and **Andy Scott**, 78th, 32:56, and 38th.

Non-scorers were **Bob Hamer** (33:05) and **Bob Radzwich** (33:35).

Team Scoring Leaders

1. Connecticut, 100; 2. Boston U., 111; 3. W&M, 171; 4. Dartmouth, 178; 5. Providence, 197; 6. Georgetown, 203; 7. Pitt, 227; 8. Penn State, 257; 9. Yale, 287; 10. Massachusetts, 320.

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Lehigh finishers — 6. Paul Hisem; 17. John Van Order; 29. Johann Anestad; 56. Eric Soderborg; 62. Kevin Murphy

Team results

Men — 1. Syracuse 84; 2. Colgate 108; 3. Lafayette 117; 4. Maryland 156; 5. New Hampshire 159; 6. Fordham 160; 7. Lehigh 170; 8. Delaware 186; 9. Seton Hall 191; 10. Manhattan 201.

Hoyas' Harriers Gain NCAAs

Georgetown's men finished sixth overall in the IC4A cross-country championships yesterday at Weavany Park in New Canaan, Conn.

Connecticut earned the team laurels with 100 points, followed by Boston University, 111; William and Mary, 171; Dartmouth, 178; Providence, 197; and Georgetown, 203.

Peter Rono of Mount St. Mary's was individual winner in 30 minutes 58 seconds. Georgetown's Steve Holman was third, in 31:10, behind Andy Ball of Connecticut, 31:01. Aaron Pogue of Army, 31:18, and Keith Dowling of Pittsburgh, 31:20, rounded out the front five.

Rutgers cross country

The Rutgers University men's and women's cross country teams were both in action yesterday in New Canaan, Connecticut.

The Rutgers men placed 11th out of 25 teams at the IC4A Championships at Waverly Park. Frank Wiggins was Rutgers' best finisher in 11th place, while teammate Matt Megary was 20th.

UConn qualifies for NCAA meet with IC4A victory

The University of Connecticut men's cross country team earned top honors at the IC4A Championships/NCAA Qualifier Saturday at Waveny Park in New Canaan and qualified for the 1990 NCAA Division I championships Nov. 19 in Knoxville, Tenn.

It is the first UConn men's team to

qualify for the national championships since 1969.

UConn senior Andy Ball placed second in 31 minutes, 1 second, three seconds behind Peter Rono of Mount St. Mary's (30:58). Rono won the gold medal in the 1,500-meter event at the 1988 Olympics.

UConn had three of the top 12 runners, as junior Pete Rea placed ninth (31:34) and junior co-captain Gary Giffen 12th (31:37).

UConn had 100 points in the 33-team event to win IC4A and District I honors.

Lions miss NCAAs by only six points

Penn State's men missed qualifying for the Nov. 19 NCAA cross country championships at Knoxville, Tenn., by six points in the Region II meet at New Canaan, Conn., Saturday.

The meet, held in conjunction with the 82nd annual IC4A championship 10K race at Waveny Park, was won by William & Mary (82 points). Georgetown, the defending champion, had 99 while Pitt checked in with 116. The Lions had 123, but only the top three qualify.

The IC4A crown went to Connecticut of the Big East with 100 points. Boston University (111) and W&M (171) were next in line. Penn State was eighth in the IC4A event with 257 points.

Qualifying from Region I (New England) for the NCAAs were Connecticut (58) and Boston U. (64).

Peter Rono of Mount St. Mary's won the race in 30:58. Andy Ball of UConn was second in 31:01. Rono becomes the second consecutive Mount St. Mary's runner to capture the individual crown, following in the footsteps of Sammy Cheriuyot.

There were 239 finishers in the IC4A championship race," Coach Harry Groves of the Lions said Saturday night. "We had a 45-second split but the guys were too far back. I thought the kids ran a pretty good race. We missed by six points. The course was a quagmire.

"But I thought the kids had a decent season. It's going to take time to get there."

In the B race, Bucknell beat Penn State. The Lions were led by **Phil Mellot** and **Jon Pritchard**.

Mahon qualifies for NCAA's

By **LARRY LANZA**
Staff Reporter

Sophomore Terrence Mahon qualified for the NCAA Championships with a sixth-place finish, and the Villanova men's cross-country team turned in one of its finest championship efforts in recent years, as the Wildcats placed nineteenth in the Intercollegiate Athletic Association of America (IC4A) Championship Nov. 10.

'Nova, the highest finisher among the Philadelphia Big 5, placed a strong tenth among the teams in its NCAA Region. The Cats would have had to manage a third place finish to qualify as a team for the NCAA Championship.

Mahon, however, will continue on to the Nov. 19 NCAA's after finishing fourth among his NCAA Regional opponents. Mahon's qualification marks the first time a Villanova men's runner has reached the NCAA Cross-Country Championships since 1988 Irish Olympian Gerry O'Reilly made the finals in 1986.

Mahon's time of 31:24 over the ten kilometer (6.1 miles) course left him only 24 seconds behind winner Andy Ball of Connecticut.

Georgetown's Steve Holman finished as the runnerup ten seconds behind, while Aaron Fogue of Army, Big East champion Keith Dowling of Pittsburgh and Chris Teague of Providence rounded out the top five.

"Terrence had a super run," said Head Coach Marty Stern, "I know that he will do very well at NCAA's Monday. He is in great condition and at the top of his game at the right time of the year."

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"We are very lucky and very happy to have Terrence, not just because he's a good runner, but also because he's a good person," Stern continued. "With two years of eligibility left, he has a great future."

The future of the Wildcat team also appears bright, as 'Nova will be returning all but six of the runners who competed this season. Three of those six seniors, Chuck Van Horn, Mike Seeger,

and John Casey were part of the pack that included the Cats' second through sixth finishers.

Van Horn led the group with a 120-place finish in 33:38, while junior Tim Pollis and freshman Mike Going took 122nd (33:40) and 138th (33:51), respectively.

Seeger (34:04) and Casey (34:48) filled the fifth and sixth spots for 'Nova with respective finishes of 155th and 190th in the 239-man finishing field.

"The men and I are very proud of their accomplishments this year," said Stern. "They were a very determined group and it appears that the program is on the move."

"I congratulate all the members of the team for a great season and I'm proud to be their coach," he added. "Also, the many carloads of people that came to cheer on Villanova is a sign of the enthusiasm we're building. Right now, we're definitely looking forward to the indoor track season."

Monday's race at the University of Tennessee will be Mahon's second appearance in the NCAA Cross-Country Championships. He earned All-American status with a 27th place finish, helping lead Oregon to 2nd place last season in Annapolis, Md.

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..

But the weather didn't cooperate with the runners. Torrential rains and ankle-deep mud prevented Harvard from *running*. Instead, it waded.

The men's team emerged from the quagmire with an impressive 12th-place showing in the 38-team field. The women's team got lost in the slop, finishing 23rd out of 28 teams.

Harvard's Spencer Punter overcame Mother Nature to lead the Crimson with his 20th-place finish. Punter covered the 6.2-mile course in 31:50, just one minute behind winner Peter Rono--the same Rono who was the 1500 champion in the 1988 Olympics--of Mount Saint Mary's College.

Punter's teammates may not have turned in world-class efforts, but all five of the Crimson's scorers finished in the top 100. Mike Evans was the second Harvard runner to cross the line and 65th overall. Todd Evans stayed with the race's lead pack for the first few miles, before falling back to 73rd. Rob Benjamin and Skardon Baker (who will captain the Crimson next year) finished 88th and 100th, respectively.

"It was complete and utter hell," Benjamin said. "It was a swamp, just total marshlands. "It's too bad the course was so bad, because the race would have been a lot faster. The winner probably would have been under 30 minutes without the rain."

The course was not just hell for Benjamin. The conditions took their toll on many of the pre-race favorites. Although a strong Connecticut team took the overall title, many individuals turned in uncharacteristic performances. Princeton's Bill Burke, who won the Heptagonal Championships two weeks ago, finished a distant 40th. Boston College's Dermot Fitzpatrick, who dominated last month's Greater Boston Championships, brought up the rear, finishing ahead of only 10 runners.