

CHAMPIONSHIP

Women individual overall

1. Carole Zajac, Villanova, 16:28.2. 2. Nnenna Lynch, Villanova, 16:39.1. 3. Janice Brown, William & Mary, 16:44.0. 4. Pam Hunt, Cornell, 16:46.6. 5. Sinead DeLahunty, Providence, 16:50.9. 6. Amy Rudolph, Providence, 16:51.6. 7. Lauren Gubicza, Fordham, 16:53.0. 8. Cheri Goddard, Villanova, 16:56.0. 9. Christi Constantin, 17:01.2. 10. Caryn Landau, Georgetown, 17:04.9. 11. Alicia Guiliano, Rutgers, 17:13.5. 12. Meghan Dotter, Georgetown, 17:14.7. 13. Loren Mooney, Cornell, 17:15.5. 14. Jean Hughes, Providence, 17:16.7. 15. Becky Spies, Villanova, 17:19.5.

UConn finishers: 30. Katie O'Toole, 17:39.9; 51. Shannon Lennon, 18:06.7; 77. Kristin Leahy, 18:31.9; 88. Stacey Edwards, 18:38.0; 91. Kerry Clark, 18:40.0.

Yale finishers: 36. Heather Slay, 17:48.7; 99. Jennifer Marien, 18:46.2; 110. Ellen Erichson, 18:54.3; 123. Alissa Hamilton, 19:03.0; 125. Erin Carroll, 19:08.0.

Women team overall

1. Villanova, 52. 2. Georgetown, 67. 3. Providence, 98. 4. Cornell, 102. 5. William & Mary, 173. 6. Princeton, 270. 7. Dartmouth, 295. 8. Navy, 323. 9. Harvard, 328. 10. Connecticut, 329.

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Individual: 1. Patty McCormick (Seton Hall)

17:59; Local finishers: 10. Kerry Wille (Canisius/Webster) 18:59; 24. Marcy Haciasavs (Canisius/Brighton) 19:20.

Team: LaSalle 97, Canisius 132, Maine
171, Wagner 179, Seton Hall 184

Women capture fourth straight ECAC

By SEAN KELLY
Staff Reporter

The preparation area at Lehigh University's cross country course for the ECAC and Regional Championships must have been quite a spectacle last weekend with many of the nation's top organizations clustered together. Teams like Georgetown, Providence, Cornell and William & Mary had more than their own capabilities to worry about as they awaited the start of the race to see who really is the best in the East.

Waiting in their own placid section of the field was a stoic group of ladies wearing their usual conservatively patterned uniforms. There is nothing fancy about their blue and white singlets, but the word Villanova bannered across the front is enough to make any team fear defeat.

As for the Wildcats, they feared nothing. It has reached the point for 'Nova where confidence is almost better than preparation itself. The three weeks leading up to these championships was not a typical schedule of work-outs at all. In fact, Head Coach Marty Stern for the most part just left them alone.

"It was just a matter of staying in shape and getting some good rest," said Stern. "Actually, I really didn't even talk to them much other than a hello."

With winter track getting under way soon, the mentor had busi-

ness to take care of with other runners. Only a few hard workouts in the middle of the layover was all that was needed to keep up the stamina and confidence.

"I think that me staying away from them was the best thing for them," said Stern.

With the NCAA Championships only one meet away, it would have been easy for 'Nova to lose sight of its task. The pre-race speech included a warning to not look ahead toward the nationals but to think of the Regional meet. In a region that includes a fifth of the nation's qualifying field, this "was not a meet to hold anything back," Stern said.

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Head Coach Marty Stern

Unfortunately for the Hoyas and Friars, the Cats were relentless in their hunt for a fourth straight Regional and ECAC crown.

As usual, Carole Zajac, the country's best, finished at a remarkable 16:28.2 which set her well ahead of any other runner. Senior Nnenna Lynch captured the second place position, finishing at an impressive time of 16:39.1. The other three times

counted in the final Regional tally were senior Cheri Goddard's 6th place clip of 16:56.0, Becky Spies 13th place mark of 17:19.5, and freshman Megan Flowers' 25th place time of 17:35.4. Flowers had some health problems at the two-mile mark that slowed her for the race. There is no fear of any reoccurring health problems for her at the NCAAs.

The lady harriers have their flight set for Saturday morning when they will leave in an attempt to make history. For the first time in the sport, a women's team can win a fourth straight national title. However, the women, and more importantly the coaches, claim that they are not worried about the streak. This is an assembly of highly-talented women, and the streak takes away part of the personal identity that they have thrived for throughout the season. An NCAA Championship trophy of their own is their first concern. These Wildcats have grown into a close unit. At this point they are obligated to one another to win the title.

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■ BETHLEHEM, Pa. — Villanova's Carole Zajac won the ECAC Championships at Lehigh University, finishing in 16:28.2. Villanova captured the team title with 52 points, followed by Georgetown with 67. In the university race division, Mount Saint Mary's Nadine Jamerson finished second in 18:21.5. Coppin State's Diana Pitts tied for sixth place with a time of 18:42.6.

Mount St. Mary's finished 11th in the university team division with 266 points followed by Towson State (13th, 285) and Coppin State (15th, 291).

IN WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY: Monmouth College finished eighth in the ECAC University Division cross country championships at Lehigh University.

Donna Brzyski led the Hawks with a time of 19:24.2 for 25th place.

Patty McCormick led virtually wire-to-wire to win the University Division women's championship and lead the Pirates to a fourth-place finish.

McCormick, a freshman, finished the five-kilometer race in 17:59.2. She was followed by teammates Kirsten Walther in 27th place, Erinn Carmody in 36th, North Arlington's Barbara Bator in 37th, and Keisha Caine in 97th.

Sophomore Alicia Juliano of Rutgers finished 11th in the ECAC women's cross-country championships at Lehigh with a time of 17:13.5, good enough to qualify for the Nationals. Rutgers finished 20th out of 30 teams, well behind winner Villanova.

With four of its runners finishing in the top 10, led by gold medalist Bryan Spoonire, Seton Hall took first place in its division of the IC4-A men's cross-country championship at Allentown, Pa., Saturday for its first major championship in 27 years.

Competing in the University or "B" division, Spoonire won the 10,000-meter race in 32:00. Pirates Cliton Bell was fifth (32:48), Alexandre Ferenandes was seventh (33:03), and Gordon Dickinson was ninth (33:08). Seton Hall had not won a major cross-country championship since taking the Met title in 1964.