

86th IC4A XC Championships

Franklin Park, Boston, MA

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CHAMPIONSHIP

Individuals

1. Louie Quintana, Villanova, 30:12; 2. *Brian Hyde, Wm. & Mary, 30:13; 3. Andy Downin, Georgetown, 30:15; 4. Bob Hamer, Penn St., 30:15; 5. Ian Urbina, Georgetown, 30:15; 6. *Martin McCarthy, Iona, 30:17; 7. Ted Fitzpatrick, Dartmouth, 30:18; 8. *Mike Dudley, W. Virginia, 30:20; 9. Brook Kintz, Georgetown, 30:21; 10. *Mike Bernstein, Army, 30:24; 11. Kenneth Nason, Villanova, 30:28; 12. Karl Rasmussen, BU, 30:30; 13. *Michael Umbleby, Pittsburgh, 30:31; 14. *Chris Georgules, BC, 30:34; 15. Jake Bartholomy, Penn St., 30:41; 16. *Ian Carswell, Harvard, 30:42; 17. Steve Clarke, Bucknell, 30:52; 18. Dave Ward, BU, 30:53; 19. Tom McGlynn, Penn St., 30:54; 20. Chris Priestaf, Bucknell, 30:54; 21. Aaron Bouplon, Dartmouth, 30:54; 22. Bernard Kitur, Mt. Saint Mary's, 30:55; 23. Chris Langan, Dartmouth, 30:56; 24. Jack Dwyer, Dartmouth, 30:56; 25. *John Wassenaar, BC, 30:57.

Penn State finishers:

26. Artie Gilkes, 30:58; 40. Che Arosemena, 31:22

Delaware finishers:

Lee Brannon and Travis Adams led the men, who were 22nd in District II. Lee Brannon finished 28th, with Adams one spot back. John Brannon was 78th, Barry Baloga 180th and Rich Marsanico 199th.

Team scores

*Georgetown 81, *Penn St. 103, *Dartmouth 105, *Villanova 162, *BU 185, Wm. & Mary 200, Army 224, BC 276, W. Virginia 312, Bucknell 335, Yale 347, Brown 379, Princeton 380, Cornell 422, Fairleigh Dickinson 430, Iona 438, Penn 450, James Madison 501, Navy 507, Harvard 512, Pittsburgh 525, UConn 526, St. John's 551, St. Joseph's 555, UMass 576, La Salle 591, George Washington 658, Duquesne 728, Maine 772, Lehigh 807, Delaware 814, URI 890.

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The Rutgers University men's and women's cross country teams finished on a strong note in yesterday's ECAC Championships held at Franklin Park in Boston.

The men's cross country finished fifth out of 28 teams with a team score of 171 points, in the University Division.

Bill Morrow recorded the highest finish on the men's squad, placing eighth in 32:22. He was selected to the first team, All-Big East team. Scott Teske finished in 30th place with a time of 33:12.

IC4A Championships — Marist's Dave Swift placed third in the 10 kilometer race with a time of 32:10. Marist placed 11th in the race at Franklin Park in Boston.

Men find their way to NCAA championships

By **MARK SPOONAUER**
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For the second time in three years, the Villanova men's cross country team will be competing in the NCAA Championships, which will be held in Fayetteville, Ark., Nov. 21. To qualify automatically this past weekend, the Cats needed to finish among the top three teams in their Region 2 Championship, a meet which also served as the IC4A Championships. They performed accordingly.

'Nova's impressive 162 point, fourth place finish in the 32 team IC4A competition was bettered by their NCAA qualifying 114 point, third place showing in the Region 2 Championship.

In the IC4A competition, the Cats placed fourth behind No. 1 ranked Georgetown (81), Penn State (103) and Dartmouth (105). The only teams to defeat 'Nova in Region 2 were Georgetown (59) and Penn State (74).

Also for the second time in three years, senior Louie Quintana captured the IC4A cross country individual title. By covering the 10,000 meter course in 30 minutes and 12 seconds, Quintana was able to garner a one second margin of victory over William & Mary's Brian Hyde. In fact, the race was very close for the entire front pack of harriers. The top nine runners in the race all finished within nine seconds of each other.

Comically, the first four runners in the Championship, Quintana included, made a wrong-turn during the second half of the race. They were forced to turn around and rejoin the correct route. Nevertheless, Quintana recovered and managed to cross the line first.

First-year Head Coach John

Marshall was very pleased with the team's accomplishment, but was particularly impressed with Quintana's effort.

"For Louie to come back and win after being led off the course was probably one of the greatest individual IC4A performances ever," said Marshall.

Ken Nason, who has consistently run second all season, did so again to finish in 11th place overall in 30:28. Juniors Todd Tressler (31:08) and Kevin Christiani (31:21), 'Nova's third and fourth finishers, respectively placed 30th and 40th. The fifth and final scorer for the Cats was senior Stephen Howard, who placed 85th overall in 32:04.

Marshall, ecstatic over his team's achievement, outlined how the Cats' recent successes have translated into victories for him. It also bodes well for the track program.

"My first goal as coach was to regain the luster and tradition of Villanova track," said Marshall.

One who has facilitated the achievement of Marshall's goal is Assistant Coach Jim Tuppeny.

"Jim Tuppeny has done a great job in grooming our men," said Marshall.

According to Marshall, there were essentially two obstacles for the squad this season.

"The first step was for us to run well at the Big East and then a strong performance at the IC4A's would be a great indicator of where we are," said Marshall.

Another great indicator is the Wildcats' current No. 17 ranking, a four spot improvement from only two weeks ago. 'Nova is currently preparing for the NCAA Division I Cross Country National Championships in Fayetteville, Ark. on Monday.

Quintana stays the course

Villanova runner wins IC4A title after leaders take wrong turn

By Joe Concannon
GLOBE STAFF

Just when it appeared that Dartmouth's Sam Wilbur and Seton Hall's Brian Spoonire were in a two-man race to the finish in yesterday's 86th IC4A cross-country championships at Franklin Park, everything fell apart and dreams were shattered.

As the pair headed into the final mile of the 10,000-meter, five-loop course, the way was blocked by spectators who pointed the lead runners in the wrong direction. The rest of the field ran past Wilbur and Spoonire, sending the duo into what Wilbur described as "a state of shock."

Villanova's Louie Quintana went with them briefly before getting the word and turning back. He then passed 12 runners and went on to

win with a remarkable performance of perseverance in 30 minutes 12 seconds.

There was some consolation for Wilbur. He finished as the fifth Big Green runner and his team will join Boston University in the NCAA Championships on Nov. 21 in Fayetteville, Ark. Spoonire, the Big East champion, was trying to qualify as one of five individuals from District 2; he is out pending an appeal to the NCAA.

Andy Downin, of Georgetown University and Duxbury, finished third with a time of 30:15.

Boston University's Karl Rasmussen, who also went with Wilbur briefly before regrouping, finished 12th.

Wilbur talked about the depth of his emotions after eventually finishing 34th. "I felt really strong," he

said, "and I knew I'd be right there. I took the lead. I was pretty sure I was supposed to go straight, but there was a wall of people there.

"I was running toward them and I said, 'Which way?' They pointed to the left. I started running hard. I picked it up again and then I heard the Princeton coach screaming. I turned around and realized no one was following us. The other guys may have wavered, but they never followed us. I was just in shock."

Spoonire was weighing his fate after finishing 33d. "I knew exactly where I was going, but there were 35 guys saying, 'No, no,'" he said.

"They pointed in the adjacent direction. We couldn't go through the wall of 30 people, so we decided to make a left. I'd say we went 75 yards down the course. We ended up turning around. It probably cost me 40 seconds. There's protesting. It's out of my hands. [Wilbur] made it with his team. Time will tell."

The NCAA cross-country committee will meet at 2 p.m. today to rule on Spoonire's appeal.

The record will still show that Quintana won his second IC4A title in three years and he will take bittersweet memories of No. 2 with him. "I'm filled with different emotions," he said. "I thought I was really going to break the pack open 2½ miles into the race. Then at 3½ I felt I was going to pass out.

"I got my second wind. When we came back out [on the correct course] I was about 12th. I wasn't feeling great. I just put my head down and when I eyed the finish line and I just took off. This is the most satisfactory win I've ever had in my career. When you cut the course, it's your worst feeling in a championship. I'm still in a state of shock."

BOSTON — Carl Anstrom and Laura Woeller crossed the finish line first for the Big Red at the IC4A Championships and the ECAC championships, respectively at Franklin Park on Saturday.

In the Men's division, the Big Red finished 14th with a score of 422 points. Georgetown won the meet with a low 81.

Anstrom crossed the finish line 28th overall with a time of 31:06. Josh Martin also ran under 32:00 and followed in 71st place (31:56).

Tyson Sacco was the third Big Red runner and earned 90th (32:06).

Spoonire loses on wrong turn

A wrong turn cost Seton Hall runner Bryan Spoonire a chance to win the IC4A men's cross-country championships Saturday at Franklin Park in Boston.

Spoonire was leading the race with a half-mile to go when he and Dartmouth runner Sam Wilbur went off the course because the overflowing crowd blocked the correct path. The two runners ran another 200 meters before realizing their error and retreating.

Spoonire finished with a time of 31 minutes, 15 seconds over six miles, the first race he has lost this season. Spoonire was the Metropolitan and Big East champion. Villanova's Louie Quintana won

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the championship race in 30:10. Dartmouth won the team competition.

The top three teams in each district and the top five individuals finishing in the top 20 advance to the NCAA championship on Nov. 21 at the University of Arkansas. The NCAA will conduct a conference call Monday to determine whether Spoonire will be invited.

Fairleigh Dickinson finished 15th. FDU's top runner was Avi Ma'Ayan, who placed 32nd.

Spoonire's appeal approved

PRESS STAFF REPORT

SOUTH ORANGE — Bryan Spoonire will get his chance to run the NCAA Cross-Country Championships after all.

After a conference call of NCAA coaches yesterday, Spoonire, the Seton Hall University senior from Asbury Park, was advanced into the NCAA 10-kilometer race, Monday at the University of Arkansas.

Spoonire had won the New Jersey, Metropolitan and Big East gold medals in an unbeaten season, before running into disaster at the IC4A Championships, the NCAA qualifier, at Boston's Franklin Park last Saturday.

Spoonire and Dartmouth's Sam Wilbur were battling for the lead, with about half-mile left in the 6.2-mile race, when a crowd of spectators blocked their path and directed both off course. By the time they righted themselves, they were far back of eventual champion Louie Quintana of Villanova.

But Seton Hall coach John Moon's appeal was upheld and Spoonire now gets to run the NAAs, where he hopes to be a top contender.

"He was ready to make his move," Moon said. "He was in great position to win it. But the spectators got in the way, at a critical part of the course, where it goes off in three different

ways. There were too many arrows on the ground. They should have roped it off. There was just too much confusion."

"I don't think it was intentional. Probably, they just got too enthusiastic. Afterward, I was pretty sick. I thought my chances of running the NCAA's were pretty much shot."

Now that he's an official NCAA entrant, Spoonire can smile — and plan to make the most of the opportunity.

"I've got a lot to prove to myself," he said. "I've got one more cross-country race to run for Seton Hall and I want to make it a good one."

— Elliott Denman