

88<sup>th</sup> IC4A XC Championships

Franklin Park, Boston, MA

November 16, 1996

## CHAMPIONSHIP

### Individuals

1. Dan Brown, Army, 29:28; 2. Michael Donnelly, Providence, 29:36; 3. Che Arosemena, Penn State, 29:37; 4. Brook Kintz, Georgetown, 29:38; 5. Chris Graff, St. John's, 29:40; 6. Ryan Foster, James Madison, 29:40; 7. Chris Fogarazzo, St. John's, 29:41; 8. Brian Quinn, St. John's, 29:42; 9. Jonathan Clemens, Navy, 29:42; 10. Donald O'Sullivan, Brown, 29:43; 11. Anthony DeBendectis, Seton Hall, 29:44; 12. Padraic Buckley, Iona, 29:46; 13. Ernie Churchville, Georgetown, 29:47; 14. Gabrielle Soto, Vill, 29:52; 15. Mac Knapp, WV, 29:54.

Other Penn State results: 16. Austin Drager, 30:00; 21. Dan Ford, 30:10; 27. Johan Sandquist, 30:16; 67. Jamie Simmonds, 31:04; 95. Kevin Geesaman, 31:37; Jason Klophaus, 31:48

**W&M Results—**Bryan Dunn, 30:10 (22<sup>nd</sup> in DII, 27<sup>th</sup> in IC4A); Matt Lane, 30:10 (23<sup>rd</sup> in DII, 28<sup>th</sup> in IC4A); Mike Brown, 30:19 (29<sup>th</sup> in DII, 37<sup>th</sup> in IC4A); Rey Mendez, 30:30 (35<sup>th</sup> in DII, 48<sup>th</sup> in IC4A); Kevin Hill, 30:42 (48<sup>th</sup> in DII, 66<sup>th</sup> in IC4A).

### **Team scores**

1. Villanova 139, 2. St. John's 159,
3. Army 174, 4. Penn State 175, 5. Georgetown 185, 6. Navy 190, 7. William & Mary 205, 8, BU 207, 9. Brown 220, 10. Providence 221, 11. Princeton 310, 12. West Virginia 363, 13. James Madison 365, 14. UNH 373, 15. Yale 383. Also: 18, St. Joseph's 526,
19. UMass 532; 21. BC 576; 22, Penn, 587,
- 27, La Salle, 746. 29. Harvard 789;
- 30, Delaware, 828. 36. Northeastern 1,020.

### **UNIVERSITY**

#### **Individual scores:**

1. David Robinson, Lafayette, 30:51; 2. Jeff rios, Lafayette, 30:52; 3. Ben Mass, Colgate, 31:02; 4. Chris Ashfield, Colgate, 31:03; 5. David Biko, Lafayette, 31:08; 6. Eamon Blanchard, Rutgers, 31:16; 7. Felix Olivo, Monmouth, 31:26; 8. Michael Melfi, Marist, 31:27; 9. William Benedict, Holy Cross, 31:29; 10. Richard Airey, Monmouth, 31:33.

**CCSU finishers:** 59. William Schall, 33:10; 67. Benjamin Blake, 33:13; 87. Dan Dumouchel, 33:50; 97. Isrrael Caro, 33:14.

#### **Team scores:**

1. Lafayette, 35; 2. Rutgers, 103; 3. Colgate, 115; 4. Monmouth, 121; 5. U. of Buffalo, 127; 6. URI, 149; 7. Holy Cross, 175; 8. St. Francis, 195; 9. Fordham, 203; 10. Marist, 214.

# Villanova teams win cross country championships

BOSTON — The Villanova men's and women's cross country teams won titles at their respective meets in Franklin Park Saturday.

The men's team accumulated 139 points to win the 88th annual IC4A championships. The women's squad totaled 37 points to win the ECAC title.

Villanova's top men's runner was Gabriel Soto, who finished the 10,000-meter course in 14th place with a time of 29 minutes, 52 seconds. He was followed by Oisin Crowley (16th, 29:55), Stephen Howard (24th, 30:09), Coulby Dunn (32nd, 30:15) and Steve Mazur (54th, 30:34).

This victory marked Villanova's 12th IC4A title overall, and its first since 1983.

Both the men's and women's teams qualified for the NCAA championships which will be held Monday, Nov. 25, in Tucson, Ariz.

The men's team will be making its third straight trip to the NCAA meet and 16th overall. The women's team, which won six consecutive national titles from 1989 to '94, will be making its 12th appearance in its 15-year history. ■

## **Arosemena qualifies for NCAA championships**

BOSTON — The Penn State men's cross country team just missed an automatic bid to the NCAA championships by placing fourth at the District II Championships on Saturday.

The Nittany Lions came up three points short of snaring the final automatic bid. Villanova won the team title with 110 points, followed by St. John's with 118, Army with 130 and Penn State with 133.

"Through the first four men, we had everybody beat," said Penn State coach Harry Groves, "but we just couldn't get the fifth guy in fast enough to get it down."

The Lions now must wait until Monday to see if they receive an at-large bid.

One Lion who is definitely headed to the NCAA meet at Arizona next Monday, however, is senior **Che Arosemena**, who placed second over the 10-kilometer course at Franklin Park in 29 minutes, 37 seconds. Ron Brown of Army won the race in 29:28.

"Che ran solid the whole way," said Groves. "It's a real credit to him because this is his first year as a big-time runner. He's running with the big dogs."

The Lions also finished fourth in the IC4A championship, which was conducted simultaneously with the District I and District II championships. In the IC4A race, the Lions finished one point behind Army.

## **Rutgers men 2nd in IC4A Championships**

**BOSTON:** The Rutgers men's cross country team placed second in the IC4A University Championships yesterday at Franklin Park.

### **ROUNDUP**

Sophomore Eamon Blanchard paced the Scarlet Knights with a sixth-place finish individually. He clocked in at 31:14.

Senior Billy Grogan (14th in 31:42), Chris Greer (22nd in 32:02), John Clark (29th in 32:20) and sophomore Leigh Cadigan (32nd in 32:29) were among Rutgers' top five finishers.

Seton Hall's Anthony DeBenedictis had an 11th place finish in 29:44, earning a spot in the NCAA Championships to be held at the University of Arizona.

Ned Brooks was the second Seton Hall runner to finish, in 32:26 for 194th place. The Pirates were 34th in the team competition.

Princeton, with Robbie Howell placing 23rd overall, was 11th in the team race. John Carson finished 45th for the Tigers.

# Villanova: 1-2 punch

## It dominates cross-country

With schools throughout the East converging on Franklin Park to show who is best, many thought the locals would benefit from a 'home course' in yesterday's IC4A and ECAC Cross-Country championships.

Not exactly true for Providence.

With bids to the upcoming NCAA championships on the line, the women of Villanova dethroned the defending champion Lady Friars behind a gritty effort from sophomore Kristine Jost and a solid team showing. Villanova had four of the top six finishers in the ECAC 5K finals.

Army senior Dan Brown captured the coveted IC4A 10K title with a personal-best time of 29:28, edging Michael Donnelly of Providence by 8 seconds. Brown's performance wasn't enough, though, to prevent the Villanova men from also earning team honors, giving the Wildcats their first team sweep of both events. The win snapped a three-year reign by the Georgetown men.

With no top 10 finishers from last year's competition returning, the mens' field appeared wide open. But not to Army's Brown.

"Once the race began, we pushed it for a little while. But once I decided to take it, that's when it was all mine," said Brown. "I felt so good at the 5-mile mark, I knew it would be there for me."

Donnelly, a senior from Somerset, also set a personal best in the 10K, but fell just short, just weeks after a fifth-place finish at the Big East finals for Providence.

"I just went out there hoping to finish in the top five," said Donnelly. "I wanted to do it for my team, so I put my head down and tried to go for it."

The Wildcats, with all participants finishing within the top 100, thwarted a challenge from conference foe, St. John's, who placed three in the top 10.

**IC4A Championships** — Marist junior Mike Melfi ran a school-record time of 31:27 in the 10,000-meter race as the Red Foxes finished 10th out of 25 teams with 214 points.

**KNIGHTS SECOND:** Sophomore Eamon Blanchard finished sixth in 31:14 to pace the RU men's cross country team to a second-place finish at the IC4A championships in Franklin Park, Mass.

# Green Harriers In NCAA

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BOSTON, Mass. — The Dartmouth women's cross country team doesn't have to worry about the unseasonable cold snap that has enveloped New England.

The Big Green will be heading to Tucson, Arizona for the NCAA Championship on Monday, November 25, after finishing second in the District 1 qualifying meet yesterday at Franklin Park.

## Dartmouth Roundup

For the men, sophomore Don Conrad missed a trip to Arizona by one place. The top three individuals from District 1 qualify for the nationals, and Conrad was the fourth. He was 11th overall with a time of 30:25.

In the District 1 race, Boston University was first with 51 points, Brown was second with 62 and Providence was third with 63. As a team, Dartmouth was eighth.

Mountaineer men were 25th in the IC4A Championships. The  
Aaron Price was the Mount's top finisher in the 10,000-meter  
race. He was 53rd in 30:34. Villanova won both the men's  
and women's races. It was the last competition of the  
season for Mount St. Mary's.

■ Eamon Blanchard finished sixth overall to lead Rutgers to its best finish ever — second place — in the IC4A University Championship at Franklin Park, Mass. Blanchard ran a 31:14 followed by Bergenfield's Billy Grogan (31:42), who placed 14th. Sophomore Leigh Cadigan of Old Tappan was 32nd with a 32:29. Seton Hall's Anthony DeBenedictis was 11th overall and ninth in District 2. The Pirates placed 34th overall and 25th in District 2. Manhattan was 28th as Sean Lynch ran a 31:21. Villanova won the team title.

**CROSS COUNTRY:** Monmouth University men's team finished fourth out of 25 teams at the IC4A championships in Franklin Park in Boston. The finish was the best in school history. Top finishers in the 10 kilometer (6.2 miles) race were Felix Olivo (7th, 31:24), Rich Airey, (10th, 31:33), Josh Horner (13th, 31:40), and Adam Manewell (21st, 32:01).

## Vermont runners end season on upbeat

The University of Vermont men's and women's cross country teams finished up the 1996 season Saturday with solid showings in the ECAC and IC4A championships in Boston's Franklin Park.

For the men, junior Joe Gingras of Montpelier established a new personal best for the 6.2-mile event, cutting his all-time best time by more than two minutes. Gingras finished 42nd in 32:46, just behind teammate Jason Robbie, a freshman, who was 39th in 32:43. Junior Ben Copans of Brattleboro was 56th in 33:02, and sophomore Brendan Barden of Charlotte was 68th in 33:14. The Catamounts finished 11th in the university division of the IC4A race.