

IC4A

University Park, Pennsylvania, May
18-19—

Teams: 1. George Mason 56; 2. Princeton 54; 3. Penn State 49; 4. Georgetown 46; 5. Villanova 44; 6. Boston U 43½; 7. Dartmouth 33; 8. Iona 32; 9. Syracuse 30; 10. Rutgers 29; 11. West Virginia 27.

100(3.1), Morris (Syr) 10.09; 2. Morgan' (Prin) 10.32; 3. Quow (Rut) 10.38; 4. Russell (LaS) 10.39.

200(4.3), Morgan' 20.27; 2. Quow 20.59; 3. Mair' (WV) 20.66; 4. Herberich (Har) 20.78.

400, Valmon (SH) 46.06; 2. Moat (Tem) 46.56; 3. Jenkins (Vill) 46.95; . . . fs—Modibedi' (Vill).

800, Abdi' (GM) 1:47.34; 2. Okash' (GM) 1:49.03; 3. Moore (PennSt) 1:49.35; 4. Mills (PennSt) 1:49.89.

1500, Abdi' 3:44.50; 2. Crowe' (BosU) 3:46.19; 3. Keyworth' (Vill) 3:46.48; 4. O'Reilly' (Vill) 3:47.26; 5. O'Neill' (Vill) 3:47.86; 6. Sheehan (Har) 3:48.41.

5K, Stack' (Iona) 8:37.33; 2. Fadil (Dar) 8:47.38; 3. King (Gtn) 8:53.37; 4. Roche' (Iona) 8:56.15.

10K, Sapienza (Dar) 14:20.98; 2. Bikani' (FD) 14:23.34; 3. Powers (Dar) 14:24.44.

20K, Ndayisenga' (WV) 29:18.21; 2. Gillooly (Bos U) 29:19.22; 3. Halla (W&M) 29:33.73.

400H(4.3), Pendergrass (Rut) 13.78; 2. M. Booker (Vill) 13.79; 3. Holmes (Pitt) 13.94; 4. Cox (Penn) 14.04.

800H, M. Booker 51.03; 2. Mann (Gtn) 51.43; 3. Levitre (PennSt) 52.03; 4. Robinson (PennSt) 52.50.

4 x 100, Northeastern 40.46 (Ndukwu', McCoy, Hooker, Allen); 2. Princeton 40.79; 3. West Virginia 40.90; 4. James Madison 40.96; 5. George Mason 41.08.

4 x 400, Villanova 3:08.84 (M. Booker 48.0, Valentine 47.0, Jenkins 47.5, Modibedi' 46.4); 2. Georgetown 3:12.48; 3. Manhattan 3:12.53; 4. Penn State 3:13.02.

HJ, Gonsalves (BosU) 7-1; 2. Gooden (Syr) 6-11.

PV, Kleban (Penn St) 16-8; 2. Sullivan (Prin) 16-8.

LJ(w), Humphrey (Gtn) 25-11¼; 2. Patterson (N Dame) 25-5¼; 3. Igoe (Prin) 25-3¼; 4. Young (GM) 25-¾; 5. Coney (PennSt) 25-¼; 6. Salle' (BosU) 25-¼.

TJ(w), Humphrey 52-8; 2. Gamble (St Johns) 52-3¼; 3. Ogedegbe' (SH) 52-2¼; 4. Carlisle (BosU) 51-4¼.

SP, Purcell (Prin) 60-7¼; 2. Donahue (Iona) 57-9.

DT, Decker (Syr) 183-11; 2. Vrabel (Md) 170-10; 3. Kortebein (Dar) 169-8; 4. Muzzio (GM) 164-0.

HT, McCullough' (BosU) 227-9; 2. Egan (RI) 225-0 (10, x AmC); 3. Kenny (BosC) 211-3; 4. Delfarno (NEn) 209-1; 5. Halpin' (Man) 208-6; 6. Kenneally' (BosU) 204-2; 7. Driscoll (Yale) 197-11; 8. Russell' (Har) 191-B.

JT, Tullo (Iona) 241-10; 2. Ward (CCt) 239-11.

Dec(5/16-17), Muzzio 7732; 2. Szabadhegy (Penn) 7528; 3. Kleban 7500; 4. Balcerski (Drex) 7179.

IC4A outdoor championships





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THAT KIND OF DAY: Penn State's Rick Clelan, center, took a tumble in the early stages of the steeplechase. Clelan recovered and finished the race, but out of the top six.

Abdi kicks George Mason past Nittany Lions at IC4As

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Just about the time when it appeared that bad luck would knock every team out of contention for the 109th IC4A outdoor track and field championship, George Mason University unleashed a devastating one-two punch.

It was delivered by Abdi Bile Abdi and Ibrahim Okash, the Patriots' middle-distance duo from Somalia, who savaged the 800-meter field for a one-two finish on Penn State's Nittany Lion track on Sunday.

Thanks to that 18-point jolt and some stirring competition in other events, the unsung team from Fairfax, Va., won the IC4A outdoor title for the second time in three years, with 56 points.

In a meet that could hardly have been more competitive, Princeton finished second with 54 points, followed by snakebitten Penn State (49) and Georgetown (46). Villanova and Boston University tied for fifth with 44 points each.

But the stunner of the meet was Abdi, a 21-year-old former Somali soccer player who has been running in the

■ The Penn State women's track team won its fifth straight ECAC title, Page C-4.

United States for only two years. He won the 800 in 1:47.34 only 75 minutes after he had successfully defended his IC4A 1,500-meter title in 3:44.40.

"Our guys just came through," said John Cook, the Patriots' elated head coach. "Our guys just came to play for real. ... We have a good total track team. We scored in a lot of events."

"We took a lot of heat for finishing 18th indoors this year," he added. "People were talking about me getting fired. Well, I don't think I'm going to get fired today."

The Patriots also prospered through the back hand of Fate, which slapped down their Pennsylvania rivals repeatedly.

Though Penn State scored 10 points in the 800, through the 3-4 finish of Randy Moore and Chris Mills, the Nittany Lions' title chances took a turn for the worse before the competition was 20 minutes old.

That's when the Lions' David Coney

failed to clear a height after three feckless tries in the high jump.

Coney, who leaped 7 feet, 3½ inches only a week earlier at the same Penn State pit, failed to get over the starting height of 6-9 and thereby infuriated Lions Coach Harry Groves, who reasonably expected at least six points from the event.

"I'm so mad right now I don't want to say anything," Groves said afterward. "Let's put it this way; anything I might say you couldn't print."

Boston University's Greg Gonsalves won the competition at 7-1 as half the athletes in the 10-man field, bothered perhaps by a strong wind, failed to make the opening height.

Groves' anger was more than matched later in the afternoon by that of Villanova coach Charlie Jenkins, over the false-start disqualification of the Wildcats' Edwin Modibedi in the 400-meter final.

Modibedi, who laughed about his error immediately after it happened, generated plenty of ill humor from Jenkins, who confronted his runner on

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the infield and said: "What were you thinking about? It was an obvious false start. This is about the fourth time you've screwed me up. You keep it up and you'll be on your way home!"

Martin Booker, the Wildcats' senior hurdler, gave Villanova a happier moment when he fought off the wind and Georgetown's Pat Mann to win the 400-meter hurdles in 51.03.

Booker later lost the high hurdle title to Boris Pendergrass of Rutgers by one one-hundredth of a second — 13.78 to 13.79.

Booker found some solace and Modibedi made some amends in the last event of the day, the 1,600-meter relays. The Villanova team of Booker, Tony Valentine, Chip Jenkins and Modibedi won the event in 3:08.84, far ahead of second-place Georgetown.

Penn State similarly found cause for cheer when Rick Kleban of Boalsburg cleared 16-8 to win the pole vault.

In other events:

■ John Tullo of Iona took the javelin competition on his final throw of the afternoon, hurling the spear 241-10. That was the same event in which John Towle, a senior from Rutgers, threw 227-11 for fourth place to beat his younger brother, Mike, who was fifth with a 227-6.

■ Northeastern University exhibited some nifty baton-passing to win the 400-meter relay in 40.46.

■ With Modibedi gaffing his way out of the 400, and Manhattan's Willie McLaughlin passing up the event for graduation, the race was won by Seton Hall's Andrew Valmon in 46.06 — .01 faster than the time he had a year ago when he finished as a runner-up.

■ Temple's Aubrey Moat, a transfer from Tennessee whose nickname is Isky, was second in 46.66 while Jenkins, son of the Wildcats' coach, was third in 46.95.

■ Mike Morris of Syracuse, the IC4A indoor sprint champion, added the outdoor title to his collection with a wind-aided 10:09 victory in the 100 meters.

■ Kirean Stack of Iona became the third IC4A champion to successfully defend his title when he breezed through the steeplechase in 8:37.33, almost 7 seconds faster than his winning time of last year.

■ As he did in the indoor meet, Ray Humphrey of Georgetown came through a double winner, taking the triple jump at 52-8 after his long jump triumph Saturday.

■ Running his last mile in 4:22, Jim Sapienza of Dartmouth defended his 5,000 meter title in 14:20.98.