



CROSS COUNTRY WEEKLY RECAP Nov. 15, 2009

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ALLEGHENY COLLEGE ★ DENISON UNIVERSITY ★ EARLHAM COLLEGE ★ HIRAM COLLEGE ★ KENYON COLLEGE ★ OBERLIN COLLEGE
OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY ★ WABASH COLLEGE ★ WITTENBERG UNIVERSITY ★ COLLEGE OF WOOSTER

Schedule

NCAA Championships

Saturday, November 21
NCAA Championships
hosted by Baldwin-Wallace
at Highland Park Golf Course

NCAA Regionals

Saturday, November 14
Great Lakes Regional Championship
hosted by Rose-Hulman

women's results men's results

Mideast Regional Championship
hosted by Muhlenberg

women's results men's results

NCAC Championships

Saturday, October 31
NCAC Championships
hosted by Ohio Wesleyan
at Liberty Park, in Powell Ohio

Ohio Wesleyan championship website

NCAC Championship website

women's results men's results

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2009 NCAA Regionals Results

The NCAA Division III Men's & Women's Cross Country Championships, hosted by Baldwin-Wallace, will be contested at the Highland Park Golf Course on Saturday. The women's race will begin at 11 a.m. with the men following at noon. An awards ceremony will follow at the Cleveland Hilton East.

For the third straight year, Allegheny's men earned an automatic berth into the national field. The Gators won the Mideast Regional, hosted by Muhlenberg College. Junior **Chris Marker (Arlington, VA/Yorkstown)** won the individual championship with a time of 24:54.3 over eight kilometers and Junior **Jeramie Parker (Middletown, PA/Meadville)** was the runner-up (25:00.3). Junior **Zac Ross (Meadville, PA/Meadville)** was 15th (25:31.2), senior **Tony Dipre (Twinsburg, OH/Walsh Jesuit)** took 16th (25:34.9) and senior **Jake Zimmerman (Leechburg, PA/The Kiski School)** was 25th (25:56.2). The Allegheny women finished eighth of 44 teams.

The remainder of North Coast squads competed at the Great Lakes Regional, hosted by Rose-Hulman. Denison junior **Katie Navarre (Upper Arlington, OH/Upper Arlington)** won the women's race with a time of 21:23.09 over six kilometers to earn her second straight trip to the national meet. She is the first Denison woman to win an individual championship at the regional meet. Navarre led the Big Red to a 19-place finish in the 34-team field. Oberlin junior **Joanna Johnson (Chico, CA/Chico)** finished third (21:38.04), just 15 seconds off Navarre's winning pace. She helped lead the Yeowomen to a second-place team finish and an automatic berth into the national championship. Senior **Clara Shaw (Roseville, MN/Roseville Area)** was Oberlin's second-highest finisher in 19th place (22:59.70). NCAC Newcomer of the Year, freshman **Sara Terashima (Richmond, IN/Richmond)**, was three spots back at 23:09.72.

Wittenberg followed the Yeowomen in the team standings, finishing seventh, the Tigers best regional finish. Sophomore **Mary Pfeifer (Dublin, OH/Coffman)** led the way in 11th place and earned a trip to the national meet. She is the first Tiger woman to advance since **Abie Gerstle** went three straight years in 2000, 2001 and 2002. Wooster was tied for 12th with Adrian, followed by Ohio Wesleyan (14th), Kenyon (16th), Denison, Hiram (32nd) and Earlham (33rd).

Denison sophomore **Dee Salukombo (Lakewood, Ohio/Lakewood)** placed second out of a field of 248 runners - the best finish by a Denison runner at the NCAA regional since **Jon Dunham** placed first in 1999. He covered the 8K course in 25:53.61 and finished behind overall champ, **Nick Kramer** of Calvin, by just eight seconds. Salukombo qualified for his second straight NCAA championship appearance. Denison posted a ninth-place team finish. NCAC Newcomer of the Year, Oberlin freshman **Eric Line (Dover, DE/Caesar Rodney)** also qualified for the national championships due to his finish in the men's race. He was ninth overall with a time of 26:11.70. He becomes the first Yeoman harrier to qualify for nationals in over decade. As a team, Oberlin finished 14th in the 35-team field. Wabash sophomore **Kevin McCarthy (Zionsville, IN/Zionsville)** will join Salukombo and Line in the national field. He posted a sixth-place finish at the regional meet with a time of 25:57.85, less than 13 seconds behind the Kramer. Wabash finished 12th as a team.

In the men's team standings, Ohio Wesleyan was the top team finisher from the NCAC in sixth place, the Battling Bishops best regional finish since 1981 when they placed fourth in a 14-team competition. Denison, Wabash and Oberlin were followed by Kenyon in 18th, Wooster (23rd), Wittenberg (25th), Earlham (26th) and Hiram (31st).

While two teams from each region automatically qualify for the national meet, at-large berths are given to 16 other teams, chosen by a committee following the completion of the regional competitions. Aside from runners who are part of qualifying teams, seven individuals from each gender also qualify from each region. The NCAA will announce the complete field Monday.

Baldwin-Wallace hosts the championship in conjunction with the Greater Cleveland Sports Commission. The event is part of the Sports Commission's goal of making Cleveland the "Championship City" for NCAA events at all levels. In addition to B-W hosting the cross country meet this fall and the track meet this spring, John Carroll will host the Division III Volleyball Championships (quarterfinal through the championship rounds) on Nov. 19-21, and this spring Oberlin will host the Division III National Men's Tennis Championships.