

Saturday, Nov. 13, 2004

EARLE LEADS EASTERN MEN'S CROSS-COUNTRY AT NE MEET
Warriors close out season by placing 34th at Division III qualifier

CUMBERLAND, Maine – Junior **David Earle (BRANFORD)** – the team's top runner this season – paced seven Eastern Connecticut State University finishers at the NCAA Division III New England Region Men's Cross-Country Championship Saturday morning at the Twin Brook Recreation Complex.

Earle, who returned this season to lead the team after taking a year off, broke 30 minutes over the challenging five mile layout. He was timed in 29:48 in placing 160th overall in a field of 280 finishers.

In a field of 39 teams, Tufts University placed five runners among the Top 20 to outdistance Williams College by 21 points and win its second straight team title. The top four teams along with the next individual finishers qualify for the NCAA Division III National Cross-Country Championship next Saturday at Eau Claire, WI.

Following Earle for Eastern were sophomore **Mark Lewis (WINDSOR)**, freshman **Michael Curley (BRANFORD)**, senior **Ben Webster (SOUTHBURY)**, freshman **Zach Taylor (HAMPTON)**, first-year junior **David Palama (ANSONIA)** and first-year sophomore **Alan Masulli (STRATFORD)**.

Men's Cross-Country
Division III New England Region Qualifier
At the Twin Brook Recreation Complex
Cumberland, ME

Run over 5 miles

Team Results
Top Ten

1. Tufts U. 62; 2. Williams College 83; 3. Keene State College 112; 4. Bates College 145; 5. Wesleyan U. 189; 6. MIT 190; 7. Middlebury College 245; 7. Connecticut College 245; 9. Trinity College 251; 10. Amherst College 258.
2. **34. EASTERN CONN. 1,054.**

Individual Results
Top 10

1. Ben Schmeckpeper (MIT) 25:37; 2. Neal Holtschulte (Williams) 25:39; 3. Dave Bridgewater (Keene) 25:51; 4. Wes Fuhrman (Wesleyan) 26:02; 5. Dan Crespin (Brandeis) 26:08; 6. Matthew Lacey (Tufts) 26:09; 7. Joshua Kennedy (Tufts) 26:10; 8. Stan Pyle (Wheaton) 26:13; 9. Andrew Combs (Bowdoin) 26:18; 10. Sam Van Volkenburgh (Williams) 26:22.

ECSU Finishers

160. David Earle 29:48; 214. Mark Lewis 31:34; 222. Michael Curley 32:03; 238. Ben Webster 32:49; 239. Zach Taylor 32:50; 270. David Palama 35:42; 280. Alan Masulli 41:50.

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NOLAN TOPS EASTERN AT NE CROSS-COUNTRY MEET
Warriors 36th overall at women's regional qualifying meet

CUMBERLAND, Maine – Freshman **Erin Nolan (TOLLAND)** paced six Eastern Connecticut State University finishers at the NCAA Division III New England Region Women's Cross-Country Championship Saturday morning at the Twin Brook Recreation Complex.

Nolan, the team's No. 1 runner through most of the season, placed 160th overall in a field of 281, with Eastern placing 36th among 41 scoring teams. She was timed in 26:08, 80 seconds ahead of Eastern sophomore **Sarah Levy (GRISWOLD)**, the team's second finisher.

Defending national champion Middlebury College won a two-team race with Williams, totaling six less points than the Ephs. Third-place finisher Colby College was 67 points behind Williams. The top five teams and next four individuals earned a trip to the NCAA Division III National Cross-Country Championship Saturday at Eau Claire, WI.

Following Nolan and Levy for Eastern in its final race of the season were sophomores **Jessie Marshall (YANTIC)** and **Amy Zawistowski (MANCHESTER)**, junior **Laura Tignonsini (VERNON)** and freshman **Allie Willets (CLINTON)**.

**Women's Cross-Country
Division III New England Region Qualifier
At the Twin Brook Recreation Complex
Cumberland, ME**

Run over 6,000 meters

**Team Results
Top Ten**

1. Middlebury College 58; 2. Williams College 64; 3. Colby College 131; 4. Amherst College 160; 5. Wesleyan U. 163; 6. Tufts U. 170; 7. Wheaton College 228; 8. Trinity College 240; 9. Wellesley 250; 10. Bates College 276.
- 36. EASTERN CONN. 1,063.**

**Individual Results
Top 10**

1. Caroline Cretti (Williams) 21:27; 2. Jess Manzer (Middlebury) 21:34; 3. Jenn Campbell (Williams) 21:43; 4. Marisa Cawley (Middlebury) 21:46; 5. Carter Hamill (Amherst) 21:52; 6. Shauneen Garrahan (Amherst) 21:54; 7. Courtney Quirin (Wesleyan) 22:02; 8. Megan Brousseau (Wheaton) 22:06; 9. Tracy Bassett (Wellesley) 22:09; 10. Ellen Davis (Wesleyan) 22:16.

ECSU Finishers

160. Erin Nolan 26:08; 206. Sarah Levy 27:28; 229. Jessie Marshall 28:18; 237. Amy Zawistowski 28:43; 258. Laura Tignonsini 30:41; 259. Allie Willets 30:41.

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EARLE, WEBSTER LEAD EASTERN M-XC AT ALLIANCE RACE

Pair finishes within 23 seconds of each other to pace Warriors

NORTH DARTMOUTH, Mass. -- Junior **David Earle (BRANFORD)** and senior **Ben Webster (SOUTHBURY)** led eight Eastern Connecticut State University runners at the finish at the Little East Conference/New England Alliance Cross-Country Championship, hosted Saturday at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth.

Earle finished 25th overall in a time of 28:13 and Webster 26th in a time of 28:36 in a field of 45 Little East Conference runners and 38th and 44th, respectively in a field of 101 New England Alliance competitors. Five institutions comprise the Little East Conference competition and combine with seven members of the Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference (MASCAC) to comprise the 12-team New England Alliance competition.

Eastern finished fifth in the Little East competition and ninth in New England Alliance scoring.

With ease, Keene State College won its eighth straight Little East Conference men's team title and its eighth straight New England Alliance championship.

The top seven Little East Conference finishers receive all-conference honors and the top ten New England Alliance runners to cross the finish line are awarded all-alliance recognition.

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Sophomore **Mark Lewis (WINDSOR)** followed Earle and Webster over the 8,000 meter layout for Eastern and was followed by five first-year runners: freshmen **Michael Curley (BRANFORD)**, **Zak Taylor (HAMPTON)** and **James Hampton (COLCHESTER)**, junior **David Palama (ANSONIA)** and sophomore **Alan Masulli (STRATFORD)**.

Six Eastern runners improved upon their times over this course when the Warriors competed in a driving rain at the Massachusetts Dartmouth Invitational Sept. 18.

"Both the men's and women's teams have been great to work with this year," noted fourth-year head coach Frank Poulin. "Their teamwork and dedication has been unmatched."

Eastern competes at the NCAA Division III New England Regionals Nov. 13 at the Twin Brook Recreation Center in Cumberland, ME.

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Men's Cross-Country Championship
Run over 8,000 meters at North Dartmouth, MA

TEAM SCORES

1. Keene State College 19; 2. U. of Southern Maine 54; 3. Rhode Island College 76; 4. Massachusetts Dartmouth 94; **5. EASTERN CONN. 126.**

ECSU FINISHERS

25. David Earle 28:13; 26. Ben Webster 28:36; 30. Mark Lewis 29:15; 35. Michael Curley 30:26; 38. Zak Taylor 31:29; 41. James Hampton 35:24; 42. David Palama 36:16; 45. Alan Masulli 39:04.

New England Alliance
Men's Cross-Country Championship
Run over 8,000 meters at North Dartmouth, MA

TEAM SCORES

1. Keene State College 23; 2. U. of Southern Maine 78; 3. Westfield State College 112; 4. Rhode Island College 129; 5. Mass Maritime Academy 136; 6. Massachusetts Dartmouth 168; 7. Bridgewater State College 172; 8. Fitchburg State College 175; **9. EASTERN CONN. 236;** 10. Salem State College 249; 11. Worcester State College 283; 12. Mass College of Liberal Arts 360.

ECSU FINISHERS

38. David Earle 28:13; 44. Ben Webster 28:36; 54. Mark Lewis 29:15; 65. Michael Curley 30:26; 73. Zak Taylor 31:29; 92. James Hampton 35:24; 93. David Palama 36:16; 99. Alan Masulli 39:04.

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FOR EASTERN W-XC, NOLAN RACES TO ALL-ALLIANCE HONORS
She becomes second Eastern freshmen in two years to gain recognition

NORTH DARTMOUTH, Mass. -- Freshman **Erin Nolan (TOLLAND)** became the second Eastern Connecticut State University freshman to achieve all-New England Alliance honors Saturday at the annual Little East Conference/New England Alliance Women's Cross-Country Championship, hosted by the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth.

In leading all Eastern runners for the fourth straight time, Nolan out-kicked University of Southern Maine senior Colleen Dolbec over the final 50 meters to finish 20th overall in New England Alliance competition. Nolan was timed in 20:40 over the 5,000 meter layout. Dolbec 20:41.

The top 20 alliance finishers receive all-alliance recognition.

The fifth freshman finisher in the alliance race, Nolan becomes the second Eastern freshmen in as many years to earn all-alliance honors, joining current sophomore teammate **Sarah Levy (GRISWOLD)**. Saturday, Levy was Eastern's second finisher, placing 32nd overall in the alliance race in a time of 21:19. Levy had similarly finished 20th en route to all-alliance recognition in 2003.

A total of 87 finishers comprised the New England Alliance field and 43 comprised the Little East Conference field. The top seven Little East Conference finishers are recognized with all-conference honors. Nolan placed 16th in Little East competition.

Five institutions comprise the Little East Conference competition and combine with five members of the Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference (MASCAC) to comprise the ten-team New England Alliance competition.

Eastern finished fifth in the Little East competition and seven in New England Alliance scoring.

Like its male counterparts, Keene State College won both the New England Alliance and Little East Conference women's team championships. They were the fifth straight titles for the Owls, who had little difficulty outdistancing runner-up University of Southern Maine in both races.

A total of six Eastern runners completed the layout. Following Nolan and Levy were sophomore **Jessie Marshall (YANTIC)**, first-year sophomores **Amy Zawistowski (MANCHESTER)** and **Ashley Behrent (COLCHESTER)** and junior **Laura Tignonsini (VERNON)**. Nolan, Marshall and Behrent each improved upon their times from six weeks ago, when the Warriors participated in the Massachusetts Dartmouth Invitational. Zawistowski and Tignonsini did not compete in that race.

"Both the men's and women's teams have been great to work with this year," noted fourth-year head coach Frank Poulin. "Their teamwork and dedication has been unmatched."

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Women's Cross-Country Championship
Run over 5,000 meters at North Dartmouth, MA

TEAM SCORES

1. Keene State College 20; 2. U. of Southern Maine 56; 3. Massachusetts Dartmouth 93; 4. Massachusetts Boston 94; **5. EASTERN CONN. 115.**

ECSU FINISHERS

16. Erin Nolan 20:40; 24. Sarah Levy 21:19; 33. Jessie Marshall 22:37;
35. Amy Zawistowski 23:20; 38. Ashley Behrent 23:37; 40. Laura Tignonsini
24:21.

New England Alliance
Women's Cross-Country Championship
Run over 5,000 meters at North Dartmouth, MA

TEAM SCORES

1. Keene State College 24; 2. U. of Southern Maine 73; 3. Westfield State College 79; 4. Massachusetts Dartmouth 136; 5. Massachusetts Boston 144; 6. Bridgewater State College 170; **7. EASTERN CONN. 173;** 8. Worcester State College 189; 9. Fitchburg State College 222; 10. Mass Maritime Academy 277.

ECSU FINISHERS

20. Erin Nolan 20:40; 32. Sarah Levy 21:19; 50. Jessie Marshall 22:37;
56. Amy Zawistowski 23:20; 59. Ashley Behrent 23:37; 65. Laura Tignonsini
24:21.

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EASTERN M-CROSS COUNTRY EDGED BY BRIDGEWATER
Warriors place their five ahead of Bears, but drop 31-24 decision

MANSFIELD, Conn. -- Eastern Connecticut State University's fifth scoring runner finished ahead of the fifth runner for Bridgewater State College but the Bears took four of the top six spots to forge a 31-24 men's cross-country victory Saturday morning in a field of 16 runners at Mansfield Hollow State Park.

Although Eastern (0-2) was able to place its No. 5 scoring runner -- freshman **Zak Taylor (HAMPTON)** -- ahead of Bridgewater (1-0) No. 5 runner Chad Natti (Gloucester, MA), the Bears gained the seven-point win by grabbing four of the top six spots over the 5,000 meter course.

Senior **Ben Webster (SOUTHBURY)** led Eastern at the tape for the fourth time in five meets -- finishing in a time of 17:22, ten seconds behind Bridgewater freshman Avery Bouchard (Fall River, MA) and six seconds behind junior Mark Powers (Plymouth, MA) -- and was followed five seconds later by junior teammate **David Earle (BRANFORD)**. Bridgewater runners filled in the next two spots, however, to guarantee the the victory.

In addition to Webster, Earle and Taylor, Eastern's additional scoring runners included sophomore **Mark Lewis (WINDSOR)** and freshman **Mike Curley (BRANFORD)**. Lewis (17:56) was seventh overall, Curley (18:58) eighth and Taylor (19:09) ninth.

Eastern competes in the Little East Conference/New England Alliance Championship, hosted October 30 by the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth.

**at Mansfield Hollow State Park
Mansfield, CT
Run over 5,000 meters**

Bridgewater State College 24, Eastern Conn. 31

1. Avery Bouchard (B) 17:12; 2. Mark Powers (B) 17:16; 3. Ben Webster (E) 17:22; 4. David Earle (E) 17:27; 5. Dan Blair (B) 17:32; 6. Dan McCabe (B) 17:37; 7. Mark Lewis (E) 17:56; 8. Mike Curley (E) 18:58; 9. Zak Taylor (E) 19:09; 10. Chad Natti (B) 19:28; 11. Don Souza (B) 19:33; 12. Phil Ryan (B) 19:53; 13. Dave Palama (E) 20:38; 14. Dana Powers (B) 21:43.

Records: B-1-0, E-0-2.

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EASTERN W-CROSS COUNTRY DROPS HOME MEET, 32-24
Freshman Nolan second overall in field of 11 against Bridgewater State

MANSFIELD, Conn. -- Freshman **Erin Nolan (TOLLAND)** led the Eastern Connecticut State University women's cross-country team at the finish for the third straight race but the Warriors dropped a 32-24 decision to Bridgewater State College Saturday morning over a 5,000 meter layout at Mansfield Hollow State Park.

After the teams split the first six places, Bridgewater (1-0) won the race by filling in the No. 7 and No. 8 spots with their fourth and fifth runners before Eastern's (0-2) No. 4 runner completed the course. Sophomore Meredith Welch (West Barnstable, MA) and Emily Waupotic (Washington, CT) finished seventh (24:10) and eighth (24:24), respectively, to give the Bears the win.

Nolan (22:04) outran Bridgewater's Tamara Souza (West Barnstable, MA) by 19 seconds for second place but neither could match individual winner Nicole Balaschi (Middleboro, MA). The junior moved to the head of the field from the outset and slowly improved her lead, easing in two minutes ahead of Nolan in front of the field of 11.

Among Eastern runners, sophomore **Jessie Marshall (YANTIC)** was second (fourth overall) in a time of 22:29, with freshman **Allie Willets (CLINTON)** third (sixth overall) at 23:37. Rounding out the Eastern scoring were sophomore **Amy Zawistowski (MANCHESTER)** and junior **Laura Tignonsini (VERNON)**. Zawistowski (24:40) was ninth overall, Tignonsini (27:22) 11th.

Eastern competes in the Little East Conference/New England Alliance Championship, hosted October 30 by the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth.

**at Mansfield Hollow State Park
Mansfield, CT
Run over 5,000 meters**

Bridgewater State College 24, Eastern Conn. 32

1. Nicole Balaschi (B) 20:04; 2. Erin Nolan (E) 22:04; 3. Tamara Souza (B) 22:23;
4. Jessie Marshall (E) 22:49; 5. Nicole Mauro (B) 23:08; 6. Allie Willets (E) 23:37; 7.
Meredith Welch (B) 24:10; 8. Emily Waupotic (B) 24:24; 9. Amy Zawistowski (E) 24:40;
10. Victoria Rapoza (B) 26:35; 11. Laura Tignonsini (E) 27:22.

Records: B-1-0, E-0-2.

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Saturday, October 9, 2004

NOLAN TOPS EASTERN W-CROSS COUNTRY AT EARLEY
Less than four minutes separate Warriors' six finishers at Westfield meet

WESTFIELD, Mass. --Freshman **Erin Nolan (TOLLAND)** and sophomore **Sarah Levy (GRISWOLD)** were separated by ten seconds in leading the Eastern Connecticut State University women's cross-country team Saturday at the Ninth Annual James Earley Invitational.

Nolan (21:44) led the Warriors at the finish for the second straight race, with the team's six runners coming in within a span of 3 minutes and 30 seconds. Nolan, a first-semester transfer from Nyack College, placed 72nd among 231 individual finishers. The Warriors placed 13th in a 17-team field.

Levy (21:54) was ten seconds behind Nolan, placing 82nd overall over the 5,000 meter course. The order of finish of Eastern's five scoring runners was identical to that of the team's last meet Sept. 25 at the Ray Dwyer Invitational. Following Levy was freshman **Allie Willets (CLINTON)**, sophomore **Jessie Marshall (YANTIC)** and first-year sophomore **Ashley Behrent (COLCHESTER)**. Willets was timed in 22:35, Marshall 22:58 and Behrent 23:04.

Eastern hosts Bridgewater State College Saturday at 10:30 p.m.

**Women's Cross-Country
Ninth Annual James Earley Invitational
at Stanley Park, Westfield, MA
Run over 5,000 meters**

TEAM RESULTS

1. Bowdoin College 34; 2. U.S. Coast Guard Academy 49; 3. New York U. 96; 4. Vassar College 124; 5. Salve Regina U. 127; 6. Westfield State College 167; 7. Union College 250; 8. Massachusetts Dartmouth 252; 9. Norwich U 275; 10. The College of Saint Rose 283; 11. WPI 287; 12. Worcester State College 309; 13. **EASTERN CONN.** 347; 14. Western New England College 391; 15. Fitchburg State College 452; 16. New England College 508; 17. U. of Bridgeport 522.

ECSU FINISHERS

72. Erin Nolan 21:44; 82. Sarah Levy 21:54; 109. Allie Willets 22:35. Jessie Marshall 22:58; 123. Ashley Behrent 23:04; 170. Laura Tignonsini 25:14.

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EARLE PACES EASTERN M-CROSS COUNTRY AT EARLEY
Junior 81st in field of 245 finishers as Warriors place 20th at Westfield

WESTFIELD, Mass. -- Junior **David Earle (BRANFORD)** placed 81st overall among 245 men's cross-country finishers Saturday at the Ninth Annual James Earley Invitational, hosted by Westfield State College at Stanley Park.

The only Eastern finisher to break 30 minutes and finish among the Top 100, Earle equalled his time from his previous appearance on the course as a freshman in 2001. He placed 81st overall in a time of 29:42 over 8,000 meters, leading all Eastern runners at the tape for the first time in his career.

The Warriors finished 20th among 25 teams which scored points, totalling 519 points.

Sophomore **Mark Lewis (WINDSOR)** cut more than two minutes off his time from a year ago, placing second among Eastern finishers (127th overall) in a time of 31:16.

Behind Earle and Lewis, Eastern's other four finishers are first-year members of the program: junior **David Palama (ANSONIA)**, sophomore **Alan Masulli (STRATFORD)** and freshmen **Zak Taylor (HAMPTON)** and **Michael Curley (BRANFORD)**.

Senior **Ben Webster (SOUTHBURY)**, the team's top finisher in the previous three races, did not compete.

Four U.S. Coast Guard Academy runners checked in among the Top 10 as the Bears (43 points) edged Bowdoin College (48) for the team title. All five of both teams' scoring runners finished among the Top 20.

Massachusetts Dartmouth joined Eastern representing the Little East Conference. The Corsairs tied for eighth with 285 points.

Eastern hosts Bridgewater State College Saturday at 10:30 p.m.

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Eastern men's cross-country

**Men's Cross-Country
Ninth Annual James Earley Invitational
at Stanley Park, Westfield, MA
Run over 8,000 meters**

TEAM RESULTS

1. U.S. Coast Guard Academy 43; 2. Bowdoin College 48; 3. Vassar College 91;
4. WPI 150; 5. Roger Williams U. 162; 6. Westfield State College 191; 7. Salem State
Alumni 271; 8. Mass Maritime Academy 285; 9. Massachusetts Dartmouth 285; 10. The
College of Saint Rose 299; 11. Western New England College 326; 12. Norwich U. 363;
13. Union College 398; 14. Worcester State College 433; 15. SUNY Ulster 434; 16. New
England College 457; 17. Johnson State College 467; 18. Castleton State College 473; 19.
Gordon College 492; 20. **EASTERN CONN.** 519; 21. Salem State College 566; 22.
Mass College of Liberal Arts 720; 23. U. of Bridgeport 725; 24. Anna Maria College 744;
25. Albertus Magnus College 772.

ECSU FINISHERS

81. David Earle 29:42; 127; Mark Lewis 31:16; 145; Zak Taylor 31:49; 171.
Michael Curley 33:08; 200. David Palama 35:10; 236. Alan Masulli 44:02.

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Saturday, Sept. 25, 2004

WEBSTER, EARLE EASTERN MEN XC's TOP FINISHERS
Pair finishes among Top 10 in field of 32 at Ray Dwyer Invitational

WARWICK, RI -- Senior **Ben Webster (SOUTHBURY)** and junior **David Earle (BRANFORD)** placed among the Top 10 finishers in a field of 32 Saturday afternoon for the Eastern Connecticut State University men's cross-country team at the Ray Dwyer Invitational at Goddard Memorial State Park.

Webster (30:58) led all Eastern finishers at the conclusion of the 8,000 meter race for the third time in as many meets this season and was followed closely by Earle (31:02). Both Webster and Earle were members of the 2002 Eastern team which had won this race.

Eastern (71 points) shared third place in the four-team race, which was won by conference rival and host Rhode Island College (27). Rhode Island runners captured three of the top four spots, with its top two runners coming in under 30 minutes.

The Warriors shared third place with Johnson & Wales. Although the Wildcats placed only one runner among the top 14, they were able to forge the tie when their No. 5 runner edged out Eastern's No. 4 runner for 20th place.

Only one of Eastern's nine finishers -- sophomore **Mark Lewis (WINDSOR)** -- had lettered with the team last year. Webster has competed the last two years but has been limited due to injury and Earle lettered in 2001 and 2002.

Lewis (31:54) came in 16th overall Saturday. Rounding out Eastern's scorers were freshman **Michael Curley (BRANFORD)** and first-year junior **David Palama (ANSONIA)**. Curley (34:29) was 21st overall, Palama 25th (37:06).

Webster had placed a team-leading 146th overall in a field of 238 at the Massachusetts Dartmouth Invitational Sept. 18 and was fourth among 18 runners as the team leader in a season-opening home loss to Clark University Sept. 4.

Eastern competes at the James Early Invitational Oct. 9 at Stanley Park at Westfield, MA. The Warriors placed 11th in a field of 17 a year ago in that race.

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**Men's Cross-Country
Ray Dwyer Invitational
at Goddard Memorial State Park, Warwick, RI
Run over 8,000 meters**

TEAM RESULTS

1. Rhode Island College 27, 2. CC of Rhode Island 61, 3. **EASTERN CONN. 71**, 3. Johnson & Wales U. 71.

ECSU FINISHERS

7. Ben Webster 30:58; 8. David Earle 31:02; 16. Mark Lewis 31:54; 21. Michael Curley 34:29; 25. David Palama 37:06; 30. Alan Masulli 43:38; 31. Zak Taylor 44:26; 32. ~~David Nicholson~~ 44:26.

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EASTERN W-CROSS-COUNTRY FIFTH AT RAY DWYER
Warriors' five scorers run 79 seconds apart in a field of 68 runners

WARWICK, RI -- The five scoring runners for the Eastern Connecticut State University women's cross-country team finished 79 seconds apart as the Warriors placed fifth in a field of seven teams over 5,000 meters at the Ray Dwyer Invitational Invitational at Goddard Memorial State Park Saturday.

After placing second a year ago in this race to Division II Assumption College, the U.S. Coast Guard Academy (20 points) eased to the team title with a 53-point victory over Division II Southern Connecticut State University. The Warriors (106) trailed fourth-place Community College of Rhode Island (98) by eight points. Coast Guard individuals filled five of the top seven spots.

Eastern's five scoring runners finished in the middle of the pack, with eight in all completing the course. In her first race on the course, freshman **Erin Nolan (TOLLAND)** led Eastern with a 23rd-place finish overall in a field of 68. Sophomore **Sarah Levy (GRISWOLD)**, who gained all-New England Alliance cross-country honors as a freshman last year, was 28th overall, freshman **Allie Willets (CLINTON)** 34th, sophomore **Jessie Marshall (YANTIC)** 37th and freshman **Ashley Behrent (COLCHESTER)** 40th.

Nolan was the team's top finisher for the first time in three races this year. She was clocked at 21:34 Saturday, with Levy at 21:50, Willets 22:07, Marshall 22:16 and Behrent 22:53. As a freshman, Levy was a team-leading 19th overall among 85 finishers in a time of 20:55.

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Ray Dwyer Invitational
at Goddard Memorial State Park, Warwick, RI
Run over 5,000 meters**

TEAM RESULTS

1. U.S. Coast Guard Academy 20; 2. Southern Conn. 73; 3. UMass Boston 94; 4. CC of Rhode Island 98; **5. EASTERN CONN. 106**; 6. Johnson & Wales U. 136; 7. Framingham State College 187.

ECSU FINISHERS

23. Erin Nolan 21:34; 28. Sarah Levy 21:50; 34. Allie Willets 22:07;
37. Jessie Marshall 22:16; 40. Ashley Behrent 22:53; 46. Jennifer Cody
23:21; 57. Amy Zawistowski 24:46; 60. Laura Tignonsini 25:14.