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CURLEY POSTS CAREER-BEST FINISH AT NE XC MEET

In final race of Eastern career, senior places 172nd in field of 330 runners

WATERFORD, Conn. – Eastern Connecticut State University senior **Michael Curley (Branford)** recorded his best finish in his four-year career at the New England Division III Regional Cross Country Championship Saturday when he placed 172nd in a field of 330 over 8,000 meters at Harkness Memorial State Park.

The team's only senior, Curley ended his career by leading all Eastern runners at the tape for the ninth straight time, dating back to the fourth race of his junior season. In addition to clocking his best time (28:04) in this meet, Curley finished among the top 52.1 per cent of the runners – also a career-best.

As a team, Eastern placed 33rd among 47 teams which scored points

Amherst College claimed the team title with a one-point victory over Williams College. Williams boosted the individual winner in sophomore Edgar Kosgey, but Amherst pushed across its five scoring runners ahead of Williams' fourth finisher to squeeze out the victory.

As he did as a freshman, sophomore **Sam Buczek (Milford)** followed Curley across the line as the Warriors' No. 2 runner. Buczek was 207th overall in a time of 28:41. Sophomore **David Tignonsini (Vernon)** was third for Eastern, 211th overall in a time of 28:48. freshman **Ken Landry (East Hampton)** fourth (225th/29:04) and junior **Jim Condren (Southington)** fifth (234th/29:20).

Rounding out Eastern's seven runners were juniors **Nicholas Noheimer (Willimantic)** and **Sean McLaughlin (Branford)**. Noheimer (29:50) was 250th overall, McLaughlin 258th (30:10).

As a junior, Curley was also Eastern's first finisher, placing 191st overall in a field of 309 in a time of 30:06. As a sophomore, he placed second on the team, 182nd overall among 330 finishers in a time of 29:18. As a freshman, he was third on the team at the finish, 222nd overall among 280 in a time of 32:03.

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NCAA DIVISION III
NEW ENGLAND MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS
at Harkness Memorial State Park, Waterford, Conn.
Run over 8,000 meters

TEAM SCORES

Top 5

1. Amherst College 117; 2. Williams College 118; 3. Tufts U. 135; 4. Trinity College 148; 5. Bowdoin College 150. **33. EASTERN CONN. 1,014**

ECSU Finishers

172. Mike Curley 28:04; 207. Sam Buczek 28:41; 211. David Tignonsini 28:48;
225. Ken Landry 29:04; 234. James Condren 29:20; 250. Nicholas Noheimer 29:50;
258. Sean McLaughlin 30:10.

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JOHNSON OF EASTERN 73rd at NCAA NE XC REGIONAL
Freshman's finish in field of 344 the highest by an Eastern female in 14 seasons

WATERFORD, Conn. –Freshman **Karina Johnson (East Hartford)** capped the most productive season by an Eastern Connecticut State University female cross country runner in 20 years Saturday when she placed 73rd in a field of 344 at the NCAA Division III New England Cross Country Championships Saturday at Harkness Memorial State Park.

Johnson, who won the Fitchburg State College Open just over two months ago in her first collegiate meet, finished in the top 21 per cent of the field, and was the 13th freshman across the finish line. She ran a 6:19 pace and recorded a time of 23:24 over the 6,000 meter layout.

As a team, Eastern was 40th overall among 47 teams.

Keene State College senior Jennifer Adams, the only runner to defeat Johnson at the Little East Conference Championships two weeks ago, ran a 6:14 pace to win the individual title in a time of 21:20. Amherst College placed all five of its scoring runners among the top 15 and eased to a 56-point win over runner-up Williams College to capture the team title.

Three of Eastern's five scoring runners were freshmen, and four of them were in their first seasons in the program. Behind Johnson, the team's four other scoring runners finished within a span of 36 places: freshman **Krista Juliano (Granby)** was 270th in a time of 27:32; junior **Clara Juncadella (Guilford)** 259th (27:39), first-year sophomore **Nicole Stefanik (Coventry, RI)** 283rd (28:01); and freshman **Melissa Healy (Naugatuck)** 314th (29:58).

Rounding out Eastern's participants were freshman **Amanda Ericson (Bolton)** and first-year junior **Jess Maciolek (Ellington)**. Ericson was 318th (30:16), and Maciolek 333rd (31:59).

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Johnson's 73rd-place finish is the highest by an Eastern female in this race since Caroline Johnson placed 46th overall in a field of 216 as a senior at the meet held on the campus of the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth in 1993. Since that race until this year, only one other Eastern female had broken the top 100.

The highest finish by an Eastern female and highest finish by a freshman in this race occurred in 1985, when Carla Brown placed fourth overall at UMass Dartmouth in qualifying for national competition. In 1987, seniors Brown and Diana Donovan placed fifth and 13th, respectively, in the New England Regionals at UMass Dartmouth and qualified for national competition.

NCAA DIVISION III
NEW ENGLAND WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS
at Harkness Memorial State Park, Waterford, Conn.
Run over 6,000 meters

TEAM SCORES
Top 5

1. Amherst College 40; 2. Williams College 96; 3. Bowdoin College 127; 4. Colby College 140; 5. Middlebury College 169. **40. EASTERN CONN. 1,149**

ECSU Finishers

73. Karina Johnson 23:24; 257. Krista Juliano 27:32; 259. Clara Juncadella 27:39; 268. Nicole Stefanik 28:01; 293. Melissa Healy 29:58; 318. Amanda Ericson 30:16; 333. Jess Maciolek 31:59.

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CURLEY LEADS EASTERN M-CROSS COUNTRY AT LEC/NEA MEET
Senior is Warriors' top finisher in meet for the second straight season

NORTH DARTMOUTH, Mass. – Senior **Michael Curley (Branford)** led the Eastern Connecticut State University men's cross country team at the finish line for the second straight season at the Little East Conference/New England Alliance Championship over 8,000 meters Saturday on the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth campus.

Eastern finished fifth among six teams in the Little East Conference scoring and 11th among 13 teams in the alliance scoring. The University of Southern Maine won its second straight conference championship with a six-point win over former nine-time champion Keene State College, and dethroned ten-time alliance champion Keene with a seven-point triumph.

A total of 144 runners finished the alliance race, 71 the conference meet.

Running this course for the second time this fall, Curley chopped nine points off the time that he clocked at the UMass Dartmouth Shriners' Invitational Sept. 15. He was clocked at 27:49 -- one minute ahead of sophomore teammate **Sam Bucezek (Milford)** -- in placing 31st overall in the conference scoring and 51st in the alliance scoring. Bucezek, the team's No. 4 finisher when the club ran this course last month, was timed in 28:49. He was 40th overall in the conference and 72nd in the alliance. Bucezek sliced 31 seconds off his time on this course from earlier this year.

Freshman **Ken Landry (East Hampton)** was third for Eastern in a time of 28:59, and sophomore **David Tignonsini (Vernon)** fourth at 29:09. Junior **Jim Condren (Southington)** was Eastern's final scorer in a time of 29:28. Landry was 42nd in the conference, 75th in the alliance; Tignonsini 44th and 78th; and Condren 50th and 90th. Landry cut one second off his earlier time from this year and Condren 27.

Curley, Eastern's top finisher for the eighth straight race, was 30th in the conference and 50th in the alliance meet a year ago.

Eastern competes in the New England Division III Championship Nov. 10 at Harkness Memorial Park in Waterford.

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

TEAM RESULTS

1. U. of Southern Maine 31; 2. Keene State College 38; 3. Westfield State College 115; 4. Worcester State College 121; 5. Massachusetts Maritime Academy 160; 6. Massachusetts Dartmouth 199; 7. Fitchburg State College 206; 8. Rhode Island College 229; 9. Bridgewater State College 238; 10. Salem State College 267; **11. EASTERN CONN. 290**; 12. Massachusetts Boston 299; 13. Mass College 367.

Eastern's Finishers

51. Michael Curley 27:49; 72. Sam Buczek 28:49; 75. Ken Landry 28:59; 78. David Tignonsini 29:09; 90. Jim Condren 29:28; 91. Sean McLaughlin 29:39; 100. Nick Noheimer 30:13; 103. Joey Perucki 30:25; 120. Evan Niedojadlo 31:59; 128. Anthony Mendes 32:50; 137. Kyle Driscoll 33:32.

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Men's Cross Country Championship
Run over 8,000 meters
at North Dartmouth, Mass.

TEAM RESULTS

1. U. of Southern Maine 25; 2. Keene State College 31; 3. Massachusetts Dartmouth 104; 4. Rhode Island College 118; **5. EASTERN CONN. 141**; 6. Massachusetts Boston 147.

Eastern's Finishers

31. Michael Curley 27:49; 40. Sam Buczek 28:49; 42. Ken Landry 28:59; 44. David Tignonsini 29:09; 50. Jim Condren 29:28; 51. Sean McLaughlin 29:39; 55. Nick Noheimer 30:13; 56. Joey Perucki 30:25; 64. Evan Niedojadlo 31:59; 68. Anthony Mendes 32:50; 70. Kyle Driscoll 33:32.

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EASTERN'S JOHNSON SHINES AT LEC/NE ALLIANCE MEET

Freshman attains highest finishes ever by placing second in LEC, fourth in alliance

NORTH DARTMOUTH, Mass. – Freshman **Karina Johnson (East Hartford)** attained the highest finishes ever by an Eastern Connecticut State University female at the Little East Conference/New England Alliance Championships Saturday on the campus of the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth.

Johnson ran to a second-place finish in a field of 57 in the Little East scoring, and was fourth among 125 finishers in the New England Alliance scoring. She was the top freshman finisher in both the conference and alliance.

The top seven finishers in the Little East scoring are accorded All-Little East Conference honors, and the top 20 in the alliance are named All-New England Alliance. Johnson becomes the program's eighth all-conference and tenth all-alliance honoree. She becomes the first female from Eastern to earn the conference honor since Monica Gallagher in 1998. Prior to Saturday, only Gallagher and Caroline Johnson (no relation) had run to all-conference honors among Eastern females, Caroline Johnson four times between 1988 and 1993 and Gallagher three times between 1995 and 1998.

In the 5,000 meter race, Johnson was second only to Keene State College senior Jennifer Adams, who won the individual title after placing second a year ago to teammate Breanne Lucey.

As a team, Eastern placed fifth in the Little East and tenth in the New England Alliance.

Keene State won its seventh straight conference and alliance titles.

Five teams comprise the Little East, with 11 comprising the New England Alliance.

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

TEAM RESULTS

1. Keene State College 37; 2. Westfield State College 72; 3. U. of Southern Maine 101; 4. Bridgewater State College 105; 5. Salem State College 118; 6. Worcester State College 161; 7. Rhode Island College 204; 8. Massachusetts Boston 221; 9. Fitchburg State College 227; **10. EASTERN CONN. 246**; 11. Massachusetts Maritime Academy 316.

Eastern's Finishers

4. Karina Johnson 19:35; 68. Nicole Stefanik 22:29; 79. Clara Juncadella 22:53; 100. Krista Juliano 24:10; 103. Melissa Healy 24:38; 115. Amanda Ericson 26:22

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Women's Cross Country Championship
Run over 5,000 meters
at North Dartmouth, Mass.

TEAM RESULTS

1. Keene State College 23; 2. U. of Southern Maine 47; 3. Rhode Island College 95; 4. Massachusetts Boston 103; **5. EASTERN CONN. 115**

Eastern's Finishers

2. Karina Johnson 19:35; 31. Nicole Stefanik 22:29; 38. Clara Juncadella 22:53; 44. Krista Juliano 24:10; 46. Melissa Healy 24:38; 51. Amanda Ericson 26:22

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EASTERN MEN'S XC TIES RHODE ISLAND AT HOME MEET

Bryant University captures individual and team titles at tri-meet at Mansfield Hollow

MANSFIELD, Conn. — Sophomore **David Tignonsini (Vernon)** and junior **Jim Condren (Southington)** filled in as the final two scorers as the Eastern Connecticut State University men's cross country team gained a tie with Rhode Island College Saturday morning at Mansfield Hollow State Park.

In the first meet at a newly-marked 8,000 meter course, Eastern and Rhode Island each collected 53 points behind Division II Bryant University. Sophomore Peter Jacques led the Bulldogs to a 25-point team win by capturing the individual title in a time of 29:02, four seconds ahead of Rhode Island freshman Cesar Smith.

Smith and junior captain Greg Ahnrud finished 2-3 and the Anchormen led by 16-24 over Eastern after both teams' first three scorers crossed the finish line, but Tignonsini and Condren -- Eastern's fourth and fifth-place finishers -- grabbed the 14th and 15th spots ahead of Hunter Stewart (18th) and Chanthoeun Yin (19th) of Rhode Island College to allow the Warriors to finish in a deadlock with their Little East Conference rival.

Michael Curley (Branford), the only participating senior on Eastern's roster, paced all Eastern runners at the finish line for the seventh straight race (dating back to 2006). Curley steamed in in fourth place in a time of 29:27 - easily ahead of Bryant's 2-3-4 runners. Eastern freshman **Ken Laundry (East Hampton)** was eighth overall and sophomore **Sam Buczek (Milford)** 12th -- three seconds ahead of Tignonsini.

The home meet is the only scheduled one for Eastern, which competes in the Little East Conference/New England Alliance Championship Oct. 27 at noon at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth.

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Run over 8,000 meters

Team Results

Bryant U. 28, **Eastern Conn. 53**, Rhode Island College 53

Individual Results

1. Peter Jacques (B) 29:02; 2. Cesar Smith ® 29:06; 3. Greg Ahnrud ® 29:22; 4. Mike Curley (E) 29:27; 5. Scott Twardski (B) 29:34; 6. Justin Getts (B) 29:37; 7. Eric Haywood (B) 29:37; 8. Ken Landry (E) 30:11; 9. Daniel Gehen (B) 30:22; 10. Christopher Kelleher (B) 30:23; 11. Mike Macedo ® 30:29; 12. Sam Buczek (E) 30:32; 13. Austin Huminski (B) 30:35; 14. Dave Tignonsini (E) 30:55; 15. Jim Condren (E) 30:59. 16. Benjamin Coughlin (B) 31:05; 17. Sean McLaughlin (E) 31:10; 18. Nicholas Noheimer (E) 31:36; 19. Hunter Stewart ® 31:58; 20. Chanthoem Yin ® 32:29; 21. Thomas Casey (B) 32:58; 22. Nathaniel Green (B) 32:58; 23. Anthony Mendes (E) 33:49; 24. Evan Niedojadlo (E) 34:00; 25. Greg Clark ® 36:36.

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JOHNSON BRIGHT SPOT FOR EASTERN W-CROSS COUNTRY

Freshman second in a field of 24 at tri-meet with Bryant, Rhode Island College

MANSFIELD, Conn. – Eastern Connecticut State University freshman **Karina Johnson (East Hartford)** continued her impressive running during her first intercollegiate season, running to a second-place finish in a field of 24 Saturday morning at a women's cross-country tri-meet with Bryant University and Rhode Island College at Mansfield Hollow State Park.

Johnson, which has not been challenged for the top spot on the squad through the first four races this year, was timed in 20:39 over a new 5,000 meter course. Johnson trailed only Division II Bryant senior Nicole Radzik (19:45) at the finish and was 12 seconds ahead of Bryant freshman Jennifer Denise.

Bryant runners claimed four of the top six spots to win the meet with 25 points. Rhode Island College was second with 42 points, 17 points less than Eastern's 59-point total.

Eastern junior **Clara Juncadella (Guilford)** cracked the top ten with a tenth-place finish in a time of 22:57. Rounding out Eastern's scorers were freshman **Krista Juliano (Granby)**, sophomore **Nicole Stefanik (Coventry, RI)** and senior **Jennifer Cody (East Lyme)**. Juliano was 14th (23:10), Stefanik 15th (23:20) and Cody 18th (24:01).

The home meet is the only scheduled one for Eastern, which competes in the Little East Conference/New England Alliance Championship Oct. 27 at 11 a.m. at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth. Johnson will attempt to become the first Eastern female to achieve all-conference honors (top 7) since 1998.

Run over 5,000 meters

Team Results

Bryant U. 25, Rhode Island College 42, Eastern Conn. 59

Individual Results

1. Nicole Radzik (B) 19:45; 2. **Karina Johnson (E) 20:39**; 3. Jennifer Denise (B) 20:51; 4. Casey Fenwick (B) 21:44; 5. Kathryn Cote ® 21:56; 6. Mary Sanker (B) 22:36; 7. Katie Desrosiers ® 22:37; 8. Heather Feeney ® 22:47; 9. Rachel Procter ® 22:52; 10. **Clara Juncadella (E) 22:57**; 11. Carey Fitzgerald (B) 22:59; 12. Amanda Staples (B) 23:07; 13. Lindsey Brisson ® 23:08; 14. **Krista Juliano (E) 23:10**; 15. **Nicole Stefanik (E) 23:20**; 16. Christine Smith ® 23:34; 17. Nicole Poirier ® 23:44; 18. **Jennifer Cody (E) 24:01**; 19. Ashley Delamare ® 24:03; 20. Hope Clark ® 24:24; 21. **Jess Maciolek (E) 25:53**; 22. Amanda Ericson (E) 26:04; 23. **Melissa Healy (E) 26:12**; 24. Hannah Clark ® 26:58.

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Men's Cross Country
12th Annual James Earley Invitational
Run over 8,000 meters
At Stanley Park, Westfield, MA

Team Scores

1. Trinity College 36; 2. Bates College 42; 3. Vassar College 107; 4. Westfield State College 118; 5. U.S. Coast Guard Academy 125; 6. UMass Dartmouth 209; 7. U. of New England 261; 8. Massachusetts Maritime Academy.264; 9. Gordon College 313; 10. Western New England College 336; 11. Salem State College Alumni 348; 12. Norwich U. 359; 13. Union College 369; 14. **EASTERN CONN. 370**; 15. Salem State College 382; 16. Castleton State College 407; 17. Nyack College 510; 18. Salve Regina U. 576; 19. SUNY Purchase 580; 20. New England College 585; 21. Mass College of Liberal Arts 590; 22. Westfield State College Alumni 595.

Eastern Finishers

52. Michael Curley (29:00); 87. Sam Buczek (29:48); 101. Nicholas Noheimer (30:07); 119. Ken Landry (30:33); 124. David Tignonsini 30:50; 128. Sean McLaughlin 30:57; 142. Jim Condren (31:26); 160. Kyle Driscoll (31:59); 162. Joey Perucki (32:01); 170. Anthony Mendes (32:28); 181. Evan Niedojadlo (32:43).

Women's Cross Country
12th Annual James Earley Invitational
Run over 8,000 meters
At Stanley Park, Westfield, MA

Team Scores

1. Trinity College 37; 2. U.S. Coast Guard Academy 79; 3. Vassar College 103; 4. Westfield State College 122; 5. Salem State College 169; 6. New York U. 251; 7. Gordon College 256; 8. Salve Regina U. 273; 9. U. of New England 281; 9. Union College 281; 11. Castleton State College 282; 12. Western New England College 290; 13. Nyack College 304; 14. Norwich U. 354; ;15. SUNY Purchase 372; 16. **EASTERN CONN. 390**; 17. Massachusetts Maritime Academy 450; 18. New England College 480; 19. Johnson State College 553; 20. Bay Path College 623.

Eastern Finishers

23. Karina Johnson (20:30); 111. Clara Juncadella (22:51); 126. Krista Juliano (23:17); 127. Nicole Stefanik (23:19); 138. Jennifer Cody (23:37); 171. Melissa Healy (25:36); 183. Amanda Ericson (26:07); 186. Jess Maciolek (26:15).

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CURLEY LEADS EASTERN M-CROSS COUNTRY AT UMD
Senior paces Warriors at finish for fifth straight race; freshman Landry second

NORTH DARTMOUTH, Mass. - Senior **Michael Curley (Branford)** was the first Eastern Connecticut State University runner across the line for the fifth straight race as the Warriors placed 22nd among 31 teams which scored points Saturday at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth Shriners' Men's Cross Country Invitational.

The team's only fourth-year runner, Curley finished 101st overall among 225 runners who completed the 5.0 mile layout. Curley, who totaled 96 points, was timed in 27:58. Curley led all Eastern runners in the final three races of 2006 and was also the Warriors' first finisher last Saturday at the season-opening Fitchburg State College Invitational.

Led by freshman **Ken Landry (East Hampton)**, Eastern's next six runners finished within 85 seconds of each other. In his first collegiate race last week, Landry was also second to Curley.

Trinity College runners commanded four of the top ten places and ran away with a 66-point win over runner-up University of Southern Maine. Trinity collected only 55 points, Southern Maine 121. Three Little East Conference schools placed among the Top 15: Southern Maine, Keene State College (6), and host Massachusetts Dartmouth (14).

Eastern competes at the Ray Dwyer Invitational Saturday at 11 a.m. at Goddard Memorial State Park in Warwick, RI.

**University of Massachusetts Dartmouth
Shriners' Women's Cross Country Invitational
Run over 5.0 miles**

Team Results

1. Trinity College 55; 2. U. of Southern Maine 121; 3. Brandeis U. 123; 4. Amherst College 127; 5. Massachusetts Lowell 127; 6. Keene State College 137; 7. Tufts U. 164; 8. U.S. Coast Guard Academy 192; 9. Springfield College 291; 10. Roger Williams U. 315; 11. Worcester State College 317; 12. WPI 325; 13. Stonehill College 425; 14. Massachusetts Dartmouth 429; 15. Massachusetts Maritime Academy 470; 16. Western New England College 561; 17. Clark U. 571; 18. Wheaton College (MA) 575; 19. Massachusetts Boston 585; 20. American International College 596; 21. Bridgewater State College 597; 22. **EASTERN CONN. 631**; 23. Maine-Farmington 631; 24. Castleton State College 636; 25. Rhode Island College 684; 26. Babson College 696; 27. Johnson & Wales U. 738; 28. Endicott College 844; 29. Eastern Nazarene College 851; 30. New England College 886; 31. Salve Regina U. 906.

Eastern's Finishers

101. Mike Curley (27:58); 138. Ken Landry (29:00); 140. David Tignonsini 29:03; 146. Sam Bucek (29:20); 147. Sean McLaughlin (29:23); 154. Nicholas Noheimer (29:47); 161. Anthony Mendes (30:14); 169. James Condren (30:25).

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EASTERN'S JOHNSON 66TH AT UMD CROSS COUNTRY

Freshman's finish is the highest in this invitational in the last nine years

NORTH DARTMOUTH, Mass. – Freshman **Karina Johnson (East Hartford)** recorded the best finish since 1998 by an Eastern Connecticut State University runner at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth Shriners' Women's Cross Country Invitational when she captured 66th place Saturday.

After winning the Fitchburg State College Open last Saturday, Johnson took 66th place among 222 runners who completed the race. Johnson was timed in 20:00 over the 5,000 meter layout. The finish is the highest by an Eastern female since senior Monica Gallagher placed 39th in a field of 138 in 1998. Gallagher went on to become the program's last All-Little East Conference selection later than year.

Johnson was the eighth Little East Conference runner across the line -- second freshman -- following five runners from Keene State College and one each from the University of Southern Maine and Massachusetts Dartmouth.

Six of Eastern's seven finishers are newcomers to the program. As Eastern's second finisher, freshman **Krista Juliano (Granby)** moved up one spot from a week ago. Juliano was 130th overall (21:36), with junior **Clara Juncadella (Guilford)** 154th overall in time of 22:07.

Johnson also became the first member of the program to break the Top 100 in the race since freshman Sarah Levy in 2004. Levy was 96th in a field of 224 that year.

Amherst College crushed the competition in a 97-point win over runner-up Keene State. Amherst's five scoring runners placed within the top 14. Keene runners took two of the top five places but its No. 3 finisher was 35th overall.

Eastern was third among four competing Little East Conference schools, following Keene State and University of Southern Maine (18th).

Eastern competes at the Ray Dwyer Invitational Saturday at 11 a.m. at Goddard Memorial State Park in Warwick, RI.

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**University of Massachusetts Dartmouth
Shriners' Women's Cross Country Invitational
at North Dartmouth, MA
Run over 5,000 meters**

Team Results

1. Amherst College 42; 2. Keene State College 145; 3. Stonehill College 160; 4. Trinity College 186; 5. Brandeis U. 206; 6. Massachusetts Lowell 214; 7. Wellesley College 207; 8. Tufts U. 218; 9. Conn College 231; 10. Springfield College 258; 11. Wheaton College (MA) 264; 12. Roger Williams U. 314; 13. U.S. Coast Guard Academy 315; 14. Clark U. 461; 15. WPI 462; 16. Bridgewater State College 486; 17. Endicott College 497; 18. U. of Southern Maine 498; 19. Mount Holyoke College 516; 20. Salve Regina U. 548; 21. Western New England College 551; 22. Maine-Farmington 596; 23. Castleton State College 637; 24. Worcester State College 658; **25. EASTERN CONN. 679**; 26. Johnson & Wales U. 689; 27. New England College 809; 28. Massachusetts Boston 829; 29. Eastern Nazarene College 921.

Eastern's Finishers

66. Karina Johnson (20:00); 130. Krista Juliano (21:36); 154. Clara Juncadella (22:07); 195. Nicole Stefanik (23:41); 202. Melissa Healy (24:31) 206. Amanda Ericson (26:14). 212. Jess Maciolek (26:47).

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Friday, Sept. 7, 2007

EASTERN'S CURLEY TAKES THIRD AT FITCHBURG STATE OPEN
In first men's cross-country meet of season, Warriors third in four-team field

FITCHBURG, Mass. – Senior **Michael Curley (Branford/Branford)** came from a long way back to finish third in a field of 39 runners as the Eastern Connecticut State University men's cross country team placed third in its 2007 opener Friday afternoon at the Fitchburg State College Open at Coggshall Park.

Host Fitchburg State placed all five of its scoring runners among the top ten, but Worcester State College won the team title by taking the top two spots and three of the top five. Worcester State totaled 29 points, Fitchburg State 37, Eastern 63 and Anna Maria College 120.

Last year's top runner at last year's New England Division III meet, Curley opened his fourth season in the program by running strong over the second half of the 4.6 mile layout. Forest Wilbur (24:52) of Worcester State ran away with the individual title, and was followed by junior teammate Rob Lind (26:15). Curley (27:20) edged Fitchburg's Adam Parslow (27:29) and Worcester's Chris Mancuso (27:32) for third.

Freshman **Ken Landry (East Hampton/East Hampton)** was Eastern's second finisher, taking 11th place in a time of 28:20. Junior **Sean McLaughlin (Branford/Branford)** was 16th (28:51), and sophomores **Sam Buczek (Milford/Jonathan Law)** 17th (28:59), and **David Tignonsini (Vernon/Rockville)** 19th (29:28).

Last year's No. 2 runner, junior **Nicholas Noheimer (Willimantic/Windham)** was forced from the race halfway through the competition due to allergies.

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Team Results

**Worcester State College 29, Fitchburg State College 37,
Eastern Conn. 63, Anna Maria College 120**

Eastern's finishers

3. Michael Curley 27:20; 11. Ken Landry 28:20; 16. Sean McLaughlin 28:51; 17. Sam Buczek 28:59; 19. David Tignonsini 29:28; 21. Jim Condren 29:53; 22. Anthony Mendes 31:18; 24. Joey Perucki 31:40; 27. Kyle Driscoll 33:26; 30. Evan Niedojadlo 33:58.

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NEWCOMERS POWER EASTERN W-CROSS COUNTRY TO TITLE

In collegiate debut, freshman Karina Johnson pulls away from field to win

FITCHBURG, Mass. – In her collegiate debut, Eastern Connecticut State University freshman **Karina Johnson (East Hartford/East Hartford)** took over the lead midway through the race and pulled away for the individual title that vaulted the Warriors to the women's cross country team title of the Fitchburg State College Open Friday at Coggshall Park.

Johnson was one of seven newcomers for Eastern, four of whom finished in the scoring as the Warriors edged Worcester State College and Fitchburg State in their 2007 debut. Eastern totaled 39 points, two less than Worcester and three less than Fitchburg.

One of four freshmen on the team, Johnson ran near the front of the pack before moving ahead about halfway through the 3.1 mile race. She was clocked in 22:52, 32 seconds faster than sophomore Kara Antrim of Worcester State and 50 seconds ahead of the early leader, graduate student Tess Godin of Fitchburg. Twenty-five runners finished the race.

Behind Johnson, junior **Clara Juncadella (Guilford/Guilford)** and freshman **Krista Juliano (Granby/Granby)**, Eastern grabbed three of the top six spots, and first-year sophomore runner **Nicole Stefanik (Coventry, RI/Coventry)** and freshman **Melissa Healy (Naugatuck/Naugatuck)** filled in the 12th and 15th spots to nail down the team win. Juncadella and Juliano finished six seconds apart to command the No. 5 and No. 6 spots.

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Team Results

Eastern Conn. 39, Worcester State 41, Fitchburg State 42

Eastern's finishers

1. Karina Johnson 22:52; 5. Clara Juncadella 24:18; 6. Krista Juliano 24:24; 12. Nicole Stefanik 26:09; 15. Melissa Healy 26:39; 19. Jennifer Cody 27:44; 22. Amber Ericson 29:00; 23. Jess Maciolek 29:36; 24. Ashley Lewandoski 30:45.

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