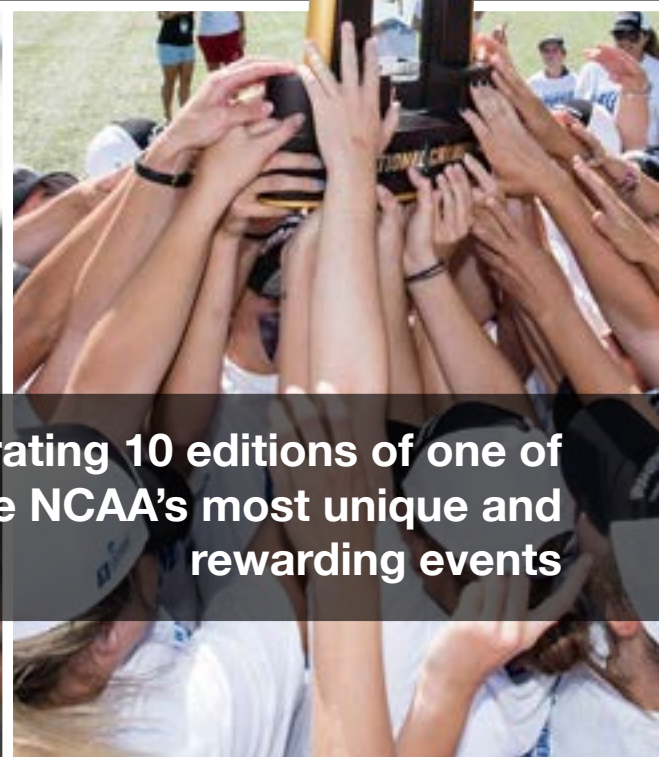




Division II National Championships Festivals



Celebrating 10 editions of one of the NCAA's most unique and rewarding events



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The National Championships Festival – A DII Tradition

In the year 2000, college sports was entering a new millennium, the NCAA had just moved its headquarters from Kansas City to Indianapolis, the Association was approaching its centennial anniversary, and NCAA President Cedric Dempsey charged all three divisions to step up their game in providing first-rate post-season experiences for student-athletes.

Division II took the lead, consulting with student-athletes who said competing for a national championship should be the pinnacle of their athletics career, but that the experience at the time frequently fell short. They didn't have opportunities to interact with other student-athletes, and awards ceremonies often were conducted in front of only family and a few friends. In some cases in fact, the conference championships experience exceeded the national championships experience.

As an alternative, the Division II Championships Committee broached the idea of conducting multiple championships at a single site to increase attendance and ambiance with a "festival" atmosphere. Opening and closing ceremonies would add to the appeal, and student-athletes would be housed together to create a "village" environment similar to the Olympics.

It was a bold move, as the festivals are a challenge to produce and they can alter the routine of coaches and student-athletes. But Division II had already begun looking for ways to fortify its identity, and creating the National Championships Festival was an innovative but calculated fit.

The debut in Orlando exceeded expectations. Then-Division II Vice President Mike Racy said he assumed the championships would be administered well and that the student-athletes likely would give the staff the benefit of the doubt as a first attempt.

"What I didn't expect," said Racy, who's now the commissioner of the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association, "was the enthusiasm from the student-athletes for how specially they were treated during the week. There was an electricity at the opening ceremony that I hadn't seen before at a Division II event."

As is often the case in Division II, the festival quickly matriculated from an outside-the-box idea to an inside-the-family standard.

Current Division II Vice President Terri Steeb Gronau said the fact that Division II chose to aggressively and strategically pursue the festival concept as an ongoing concern, while Divisions I and III decided not to, created another uniqueness for DII and one that the membership took great pride in then and continues to do so today.

"Like so many things in Division II, it takes a collaborative effort to execute something this complex and ambitious," she said. "The DII staff and membership have always stepped up to do whatever is necessary to make these events what they were intended to be, and that is to provide a unique and positive championships experience for our student-athletes."



The NCAA News summed up the first festival with a one-word exclamation.



Year	Hosts	Participating Sports
May 2004	Rollins College, Sunshine State Conference and Central Florida Sports Commission	Men's and women's golf, women's lacrosse, softball, and men's and women's tennis
December 2006	University of West Florida and Pensacola Sports Association	Men's and women's cross country, field hockey, men's and women's soccer, and women's volleyball
May 2008	Rice University and Harris County – Houston Sports Authority	Men's and women's golf, women's lacrosse, softball, and men's and women's tennis
March 2009	University of Houston and Harris County – Houston Sports Authority	Men's and women's swimming and diving, men's and women's indoor track and field, and wrestling
December 2010	Bellarmine University and the Louisville Sports Commission	Men's and women's cross country, field hockey, men's and women's soccer, and women's volleyball
May 2012	Bellarmine University and the Louisville Sports Commission	Men's and women's golf, women's lacrosse, softball, and men's and women's tennis
March 2013	Gulf South Conference and the city of Birmingham	Men's and women's swimming and diving, men's and women's indoor track and field, and wrestling
December 2014	Bellarmine University and the Louisville Sports Commission	Men's and women's cross country, field hockey, men's and women's soccer, and women's volleyball
May 2016	Metro State University of Denver and the Denver Sports Commission	Men's and women's golf, women's lacrosse, softball, and men's and women's tennis
March 2017	University of Alabama in Huntsville and the city of Birmingham	Men's and women's swimming and diving, men's and women's indoor track and field, and wrestling

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2004 Orlando Spring Sports

Hosted by Rollins College, the Sunshine State Conference
and the Central Florida Sports Commission

TEAM CHAMPIONS

Men's Golf	University of South Carolina Aiken
Women's Golf	Rollins College
Women's Lacrosse	Adelphi University
Softball	Angelo State University
Men's Tennis	University of West Florida
Women's Tennis	Brigham Young University, Hawaii

"We had first-class venues, awesome competition in a multitude of sports, and enjoyment of the experience outside of the field of competition. It was a very good first try."

Sue Willey, director of athletics at the University of Indianapolis and chair of the Division II Management Council

WOMEN'S LACROSSE



▶ Katherine Hock scored six second-half goals to lead Adelphi to a 12-11 victory over West Chester and its first women's lacrosse championship.

JAMIE SCHWABEROW/
NCAA PHOTOS

▶ Defender Tara Wagner (25) of West Chester and attacker Karen Sulinski (8) of Adelphi battle for the ball during a rainy championship game.

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NCAA PHOTOS

SEMIFINALS

West Chester 23, Limestone 12
Adelphi 11, Post 10

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Adelphi 12, West Chester 11
Adelphi 1 11 - 12
West Chester 6 5 - 11

Adelphi goals: Katherine Hock 6, Lauren Lopez 2,
Diana Lopez 2, Leigh Fennessey 2.

West Chester goals: Danielle Roy 4, Kathleen Sheehan 3,
Kirstin McGoldrick 2, Katelyn Martin 2.

Shots: Adelphi 21, West Chester 23.

Saves: Adelphi (Allyson Murphy) 12, West Chester (Jennifer Roman) 9.



MEN'S TENNIS

ROUND OF 16

Rollins 5, USC Upstate 2
 Ferris State 5, Kutztown 2
 West Florida 5, UC San Diego 2
 Southwest Baptist 5, Abilene Christian 3
 North Florida 5, Barry 0
 Northwood 5, Bloomsburg 1
 Valdosta State 5, Brigham Young Hawaii 3
 Drury 5, Washburn 0

QUARTERFINALS

Rollins 5, Ferris State 0
 West Florida 5, Southwest Baptist 1
 North Florida 5, Northwood 0
 Valdosta State 5, Drury 2

SEMIFINALS

West Florida 5, Rollins 2
 Valdosta State 5, North Florida 0

CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH

West Florida 5, Valdosta State 2

Doubles

No. 1: Rodovan Chrz / German Delmagro (West Florida) def. Eduardo Rincon / Heiko Wunderlich (Valdosta State), 8-4
 No. 2: Paulius Jurkenas / Mario Vergara (West Florida) def. Christoph Schneider / Norman Weidle (Valdosta State), 9-7
 No. 3: Peter Kreutzfeldt / Phillip Laucht (Valdosta State) def. Guillaume de Verbize / Jonas Mouly (West Florida), 8-3

Singles

No. 1: Paulius Jurkenas (West Florida) vs. Eduardo Rincon (Valdosta State) (did not finish)
 No. 2: Christoph Schneider (Valdosta State) def. Guillaume de Verbize (West Florida), 6-3, 6-3
 No. 3: Rodovan Chrz (West Florida) def. Peter Kreutzfeldt (Valdosta State), 7-5, 6-1
 No. 4: Jonas Mouly (West Florida) vs. Phillip Laucht (Valdosta State) (did not finish)
 No. 5: German Delmagro (West Florida) def. Heiko Wunderlich (Valdosta State), 6-3, 6-2
 No. 6: Mario Vergara (West Florida) def. Norman Weidle (Valdosta State), 6-2, 6-2



Christoph Schneider won a point for Valdosta State by defeating West Florida's Guillaume de Verbize at No. 2 singles.

RYAN MCKEE/NCAA PHOTOS

▲ West Florida's Rodovan Chrz returns a volley during his win over Valdosta State's Peter Kreutzfeldt at No. 3 singles. Chrz's win helped West Florida capture its first men's tennis championship.

RYAN MCKEE/NCAA PHOTOS



Lynn's Dragana Ilic prepares a powerful backhand.

RYAN MCKEE/NCAA PHOTOS

WOMEN'S TENNIS

ROUND OF 16

Lynn 5, Columbus State 0
 Bloomsburg 5, Northwood 0
 West Florida 5, Hawaii-Hilo 3
 Northeastern State 5, Washburn 1
 Armstrong 5, Rollins 1
 Ferris State 5, Millersville 0
 Brigham Young Hawaii 5, Valdosta State 0
 Abilene Christian 5, Northwest Missouri State 1

QUARTERFINALS

Lynn 5, Northwood 0
 West Florida 5, Northeastern State 1
 Armstrong 5, Ferris State 0
 Brigham Young Hawaii 5, Abilene Christian 0

SEMIFINALS

Lynn 5, West Florida 1
 Brigham Young Hawaii 5, Armstrong 0

CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH

Brigham Young Hawaii 5, Lynn 1

Doubles

No. 1: Jing Jing Liu / Adrienn Hegedus (Brigham Young Hawaii) def. Monika Mastalirova / Marie-Julie Barbier (Lynn), 8-6
 No. 2: Judy Weng / Amy Sun (Brigham Young Hawaii) def. Monse Palacios / Dragana Ilic (Lynn), 8-2
 No. 3: Andrea Kosticova / Bucke Yavuz (Lynn) def. Anna Lewis / Gurianna Korinhona (Brigham Young Hawaii), 8-5

Singles

No. 1: Adrienn Hegedus (Brigham Young Hawaii) def. Dragana Ilic (Lynn), 6-0, 6-2
 No. 2: Monika Mastalirova (Lynn) vs. Jing Jing Liu (Brigham Young Hawaii), 1-6, 2-3 (did not finish)
 No. 3: Marie-Julie Barbier (Lynn) vs. Anna Lewis (Brigham Young Hawaii), 6-3, 5-4 (did not finish)
 No. 4: Andrea Kosticova (Lynn) vs. Judy Weng (Brigham Young Hawaii), 4-6, 2-2 (did not finish)
 No. 5: Amy Sun (Brigham Young Hawaii) def. Dina Bajramovic (Lynn), 6-0, 6-0
 No. 6: Gurianna Korinhona (Brigham Young Hawaii) def. Monse Palacios (Lynn), 6-1, 6-2

Brigham Young Hawaii's Jing

Lui (right) rejoices as her doubles partner Adrienn Hegedus kisses the championship trophy after the Seaside's bested Lynn, 5-1. The Seaside's won their third consecutive title and their seventh national championship in the last eight years. The match also increased Brigham Young Hawaii's dual-match winning streak to 101 and improved their season record to 35-0.

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2004 FESTIVAL

Michelle Hofmann watches her three-run homer sail over the fence in the second inning in front of dismayed Florida Southern catcher Ashley Alpizar.

JAMIE SCHWABEROW/NCAA PHOTOS



SOFTBALL



▲ Angelo State seniors Alexis Wing (left), Michelle Hofmann (center) and Claudia Lopez (right) show off the trophy after defeating Florida Southern, 7-3, in the championship game. It was the third time the teams had met in the tournament. Angelo State squeezed by Florida Southern, 2-1, in Game 8, and the Moccasins hung a 7-0 loss on the Rambelles earlier on the final day to force a deciding nightcap.

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Game 1

Western New Mexico 1, Caldwell 0 (8 inn.)

Game 2

St. Cloud State 1, Northern Kentucky 0

Game 3

Angelo State 2, Shippensburg 1

Game 4

Florida Southern 2, Kennesaw State 0

Game 5

Caldwell 1, Northern Kentucky 0

Game 6

Shippensburg 4, Kennesaw State 0

Game 7

St. Cloud State 2, Western New Mexico 0

Game 8

Angelo State 2, Florida Southern 1

Game 9

Shippensburg 6, Western New Mexico 1

Game 10

Florida Southern 1, Caldwell 0

Game 11

Angelo State 4, St. Cloud State 2

Game 12

Angelo State 4, Shippensburg 2

Game 13

Florida Southern 2, St. Cloud State 0

Game 14

Florida Southern 7, Angelo State 0

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Angelo State 7, Florida Southern 3

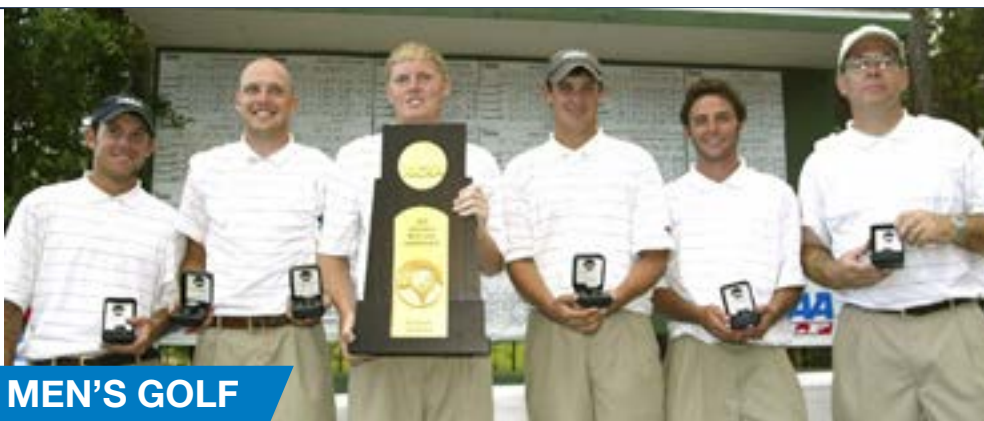
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Florida Southern 1 0 0 1 0 0 1-3 7 1

Arin Spence, Claudia Lopez (7) and Julia Monsivais; Megan Brown, Stacey Bronson (2) and Ashley Alpizar. HR – Michelle Hoffman (Angelo State), Cat Moreno (Angelo State). W – Spence; L – Brown.

Florida Southern pitcher Megan Brown won four games during the tournament but took the loss in the final. She finished a remarkable 36-5 on the season.

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MEN'S GOLF

TEAM STANDINGS (TOP 10)

PAR 288 (1,152)

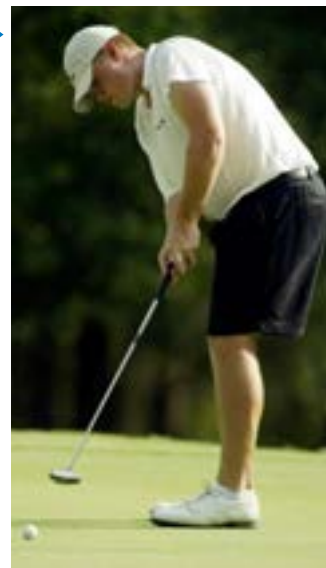
1. South Carolina Aiken, 304-297-292-298 – 1,191 (Scott Brown, 75-74-73-73 – 295; Dane Burkhart, 76-73-74-73 – 296; Clint Smith, 76-73-72-75 – 296; James McGhee, 80-78-73-77 – 308; Bryan Sangid, 77-77-81-77 – 312)
2. Chico State, 300-297-298-305 – 1,200
3. Barry, 305-291-298-307 – 1,201
4. Cal State Stanislaus, 295-307-309-299 – 1,210
5. Barton, 310-301-303-300 – 1,214
6. West Florida, 299-308-300-309 – 1,216
7. Northeastern State, 313-306-302-298 – 1,219
8. Armstrong, 304-306-302-313 – 1,225
9. Western Washington, 301-302-311-314 – 1,228
10. Georgia College, 302-317-305-305 – 1,229

INDIVIDUAL STANDINGS (TOP 10)

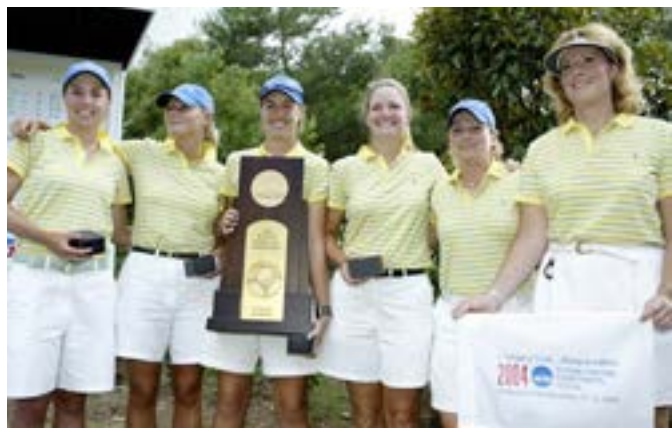
1. J.J. Jakovac, Chico State, 77-70-67-73 – 287
2. (tie) Courtney Faircloth, Barton, 73-74-71-75 – 293
Ryan Thornberry, Cal State Stanislaus, 73-77-71-72 – 293
4. (tie) Scott Brown, South Carolina Aiken, 75-74-73-73 – 295
Nick Mason, Hawaii-Hilo, 76-70-74-75 – 295
6. (tie) Dane Burkhart, South Carolina Aiken, 76-73-74-73 – 296
Christian Ries, Columbus St., 72-75-74-75 – 296
Clint Smith, South Carolina Aiken, 76-73-72-75 – 296
Brett Swedberg, St. Cloud St., 73-75-74-74 – 296
10. (tie) Luke Antonelli, St. Mary's (Texas), 72-79-71-75 – 297
Ryan Lamond, Barry, 74-73-73-77 – 297

Chico State's J.J. Jakovac won the individual title after firing a final-round 73 to finish the tournament with a 1-under-par 287. Jakovac also won the title in 2002, becoming only the third player in Division II history to win two individual national championships. Jakovac finished six strokes ahead of Barton's Courtney Faircloth and Stanislaus State's Ryan Thornberry. "On the back nine I just wanted to make par, cruise in," Jakovac said. "It was really special to win my sophomore year (in 2002), but even more so this year because I was here with the team."

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WOMEN'S GOLF



Not only did Rollins repeat, but so did the Tars' Charlotte Campbell, who as a sophomore revisited the medalist podium she graced as a freshman. While her first win was by four shots, she needed a birdie putt on the 18th hole in the final round to edge teammate Freddie Seeholzer. Campbell shot a two-under 70, the best round of the week and also a national tournament record, and finished at 11-over 299, which tied her own record. "All I was thinking was trying to finish second," said Campbell, who entered the final round nine strokes behind teammate Marianna De Biase. "We had some team goals left, trying to break 1,200, which we did. But as far as me, second place was it. I did want to shoot under par because no one had."

TREVOR BROWN JR./NCAA PHOTOS

Rollins steamrolled the field on the way to its second straight team title.

TREVOR BROWN JR./NCAA PHOTOS

TEAM STANDINGS (TOP 10)

PAR 288 (1,152)

1. Rollins, 303-303-296-294 – 1,196 (Charlotte Campbell, 76-80-73-70 – 299; Freddie Seeholzer, 76-77-74-73 – 300; Mariana De Biase, 74-72-74-83 – 303; Ulrika Ljungman, 77-77-75-76 – 305; Sabrina Gassner, 79-77-76-75 – 307)
2. (tie) Ferris State, 314-316-320-314 – 1,264
Florida Southern, 326-309-311-318 – 1,264
4. Northeastern State, 313-322-311-319 – 1,265
5. Western Washington, 324-320-313-322 – 1,279
6. Grand Valley State, 320-324-313-323 – 1,280
7. Minnesota State Mankato, 331-324-316-318 – 1,289
8. St. Cloud State, 322-326-331-326 – 1,305

INDIVIDUAL STANDINGS (TOP 10)

1. Charlotte Campbell, Rollins, 76-80-73-70 – 299
2. Freddie Seeholzer, Rollins, 76-77-74-73 – 300
3. (tie) Mariana De Biase, Rollins, 74-72-74-83 – 303
Pamela Feggans, Florida Southern, 78-75-74-76 – 303
5. Ulrika Ljungman, Rollins, 77-77-75-76 – 305
6. (tie) Sabrina Gassner, Rollins, 79-77-76-75 – 307
Kristen Kennedy, Western New Mexico, 75-74-81-77 – 307
8. Allison Toomer, Northeastern State, 76-80-75-78 – 309
9. Sarah Nicholson, West Florida, 79-74-76-81 – 310
10. (tie) Casey McKinnon, Ferris State, 81-77-79-74 – 311
Kelly White, Western Washington, 77-80-76-78 – 311



2006 DIVISION II NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS FESTIVAL

2006 Pensacola Fall Sports

Hosted by the University of West Florida and the Pensacola Sports Association

"The festivals are going to be top-notch events that will give the student-athletes a really great experience."

Joan McDermott, director of athletics at Metropolitan State University of Denver and chair of the Division II Championships Committee

TEAM CHAMPIONS

Men's Cross Country	Abilene Christian University
Women's Cross Country	Adams State University
Field Hockey	Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania
Men's Soccer	Dowling College
Women's Soccer	Metropolitan State University of Denver
Women's Volleyball	University of Tampa

FIELD HOCKEY



Bloomsburg players party after winning the program's 10th field hockey championship.

JAMIE SCHWABEROW/NCAA PHOTOS

SEMIFINALS

Bentley 4, UMass Lowell 0
Bloomsburg 2, Indiana (Pennsylvania) 0

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Bloomsburg 1, Bentley 0
Bentley 0 0 - 0
Bloomsburg 1 0 - 1

Scoring Summary

BL - Samantha Kropa (unassisted), 20:44

Samantha Kropa scored the only goal of the game in the first half as Bloomsburg held off Bentley, 1-0, in the championship game.

JAMIE SCHWABEROW/NCAA PHOTOS

Shots: Bentley 2, Bloomsburg 16.

Saves: Bentley 5 (Alyssa Sliney 5), Bloomsburg (Tracey Hudak) 0.

Penalty Corners: Bentley 1, Bloomsburg 10.



MEN'S SOCCER

Ben Gantenbein of Fort Lewis sends a free kick toward the goal in the championship match. After tallying four goals in the semifinal, the Skyhawks came up empty in the final against Dowling.

TREVOR BROWN JR./NCAA PHOTOS

SEMIFINALS

Fort Lewis 4, Lincoln Memorial 2

Dowling* 3, West Florida 3

*Advanced on penalty kicks

CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH

Dowling 1, Fort Lewis 0

Dowling 1 0 - 1

Fort Lewis 0 0 - 0

Scoring summary

DC – Morten Jensen (William Grady, Guy-Roland Kpene), 37:59

Shots: Dowling 11, Fort Lewis 15.

Corner kicks: Dowling 3, Fort Lewis 8.

Saves: Dowling 3 (Grady 1, Team 2); Fort Lewis 4 (Tom Donley 3, Team 1).

Fouls: Dowling 20, Fort Lewis 16.

Players from both squads congratulate each other after the hard-fought final.

TREVOR BROWN JR./NCAA PHOTOS

WOMEN'S SOCCER

SEMIFINALS

Grand Valley State 2, Tampa 0

MSU Denver 2, West Chester 1 (2 ot)

CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH

MSU Denver 1 Grand Valley State 0 (ot)

MSU Denver 0 0 1 - 1

Grand Valley State 0 0 0 - 0

Scoring summary

MSU – Kira Sharp (unassisted), 93:39

GVS – Megan Brown (unassisted), 37:18

Shots: MSU Denver 12, Grand Valley State 13.

Corner kicks: MSU Denver 3, Grand Valley State 3.

Saves: MSU Denver (Rachel Zollner) 4, Grand Valley State (Kristina Nasturzio) 0.

MSU Denver's Kira Sharp receives a victory ride after scoring the winning goal in overtime.

TREVOR BROWN JR./NCAA PHOTOS



Grand Valley State's Emily Berner kicks the ball away from MSU Denver's Erica Rose during the championship match.

TREVOR BROWN JR./NCAA PHOTOS



Melissa Vanderhall hugs teammates after the Spartans' victory. Tampa finished the season 35-1.

BEN TWINGLEY/NCAA PHOTOS

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

QUARTERFINALS

Minnesota Duluth def. UC San Diego, 3-1

Tampa def. Dowling, 3-0

North Alabama def. Ashland, 3-0

West Texas A&M def. Lock Haven, 3-1

SEMIFINALS

Tampa def. Minnesota Duluth, 3-1

North Alabama def. West Texas A&M, 3-0

CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH

North Alabama	25	30	21	17
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Tampa	30	27	30	30
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Statistical leaders

Kills: North Alabama – Nilcia Oliveira and Megan Stout 11; Tampa – Katelen Dixon 16.

Assists: North Alabama – Laura Bellinger 39; Tampa – Gabriela Saade 56.

Digs: North Alabama – Ashley Hill 23; Tampa – Margeaux Sinibaldi 28.

Top-ranked Tampa rode the net play of Katelen Dixon (at right) and Danielle MacDonald to win its first volleyball crown with a four-game conquest of North Alabama. The duo combined for 31 kills and six block solos to propel the Spartans to a 30-25, 27-30, 30-21, 30-17 victory after finishing as the national runner-up in 1996 and 1999. "Our team came up with the theme 'unfinished business' earlier this year and we as a coaching staff made them stick to it," said Tampa head coach Chris Catanach.

BEN TWINGLEY/NCAA PHOTOS



Tarah Marinelli blocks a North Alabama attempt.

BEN TWINGLEY/NCAA PHOTOS



Adams State runners rejoice after winning their fourth straight team title and 12th overall.

JAMIE SCHWABEROW/NCAA PHOTOS



Abilene Christian's Nicodemus Naimadu paces the pack in a race he would eventually win by a little more than two seconds over Julius Kosgei of Harding. Naimadu was one of three Abilene Christian runners to finish in the top 10.

JAMIE SCHWABEROW/NCAA PHOTOS

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

TEAM STANDINGS (TOP 10)

1. Abilene Christian, 57 (Team member place finishes*: Nicodemus Naimadu 1, Julius Nyango 8, Serge Gasore 9, Laurent Ngirakamaro 15, Philip Birgen 24)
2. Adams State, 70
3. Western State, 113
4. Chico State, 137
5. Grand Valley State, 168
6. Harding, 192
7. Colorado Mines, 207
8. Wayne State (Michigan), 249
9. Minnesota State Mankato, 294
10. Stonehill, 316

*Based among runners with institutions vying for the team championship; does not include runners competing on an individual basis

INDIVIDUAL STANDINGS (TOP 10)

1. Nicodemus Naimadu, Abilene Christian, 29:17.5
2. Julius Kosgei, Harding, 29:19.9
3. Scott Bauhs, Chico State, 29:24.5
4. Ryan Blood, Lock Haven, 29:27.0
5. Kim Hogarth, Western State, 29:32.2
6. Charlie Serrano, Chico State, 29:34.9
7. Michael Yorek, Adams State, 29:37.5
8. Julius Nyango, Abilene Christian, 29:42.3
9. Serge Gasore, Abilene Christian, 29:42.6
10. Aucencio Martinez, Adams State, 29:45.3.



Kim Hogarth of Western State finished fifth in the race to help the Mountaineers place third in the team standings.

JAMIE SCHWABEROW/
NCAA PHOTOS

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

TEAM STANDINGS (TOP 10)

1. Adams State, 94 (Team member place finishes*: Brittany Somers 7, Lavenna Mullenbach 12, Heather Wood 13, Tanya Gaurmer 19, Janette McCarroll 43)
2. Western State, 101
3. Grand Valley State, 165
4. Cal State Los Angeles, 169
5. Harding, 186
6. Seattle Pacific, 195
7. Colorado-Colorado Springs, 211
8. Wisconsin-Parkside, 216
9. Chico State, 228
10. Edinboro, 288

*Based among runners with institutions vying for the team championship; does not include runners competing on an individual basis

INDIVIDUAL STANDINGS (TOP 10)

1. Esther Komen, Western State, 20:09.4
2. Nicole Plante, UMass Lowell, 20:15.6
3. Laura Aderman, Grand Valley State, 20:19.6
4. Rachael Lanzel, Edinboro, 20:28.5
5. Agnes Kroneraff, Western State, 20:29.8
6. Jael Koech, Florida Southern, 20:32.1
7. Nicole Blaesser, Indiana (Pennsylvania), 20:33.7
8. Brittany Somers, Adams State, 20:35.4
9. Janee Jones, Harding, 20:36.9
10. Jessica Pixler, Seattle Pacific, 20:40.0



Esther Komen of Western State celebrates her victory by more than six seconds over Nicole Plante of Massachusetts-Lowell.

JAMIE SCHWABEROW/NCAA PHOTOS



2008 Houston Spring Sports

Hosted by Rice University and
the Harris County-Houston Sports Authority

"By the time we got to Houston for No. 3, I had a good feeling that the division wanted to hang onto the festival as part of its identity. One day at 11 a.m. I saw four athletes in the student-athlete lounge playing table tennis – they were from four different sports and four different schools who just happened to meet up in the lounge. That told me that we were achieving the Olympic feel we were hoping to create."

Mike Racy, NCAA vice president for Division II

TEAM CHAMPIONS

Men's Golf	University of West Florida
Women's Golf	Rollins College
Women's Lacrosse	West Chester University of Pennsylvania
Softball	Humboldt State University
Men's Tennis	Armstrong State University
Women's Tennis	Armstrong State University

SOFTBALL



Game 1

St. Edward's 5, Barry 4

Game 2

Ferris State 2, Francis Marion 0

Game 3

Humboldt State 2, Lock Haven 1

Game 4

Emporia State 6, Post 0

Game 5

Francis Marion 1, Barry 0

Game 6

Lock Haven 3, Post 0

Game 7

St. Edward's 1, Ferris State 0

Game 8

Humboldt State 3, Emporia State 0

Game 9

Emporia State 1, Francis Marion 0

Game 10

Lock Haven 3, Ferris State 0

Game 11

Emporia State 3, St. Edward's 1

Game 12

Humboldt State 1, Lock Haven 0
(17 inn.)

Game 13

Emporia State 2, St. Edward's 1
(13 inn.)

▶ Emporia State players root on their teammates along the way to finishing runner-up for the second time in three years.

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NCAA PHOTOS

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Humboldt State 1, Emporia State 0

Humboldt State	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	1
Emporia State	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0

Lizzy Prescott and Marrissa Slattery; Samantha Sheeley and Aubrey Brattin. HR – Natalie Galletly (Humboldt State). W – Prescott; L – Sheeley.



Lizzy Prescott twirled seven shutout innings in Humboldt State's 1-0 championship game victory. That was after the Humboldt hurler went the distance in a 17-inning marathon a day earlier against Lock Haven, allowing just one hit and striking out

21 batters.

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South Carolina Aiken's Jeff Goff doffs his cap after winning medalist honors in a playoff with Florida Southern's Jude Eustaquio.

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MEN'S GOLF

TEAM STANDINGS (TOP 10)

PAR 280 (1,120)

- (tie) *West Florida, 292-275-276-286 – 1,129
North Alabama, 290-281-284-274 – 1,129
St. Edward's, 284-285-286-274 – 1,129
*Won title in playoff
(West Florida team member scores: Matthew Galloway, 73-70-65-71 – 279; Kyle Scott, 72-65-70-72 – 279; Federico Damas, 73-70-73-74 – 290; Otto Bonning, 74-70-74-79 – 297; Tobias Rosendahl, DQ-70-68-69)
- Georgia College, 287-272-288-285 – 1,132
- Nova Southeastern, 284-287-287-279 – 1,137
- Florida Southern, 283-290-289-280 – 1,142
- South Carolina Aiken, 282-290-289-282 – 1,143
- (tie) Ulndy, 280-284-291-289 – 1,144
Western Washington, 282-289-289-284 – 1,144
- Clayton State, 273-293-295-289 – 1,150

INDIVIDUAL STANDINGS (TOP 10)

PAR 70 (280)

- (tie) *Jeff Goff, South Carolina Aiken, 67-71-70-70 – 278
Jude Eustaquio, Florida Southern, 63-74-73-68 – 278
*Won title in playoff
- (tie) Matthew Galloway, West Florida, 73-70-65-71 – 279
Erick Justesen, Cal State Stanislaus, 73-68-69-69 – 279
Sean Packer, Western Washington, 69-69-71-70 – 279
Kyle Scott, West Florida, 72-65-70-72 – 279
Jarin Todd, Sonoma State, 69-72-72-66 – 279
- (tie) Wes Smith, North Alabama, 72-71-69-69 – 281
Will Wilcox, Clayton State, 66-72-74-69 – 281
- Roberto Diaz, South Carolina Aiken, 69-71-71-71 – 282

West Florida's Otto Bonning (center) and Kyle Scott (right) celebrate with teammates after capturing the team title in a playoff with North Alabama and St. Edward's.

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Nova Southeastern's Taylor Collins tied for fourth in the individual championship and helped the Sharks place second overall in the team standings.

STEPHEN NOWLAND/NCAA PHOTOS

WOMEN'S GOLF

TEAM STANDINGS (TOP 10)

PAR 288 (1,152)

- Rollins, 293-301-293-294 – 1,181 (Joanna Coe, 71-73-68-75 – 287; Cristina Gugler, 73-74-73-76 – 296; Laura Fourdraine, 73-78-76-73 – 300; Vanessa Vela, 77-78-76-74 – 305; Surita Risseuw, 76-76-84-72 – 308)
- Nova Southeastern, 292-295-300-301 – 1,188
- Grand Valley State, 314-296-308-303 – 1,221
- Ferris State, 296-308-320-315 – 1,239
- Tarleton State, 313-310-310-309 – 1,242
- Western Washington, 304-306-323-320 – 1,253
- Omaha, 319-318-312-320 – 1,269
- Augustana (South Dakota), 319-321-320-323 – 1,283

INDIVIDUAL STANDINGS (TOP 10)

PAR 72 (288)

- Joanna Coe, Rollins, 71-73-68-75 – 287
- Heather Burgner, Florida Southern, 70-74-74-73 – 291
- Cristina Gugler, Rollins, 73-74-73-76 – 296
- (tie) Maria Garcia Austt, Nova Southeastern, 77-74-74-73 – 298
Taylor Collins, Nova Southeastern, 74-70-75-79 – 298
- Caitlin Bennett, Grand Valley State, 76-74-74-75 – 299
- (tie) Laura Fourdraine, Rollins, 73-78-76-73 – 300
Alison Meyer, Ferris State, 71-76-77-76 – 300
- (tie) Sandra Changkija, Nova Southeastern, 74-79-75-73 – 301
Nicole Whitmore, Nova Southeastern, 74-73-76-78 – 301

Joanna Coe helped Rollins win a fifth team title in women's golf by firing a four-round total of 287 to capture medalist honors by four strokes. Coe's 4-under par 68 in the third round set a single-round record for the Division II championship.

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Post players demonstrate their collective determination while entering the final as the defending champion.

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

SEMIFINALS

Post 9, Adelphi 4

West Chester 17, Limestone 9

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

West Chester 13, Post 12

Post 8 4 - 12

West Chester 10 3 - 13

Post goals: Katie Hogan 3; Mallory Poole 2; Brianne Jackolski 2; Staci Passafiume 1; Jaclyn Napoli 1; Jenna Miller 1; Samantha Lyons 1; Taryn Crimi 1.

West Chester goals: Jackie Baker 4; Claire Grimwood 3; Stephanie Kienle 3; Gina DiDomenicis 2; Courtney Whiting 1.

Shots: Post 26, West Chester 30.

Saves: Post (Lauren Scipione) 10, West Chester (Mary Beth Green) 9.



Stephanie Kienle expresses her joy with other happy teammates after West Chester snapped a four-year string of runner-up finishes.

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Post's Brianne Jackolski scored two goals in the championship game. At left is West Chester's Jackie Baker, who was the leading scorer in the final with four goals and an assist. Courtney Whiting of West Chester is at right, with Post goalie Lauren Scipione behind her.

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MEN'S TENNIS



ROUND OF 16

Drury 5, UC San Diego 2
 Valdosta State 5, Bloomsburg 0
 Barry 5, Washburn 1
 Francis Marion 5, Cameron 4
 Hawaii Pacific 5, Northwood 0
 West Florida 5, Concordia (New York), 4
 Lynn 5, Southwest Baptist 1
 Armstrong 5, Abilene Christian 0

QUARTERFINALS

Drury 5, Valdosta State 3
 Barry 5, Francis Marion 4
 West Florida 5, Hawaii Pacific 4
 Armstrong 5, Lynn 3

SEMIFINALS

Barry 5, Drury 3 Armstrong 5, West Florida 1

CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH

Armstrong 5, Barry 0

Doubles

No. 1: Tim Johannsen / Rafael Array (Armstrong) def. Patrick Rittenauer / Ales Svigelj (Barry), 8-3
 No. 2: Christian Bergh / Robert Jendelund (Armstrong) def. Emmanuel Fraitzl / Jakub Fejfar (Barry), 8-3
 No. 3: Paul Bishop / Davor Zink (Armstrong) def. Andrew Sharnov / Roman Werschel (Barry), 8-6

Singles

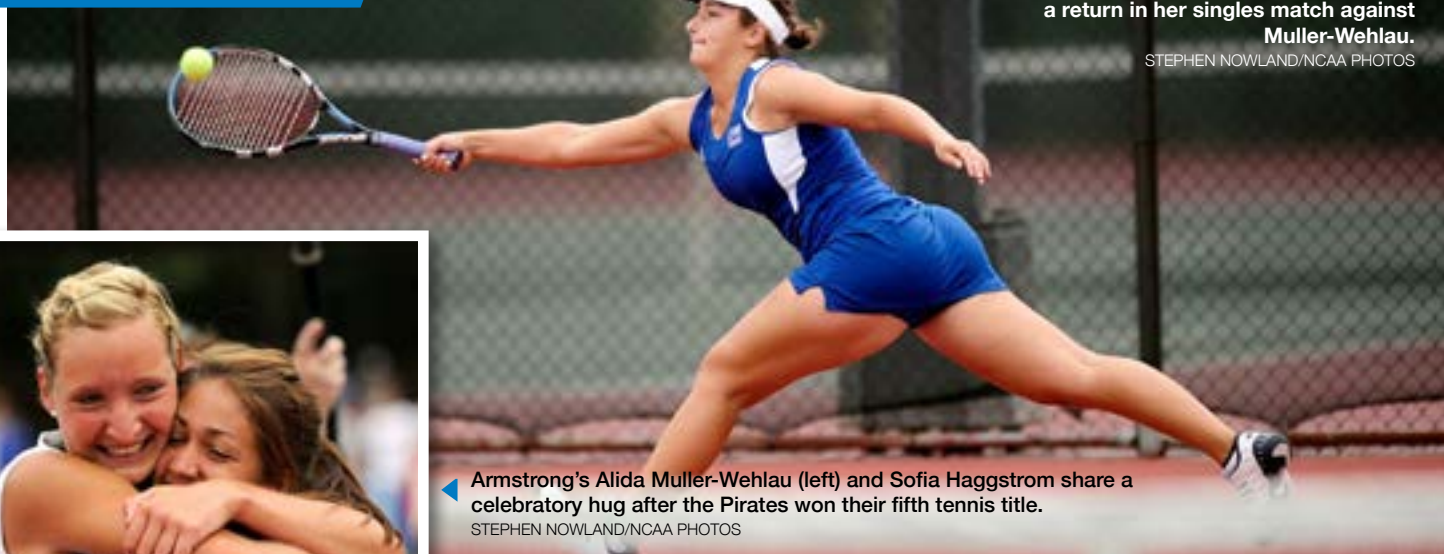
No. 1: Tim Johannsen (Armstrong) def. Patrick Rittenauer (Barry), 6-2, 6-3
 No. 2: Ales Svigelj (Barry) vs. Robert Jendelund (Armstrong), 7-6 (7-3), 3-3 (did not finish)
 No. 3: Emmanuel Fraitzl (Barry) vs. Paul Bishop (Armstrong), 6-4, 4-1 (did not finish)
 No. 4: Andrew Sharnov (Barry) vs. Rafael Array (Armstrong), 6-4, 2-3 (did not finish)
 No. 5: Christian Bergh, (Armstrong) def. Roman Werschel (Barry), 6-2, 6-2
 No. 6: Manuel Lauter (Barry) vs. Davor Zink (Armstrong), 2-6, 3-3 (did not finish)



Armstrong's Tim Johannsen reaches for a return during his No. 1 singles win over Patrick Rittenauer of Barry (in photo at left). Johannsen also teamed with Rafael Array to dispatch Rittenauer and Ales Svigelj in the No. 1 doubles match.

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WOMEN'S TENNIS



Lynn's Katerina Jiskrova chases down a return in her singles match against Muller-Wehlau.

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Armstrong's Alida Muller-Wehlau (left) and Sofia Haggstrom share a celebratory hug after the Pirates won their fifth tennis title.

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SEMIFINALS

Lynn 5, Valdosta State 2
 Armstrong 5, Brigham Young Hawaii 1

CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH

Armstrong 5, Lynn 2

Doubles

No. 1: Gabrielle Kovacs / Julia Stupak (Armstrong), def. Victoria Weltz / Alexandra Schunk (Lynn), 9-8 (8-6)
 No. 2: Martina Beckmann / Alida Muller-Wehlau (Armstrong) def. Magdalena Ekert / Katerina Jiskrova (Lynn), 8-6
 No. 3: Johanna Dahlback / Alisa Kagukina (Armstrong) def. Alisson Siaci / Eleonora Ionozi (Lynn), 8-1

Singles

No. 1: Iulia Stupak (Armstrong) def. Victoria Weltz (Lynn), 6-0, 0-1
 No. 2: Johanna Dahlback (Armstrong) vs. Alexandra Schunk (Lynn), 6-5 (did not finish)
 No. 3: Alida Muller-Wehlau (Armstrong) def. Katerina Jiskrova (Lynn), 6-2, 6-1
 No. 4: Gabriella Kovacs (Armstrong) vs. Alisson Siaci (Lynn), 6-4, 5-1 (did not finish)
 No. 5: Magdalena Ekert (Lynn) def. Martina Beckmann (Armstrong), 6-3, 6-3
 No. 6: Eleonora Ionozi (Lynn) def. Alisa Kagukina (Armstrong), 6-3, 6-1

ROUND OF 16

Hawaii Pacific 5, Northwood 3
 Valdosta State 5, Slippery Rock 0
 Lynn 5, Southwest Baptist 0
 Francis Marion 5, Abilene Christian 4
 Brigham Young Hawaii 5, Drury 0
 West Florida 5, California (Pennsylvania) 1
 Barry 5, Northwest Missouri State 0
 Armstrong 5, Incarnate Word 0

QUARTERFINALS

Valdosta State 5, Hawaii Pacific 0
 Lynn 5, Francis Marion 0
 Brigham Young Hawaii 5, West Florida 1
 Armstrong 5, Barry 1



OLYMPIC-STYLE ATMOSPHERE



In addition to the opening and closing ceremonies and the community engagement at DII festivals, establishing an Olympic-style atmosphere has been an intentional hallmark.

If the overall goal for the festival was to create an enhanced student-athlete experience that eclipsed not only the regular-season contests and conference championships but also an individual NCAA championship, then creating a festive atmosphere that places student-athletes from all competing teams in an “NCAA village” was the modus operandi for festival organizers from the outset.

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Myles Brand, president of the NCAA

TEAM CHAMPIONS

Men's Indoor Track and Field	Saint Augustine's University
Women's Indoor Track and Field	Lincoln University (Missouri)
Men's Swimming and Diving	Drury University
Women's Swimming and Diving	Drury University
Wrestling	University of Nebraska Omaha

MEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING

TEAM STANDINGS (TOP 10)

1. Drury, 543
2. Wayne State (Michigan), 504.5
3. Missouri S&T, 320.5
4. Limestone, 279.5
5. Ouachita Baptist, 259
6. Wingate, 230
7. UC San Diego, 221.5
8. Tampa, 199
9. Grand Valley State, 191
10. West Chester, 172

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS

50-yard freestyle

Goran Majlat, Limestone, 19.63

100-yard freestyle

Dan Perdew, UC San Diego, 43.30 (meet record; old record 43.73, Ben Michaelson, Southern Connecticut State, 2003)

200-yard freestyle

Sergiy Bilov, Drury, 1:36.74

500-yard freestyle

Aliaksandr Yatsko, Incarnate Word, 4:22.82

1,000-yard freestyle

Mitch Snyder, Drury, 8:57.06 (meet record; old record 9:02.04, Henrik Weible, Drury, 2005)

1,650-yard freestyle

Mitch Snyder, Drury, 15:00.51 (meet record; old record 15:07.80, Rodrigo Cintra, North Dakota, 2002)

100-yard backstroke

Radu Badalac, Ouachita Baptist, 48.08

200-yard backstroke

Sean Smith, Wayne State (Michigan), 1:44.89 (meet record; old record 1:45.45, Emre Celik, Henderson State, 2005)

100-yard breaststroke

Aleksander Hetland, Tampa, 52.43 (meet record; old record 53.90, Hetland, 2009 [set in preliminaries])

200-yard breaststroke

Zlatan Hamzic, Missouri S&T, 1:58.03

100-yard butterfly

Duarte Mourao, Wayne State (Michigan), 47.25

200-yard butterfly

Duarte Mourao, Wayne State (Michigan), 1:44.54

200-yard individual medley

Aleksander Hetland, Tampa, 1:46.03 (meet record; old record 1:47.22, Duarte Mourao, Wayne State [Michigan], 2009 [set in preliminaries])

400-yard individual medley

Kyrillo Fesenko, Drury, 3:49.17 (meet record; old record 3:50.31, Jakub Jiracek, Drury, 2006)

One-meter diving

Nate Jimerson, St. Cloud State, 522.95

Three-meter diving

Logan Pearsall, Clarion, 504.25

200-yard freestyle relay

Limestone (Craig Jordens, Matt Parsonage, Anders Melin, Goran Majlat), 1:19.25 (meet record; old record 1:19.74, Limestone [Jordens, Parsonage, Melin, Majlat], 2009 [set in preliminaries])

400-yard freestyle relay

Drury (Sergiy Bilov, Gil Panchoo,

Chris Kohler, Yiwen Huang), 2:56.63 (meet record; old record 2:56.67, Drury [Bilov, Panchoo, Kohler, Huang], 2009 [set in preliminaries])

800-yard freestyle relay

Drury (Sergiy Bilov, Alexander Protsenko, Kyrillo Fesenko, Michael Winiewicz), 6:30.77 (meet record; old record 6:34.57, Cal State Bakersfield [Greg Mroz, Kyle Simas, Seth Dawson, Piotr Gegotek], 2004)

200-yard medley relay

Ouachita Baptist (Nelson Silva, Hal Eubanks, Max Heinze, Radu Badalac), 1:27.25 (meet record; old record 1:28.04, Ouachita Baptist [Silva, Eubanks, Heinze, Badalac], 2009 [set in preliminaries])

400-yard medley relay

Wayne State (Michigan) (Sean Smith, Jesper Akesson, Duarte Mourao, Sebastian Rzepa), 3:14.15 (meet record; old record 3:16.23, Ouachita Baptist [Nelson Silva, Razuan Goga, Daniel Karkoshka, Radu Badalac], 2009 [set in preliminaries])



Drury's Mitch Snyder dominated the distance freestyles, winning both the 1,000 and 1,650 for a third straight year.

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NCAA PHOTOS



Sean Smith of Wayne State (Michigan) set a meet record in winning the 200-yard backstroke. The victory helped the Warriors finish second behind Drury in the team standings.

DAVE EINSEL/NCAA PHOTOS

Drury's Jing Hua got plenty of love from her teammates after winning the 100-yard freestyle and the 100-yard backstroke, and participating on three winning relay teams to help the Panthers win their sixth overall team title.

DAVE EINSEL/NCAA PHOTOS

WOMEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING

TEAM STANDINGS (TOP 10)

1. Drury, 618.5
2. Wayne State (Michigan), 453.5
3. UC San Diego, 425
4. Truman, 333
5. West Chester, 233
6. Ouachita Baptist, 223
7. Clarion, 210.5
8. St. Cloud State, 158
9. Grand Valley State, 153.5
10. Henderson State, 146

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS

50-yard freestyle

Eunate Garro, Drury, 22.80 (Garro set meet record of 22.64 in preliminaries; old record 22.72 Loni Burton, Cal St. Bakersfield, 2005)

100-yard freestyle

Jing Hua, Drury, 49.82

200-yard freestyle

Jessie Bardin, Tampa, 1:47.75

500-yard freestyle

Ashley St. Andrew, Wayne State (Michigan), 4:51.44

1,000-yard freestyle

Ashley St. Andrew, Wayne State (Michigan), 9:54.97

1,650-yard freestyle

Erin Dolan, Drury, 16:40.18

100-yard backstroke

Jing Hua, Drury, 53.88 (meet record; old record 54.73, Hua, 2007)

200-yard backstroke

Yuan Qing Li, Drury, 1:57.48 (meet record; old record 1:58.38, Ali Petersen, Omaha, 2002)

100-yard breaststroke

Courtney Roberts, Wayne State (Michigan), 1:03.05

200-yard breaststroke

Kendall Bohn, UC San Diego, 2:15.55

100-yard butterfly

Janelle Slattery, Drury, 53.76 (meet record; old record 53.82, Kathrin Dumitru, West Chester, 2006)

200-yard butterfly

Yuan Qing Li, Drury, 1:59.69 (meet record; old record 1:59.82, Li, 2009 [set in preliminaries])

200-yard individual medley

Kate Aherne, Truman, 2:00.61 (meet record; old record 2:01.41, Aherne, 2009 [set in preliminaries])

400-yard individual medley

Yuan Qing Li, Drury, 4:15.76 (meet record; old record 4:18.03, Tammy Leane, West Chester, 2006)

One-meter diving

Kayla Kelosky, Clarion, 440.60

Three-meter diving

Kayla Kelosky, Clarion, 456.75

200-yard freestyle relay

Drury (Eunate Garro, Jing Hua, Kelsey Ward, Yuan Qing Li), 1:32.00 (meet record; old record 1:33.14, Drury [Jing Hua, Janelle Slattery, Eunate Garro, Mariana de Oliveira], 2003)

400-yard freestyle relay

Drury (Jing Hua, Kelsey Ward, Yuan Qing Li, Eunate Garro), 3:21.28 (meet record; old record 3:22.82, Truman [Liz Hug, Sara Hatcher, Diana Betsworth, Sarah Dance], 2003)

800-yard freestyle relay

Drury (Jing Hua, Janelle Slattery, Li Tao, Yuan Qing Li), 7:21.89 (meet record; old record 7:23.60, Truman [Liz Hug, Bridget Riley, Sarah Dance, Diana Betsworth], 2002)

200-yard medley relay

UC San Diego (Anju Shimura, Sadie O'Brien, Jessica Ferguson, Aubrey Panis), 1:42.56 (meet record of 1:42.30 set by Drury [Janelle Slattery, Xaio Juan You, Li Tao, Keegan Wagstaff] in preliminaries; old record 1:42.38, Drury [Janelle Slattery, Kristie Rose, Li Tao, Kelsey Ward], 2008)

400-yard medley relay

Drury (Janelle Slattery, Xaio Juan You, Li Tao, Eunate Garro), 3:43.11 (meet record; old record 3:44.36, Ouachita Baptist [Sarah Watson, Jenny Christensen, Ksenia Gromova, Trina May], 2009 [set in preliminaries])



Kendall Bohn of UC San Diego successfully defended her title in the 200-yard breaststroke.

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Clarion sophomore Kayla Kelosky swept the diving events.

DAVE EINSEL/NCAA PHOTOS

Josh Scott was a major factor in Saint Augustine's winning its 11th men's indoor team title, capturing the 200- and 400-meter dashes and anchoring the Falcons' champion 1,600-meter relay.

STEPHEN NOWLAND/NCAA PHOTOS

Pittsburg State's Brian Allen placed second in the shot put to help the Gorillas finish eighth in the team standings.

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MEN'S INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD

TEAM STANDINGS (TOP 10)

1. Saint Augustine's, 105
2. Adams State, 80
3. Abilene Christian, 62
4. Ashland, 39
5. Lincoln (Missouri), 37
6. Central Missouri, 36
7. Western State, 24
8. Pittsburg State, 20
9. Colorado Mines, 18
10. (tie) Harding, 14
MSU Denver, 14

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS

60-meter dash

Kawayne Fisher, Lincoln (Missouri), 6.64

200-meter dash

Josh Scott, Saint Augustine's, 21.52

400-meter dash

Josh Scott, Saint Augustine's, 47.33

800-meter run

Anthony Luna, MSU Denver, 1:51.99

Mile run

Aaron Braun, Adams State, 4:10.60

5,000-meter run

Michael Crouch, Queens (North Carolina), 14:12.58

60-meter high hurdles

Andrew McDowell, Abilene Christian, 7.92

1,600-meter relay

Saint Augustine's (Rashaud Johnston, Antonio Abney, Travon Lee, Josh Scott), 3:12.42

Distance medley relay

Colorado Mines (Ben Zywicki, Mark Husted, Nick Maynard, Mack McLain), 9:57.56

High jump

Joe Kindred, Saint Augustine's, 2.21 (7-3)

Pole vault

Dan Tierney, Ashland, 5.41 (17-9)

Long jump

Joe Kindred, Saint Augustine's, 7.52 (24-8 1/4)

Triple jump

Josh Honeycutt, Emporia State, 15.38 (50-5 1/2)

Shot put

Matt Gersick, Adams State, 17.99 (59-0 1/2)

Weight throw

Drew Frizzell, Central Missouri, 20.90 (68-7)

Heptathlon

Camille Vandendriessche, Abilene Christian, 5,448

Anthony Luna of MSU-Denver was about a second and a half faster than runner-up Drew Graham of Adams State in the 800 meters.

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WOMEN'S INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD

TEAM STANDINGS (TOP 10)

1. Lincoln (Missouri), 100.5
2. Grand Valley State, 48
3. Central Missouri, 41
4. Ashland, 37.5
5. Omaha, 37
6. Seattle Pacific, 35
7. Saint Augustine's, 32
8. Abilene Christian, 21
9. Western Washington, 20
10. Minnesota State Mankato, 19

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS

60-meter dash

Barbara Pierre, St. Augustine's, 7.27 (meet record; old record 7.29, Pierre, 2009 [set in preliminaries])

200-meter dash

Samoy Hackett, Lincoln (Missouri), 23.83

400-meter dash

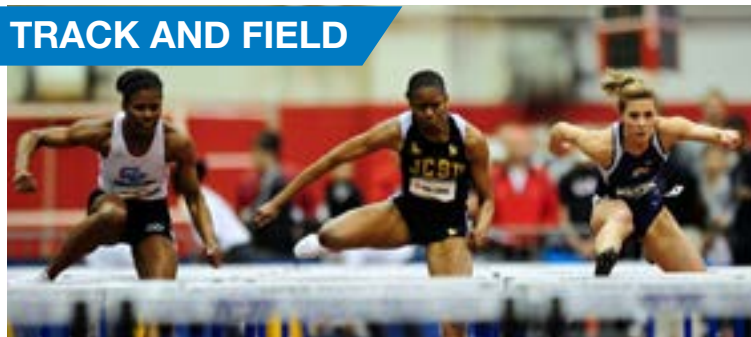
Pinar Saka, Omaha, 55.582

800-meter run

Ashley Puga, Northwest Nazarene, 2:07.63

Mile run

Jessica Pixler, Seattle Pacific, 4:43.69



Shermaine Williams (center) of Johnson C. Smith won her second straight title in the 60-meter hurdles, setting a meet record in the preliminaries.

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5,000-meter run

Jessica Pixler, Seattle Pacific, 16:22.642

60-meter high hurdles

Shermaine Williams, Johnson C. Smith, 8.20 (meet record of 8.07 set by Williams in preliminaries; old record 8.23, Williams, 2008)

1,600-meter relay

Omaha (Shannon Moore, Kayla Koepke, Anja Puc, Pinar Saka), 3:46.66

Distance medley relay

Shippensburg (Mary Dell, Shannon Hare, Abigail Huber, Neely Spence), 11:24.54 (meet record; old record 11:29.89, Grand Valley St. [Susie

Rivard, Micaela Mayer, Katherine McCarthy, Mandi Zemba], 2007)

High jump

Jenna Schmidt, Central Missouri, 1.77 (5-9 3/4)

Pole vault

Katie Nageotte, Ashland, 4.25 (13-11 1/4)

Long jump

Katelin Rains, Minnesota State Mankato, 4.20 (13-9 1/4)

Triple jump

Emily Warman, Western Washington, 11.96 (39-3)



Seattle Pacific's Jessica Pixler won two events, including the mile run for a third consecutive time.

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Shot put

Krissy Tandle, Central Washington, 14.87 (48-9 1/2)

Weight throw

Tara Cooper, Ashland, 19.77 (64-10 1/2)

Pentathlon

Anne Carlson, Central Missouri, 3,830

Gannon's Kevin McElehane (top) and Minnesota State's Tommy Abbott battle it out in a 149-pound semifinal match. Abbott went on to win the championship match over Christopher Freije of Western State.
JOSHUA DUPLICHIAN/NCAA PHOTOS



WRESTLING

TEAM STANDINGS (TOP 10)

1. Omaha, 146.5
2. Newberry, 80.5
3. Minnesota State Mankato, 71.5
4. Nebraska-Kearney, 65
5. Adams State, 62
6. Central Oklahoma, 60.5
7. Western State, 54
8. St. Cloud State, 44
9. Mercyhurst, 41
10. Upper Iowa, 37

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS

125-Pound Class

Arsenia Barksdale, Adams State, def. Thomas Edgmon, Fort Hays State, 3-1

133-Pound Class

Joe Kemmerer, Kutztown, def. Shane Valko, Pittsburgh-Johnstown, 2-1 (tiebreaker)

141-Pound Class

Doug Surra, West Liberty, def. Raymond Dunning, Adams State, 5-3

149-Pound Class

Tommy Abbott, Minnesota State Mankato, def. Christopher Freije, Western State, 6-5

157-Pound Class

Todd Meneely, Omaha, def. Travis Eggers, Upper Iowa, 4-2 (sudden victory)

165-Pound Class

Josh Shields, Mercyhurst, def. Aaron Denson, Omaha, 5-0

174-Pound Class

Brett Hunter, Chadron State, def. Kamarudeen Usman, Nebraska-Kearney, 3-2

184-Pound Class

Kyle Sand, Adams State, def. Brent Pankoke, Omaha, 6-4 (sudden victory)

197-Pound Class

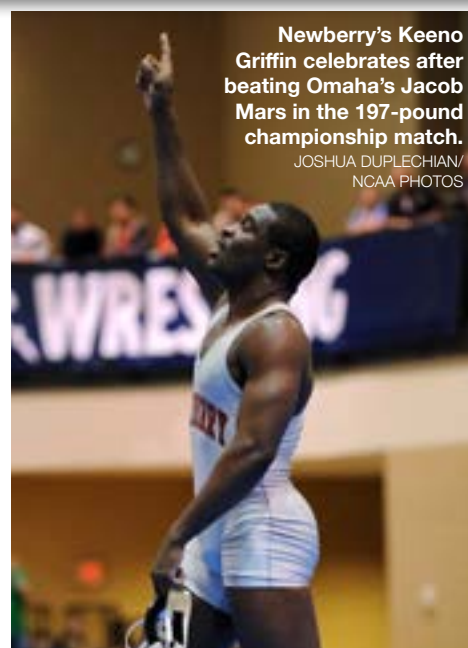
Keeno Griffin, Newberry, def. Jacob Marrs, Omaha, 3-2

Heavyweight Class

Cy Wainwright, Newberry, def. Dustin Finn, Central Oklahoma, 6-4



Todd Meneely of Omaha tosses Upper Iowa's Travis Eggers during the 157-pound final. Meneely won the match to help the Mavericks win their fourth team title in six years.
JOSHUA DUPLICHIAN/NCAA PHOTOS



Newberry's Keeno Griffin celebrates after beating Omaha's Jacob Marrs in the 197-pound championship match.
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TEAM CHAMPIONS

Men's Cross Country	Adams State University
Women's Cross Country	Grand Valley State University
Field Hockey	University of Mass.-Lowell
Men's Soccer	Northern Kentucky University
Women's Soccer	Grand Valley State University
Women's Volleyball	Concordia University, St. Paul

"We know we have a winning formula with the festival. If you're a practical type, we have reams of survey data to prove the point, but for most of you, that shouldn't be necessary. Just experience the week and you'll see why the festivals have become such an important thread within Division II's unique fabric."

Drew Bogner, president of Molloy College and chair of the Division II Presidents Council

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

QUARTERFINALS

Concordia-St. Paul def. Cal State San Bernardino, 3-0
Dowling def. Clarion, 3-0
Tampa def. Grand Valley State, 3-0
Central Missouri def. Wingate, 3-0

SEMIFINALS

Concordia-St. Paul def. Dowling, 3-0
Tampa def. Central Missouri, 3-0

ELITE 88 HONOREE: Grace Krauser, sophomore, Wingate, Sociology (4.0 GPA)

CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH

Concordia-St. Paul 25 23 26 25
Tampa 23 25 24 10

Statistical leaders

Kills: Concordia-St. Paul – Cassie Haag 22;
Tampa – Kaleigh Cunningham 14.

Assists: Concordia-St. Paul – Amanda Konetchy 55;
Tampa – Meghan Sherman 47.

Digs: Concordia-St. Paul – Megan Carlson 14;
Tampa – Melissa Vanderhall 11.



Tampa's Danielle Selkridge fought to keep the Spartans close throughout, which they were until the fourth set. "Set 4 was not indicative of the match," said Tampa coach Chris Catanach. "We're not even going to remember Set 4. I'm really proud of our kids. I thought we were right there."

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The Concordia-St. Paul duo of Emily Palkert (at left) and Cassie Haag (at right) combined for 42 kills to help the Golden Bears notch a fourth straight title. Palkert, a senior, finished her collegiate career never having lost a title. "I don't think anyone goes out expecting to do that in their career," she said. "It's amazing not only to have a season like this in athletics but also to make best friends like I have and to get close to girls like this and have great coaches like this."

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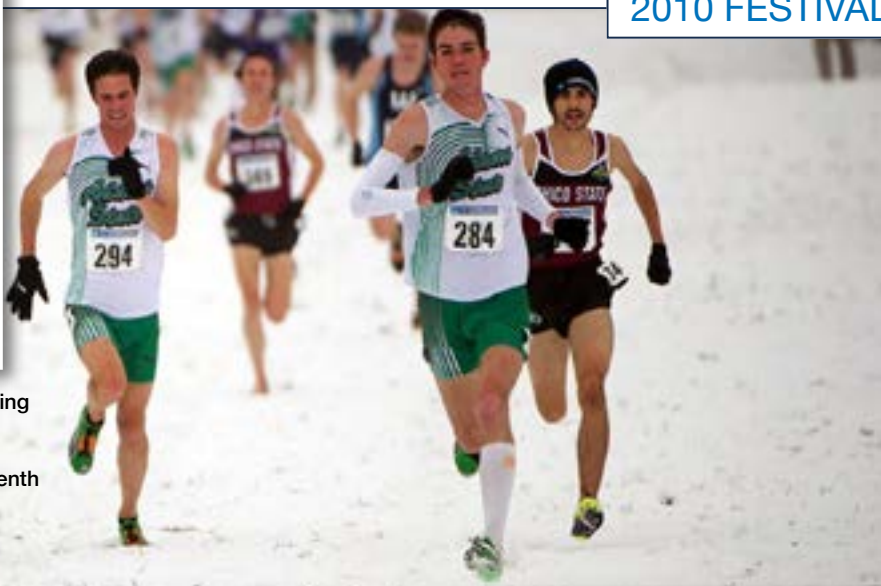
Drury's Jamie Villa Zapatero used the snow to cool off after the race.

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Fifth-year senior Brandon Birdsong's (No. 284) surprising fourth-place finish helped Adams State claim its third straight team title. "He's been our No. 6 or 7 runner all year long," coach Damon Martin said. "He's not a seventh runner any more. I'm damned proud of him."

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MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

TEAM STANDINGS (TOP 10)

1. Adams State, 57 (Team member place finishes*: Brandon Birdsong 4; Ryan McNiff 6; Luke Cragg 11; Craig Huffer 14; Keegan Calmes 22)
2. Western State, 102
3. Grand Valley State, 135
4. Colorado Mines, 161
5. Chico State, 181
6. Augustana (South Dakota), 232
7. Shippensburg, 246
8. Alaska Anchorage, 262
9. Western Washington, 269
10. Southern Indiana, 271

*Based among runners with institutions vying for the team championship; does not include runners competing on an individual basis

INDIVIDUAL STANDINGS (TOP 10)

1. Michael Crouch, Queens (North Carolina), 30:43.2
2. Meshack Koyiaki, Columbus State, 30:46.9
3. Jeff Veiga, UMass Lowell, 30:52.8
4. Brandon Birdsong, Adams State, 31:00.6
5. Isaac Chavez, Chico State, 31:00.8
6. Ryan McNiff, Adams State, 31:00.8
7. Brent Handa, Chico State, 31:05.3
8. Jordan Welling, Western Washington, 31:06.2
9. Amos Sang, Abilene Christian, 31:10.5
10. Gabriel Proctor, Western State, 31:10.7

ELITE 88 HONOREE: Matthew Braithwaite, senior, Augustana (South Dakota), Biology (4.0 GPA)



Michael Crouch of Queens (North Carolina), who had won only a single minor race all season, finished strong to win the individual championship.

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WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

As if he wasn't cold enough already, Grand Valley State head coach Jerry Baltes gets an ice bath after his team won its first title. "All seven of our ladies ran well," Baltes said. "We had seven in the top 35, and seven in the top 25 team scoring, so that's just an outstanding effort."

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TEAM STANDINGS (TOP 10)

1. Grand Valley State, 66 (Team member place finishes*: Katherine McCarthy 4, Megan Maceratini 7, Rebecca Winchester 16, Kysten Cieslak 19, Julia Nowak 20)
2. Hillsdale, 115
3. Minnesota Duluth, 118
4. Adams State, 125
5. Augustana (South Dakota), 206
6. Wayne State (Michigan), 219
7. Simon Fraser, 225
8. Alaska Anchorage, 280
9. Roberts Wesleyan, 295
10. Colorado Mines, 350

*Based among runners with institutions vying for the team championship; does not include runners competing on an individual basis

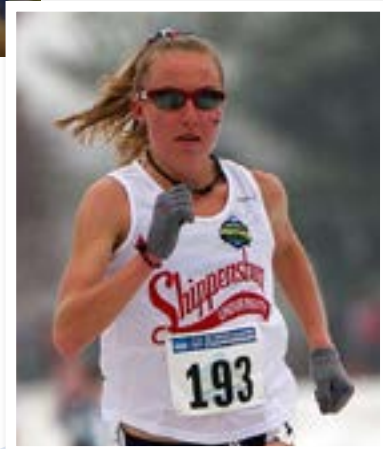
INDIVIDUAL STANDINGS (TOP 10)

1. Neely Spence, Shippensburg, 20:41.2
2. Sarah Porter, Western Washington, 20:56.1
3. Lauren Kleppin, Western State, 21:04.5
4. Katherine McCarthy, Grand Valley State, 21:10.6
5. Morgan Place, Minnesota Duluth, 21:13.9
6. Kristen McGlynn, Adams State, 21:16.3
7. Ruth Keino, Alaska Anchorage, 21:20.8
8. Alexis Skarda, Colorado Mesa, 21:33.3
9. Megan Maceratini, Grand Valley State, 21:34.3
10. Meghan Gilmore, Palm Beach Atlantic, 21:35.8

ELITE 88 HONOREE: Victoria Kline, senior, Missouri Southern State, Education (4.0 GPA)

Shippensburg's Neely Spence won the individual championship, a title she would successfully defend in 2011. "Time didn't really matter today in the snow and conditions," Spence said, "so I wanted to stay in control as much as possible. At about 4K is where I took control of the race and at that point I decided I was just going to sort of hammer to the finish."

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FIELD HOCKEY

SEMIFINALS

UMass Lowell 5, Stonehill 1
Shippensburg 1, Bloomsburg 0

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

UMass Lowell 1, Shippensburg 0
UMass Lowell 0 1-1
Shippensburg 0 0-0

Scoring Summary

ML – Liz Day (Sammy Macy), 22:46

Bre White (left), Taylor Jones (center) and Kristen Brooks helped Shippensburg win a record 21 games during the 2010 season and advance to the championship final for the first time, but UMass Lowell ended up celebrating the title (below) after a 1-0 conquest in Louisville. Brooks won the championship's academic accolade, being named the Elite 90 recipient (then the Elite 88) during the festival's opening ceremony.

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Shots: UMass Lowell 3, Shippensburg 13.

Corners: UMass Lowell 4, Shippensburg 12.

Saves: UMass Lowell 7 (Melanie Hopkins 6, Team 1), Shippensburg 0.

Penalty Corners: UMass Lowell 4, Shippensburg 12.

ELITE 88 HONOREE: Kristen Brooks, senior, Shippensburg, Management (3.971 GPA)





MEN'S SOCCER

SEMIFINALS

Rollins 2, Midwestern State 1
Northern Kentucky 4, Dowling 1

CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH

Northern Kentucky 3, Rollins 2
Northern Kentucky 2 1-3
Rollins 0 2-2

Scoring summary

NK – Jack Little (Paul Andrews), 9:06
NK – Jordan Grant (unassisted), 32:59
R – Adam New (Kevin Boone), 47:54
R – Jack Clifford (unassisted), 51:14
NK – Michael Holder (Anthony Meyer), 64:16

Shots: Northern Kentucky 11,
Rollins 14.

Corner kicks: Northern Kentucky 3,
Rollins 8.

Saves: Northern Kentucky (Michael Lavric) 9, Rollins (Keniel Baker) 6.

ELITE 88 HONOREE: Vladimir Milosavljevic, junior, Dowling, Finance Accounting (4.0 GPA)

▲ Adam New (right) of Rollins and Northern Kentucky's Paul Andrews jump for a header during the final. The players from Rollins, located in Winter Park, Florida, struggled with the early December snow showers in Louisville. "We did the best we possibly could in difficult conditions," said Rollins coach Keith Buckley. "We tried to play a normal way and it wasn't working."

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NCAA PHOTOS

▼ Northern Kentucky goalie Michael Lavric was stellar down the stretch, rejecting two point-blank shots to protect the 3-2 championship victory. "Those two saves were the game-winner, period," said Norse head coach John Basalyga.

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NCAA PHOTOS



WOMEN'S SOCCER

SEMIFINALS

Grand Valley State 2, Florida Tech 0
UC San Diego 1, Saint Rose 0

CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH

Grand Valley State 4, UC San Diego 0
Grand Valley State 2 2-4
UC San Diego 0 0-0

Scoring summary

GVS – Erin Mruz (Kayla Addison), 20:34
GVS – Megan Brown (unassisted), 37:18
GVS – Jaleen Dingledine (Ashley Botts), 55:07
GVS – Addison (corner kick), 78:30

Shots: Grand Valley State 14, UC San Diego 9.

Corner kicks: Grand Valley State 4, UC San Diego 6.

Saves: Grand Valley State (Chelsea Parise) 0, UC San Diego (Kristin Armstrong) 4.

ELITE 88 HONOREE: Kelly Guerin, senior, Saint Rose, Biology (3.92 GPA)

▲ Kayla Addison assisted on the first goal and scored the fourth – her 20th on the season – in Grand Valley State's 4-0 conquest of UC San Diego in the women's soccer final.

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NCAA PHOTOS

▼ Kristen Eible hoists the Lakers' second straight women's soccer championship trophy. The 2010 Lakers set a Division II record for shutouts in a season with 21 and held opponents to just five goals all season.

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NCAA PHOTOS





2012 Louisville Spring Sports

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Louisville Sports Commission

TEAM CHAMPIONS

Men's Golf	Nova Southeastern University
Women's Golf	Nova Southeastern University
Women's Lacrosse	Long Island University/LIU Post
Softball	Valdosta State University
Men's Tennis	Armstrong State University
Women's Tennis	Armstrong State University

"This community has a long history of wrapping its arms around big athletics events when they come to town, and we know how to treat the Division II Festival just like it's a Breeder's Cup or Kentucky Derby or Ryder Cup. We understand the NCAA philosophy – it's all about making sure the NCAA student-athlete has a great experience."

Karl Schmitt Jr., executive director of the Louisville Sports Commission

MEN'S TENNIS

ROUND OF 16

Hawaii Pacific 5, Shaw 0
Armstrong 5, Queens (New York) 0
Lynn 5, Western New Mexico 0
Abilene Christian 5, Northern Kentucky 0
Ouachita Baptist 5, Bluefield State 0
West Florida 5, Nebraska-Kearney 0
Grand Canyon 5, Concordia (New York) 4
Augusta University 5, Drury 2

QUARTERFINALS

Armstrong 5, Hawaii Pacific 1
Lynn 5, Abilene Christian 3
West Florida 6, Ouachita Baptist 1
Augusta University 5, Grand Canyon 4

SEMIFINALS

Armstrong 5, Lynn 0
West Florida 5, Augusta University 0

The Pirates celebrate their loot after claiming a third title.

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CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH

Armstrong 5, West Florida 0

Doubles

No. 1: Mikk Irdoja / Georgi Rumenov (Armstrong) def. Kevin Ducros / Bruno Savi (West Florida), 8-5
No. 2: Sven Lalic / Pedro Scocuglia (Armstrong) def. Leandro Ferreira / Andrey Pozhidaev (West Florida), 8-2
No. 3: Eudaldo Bonet / Matus Mydla (Armstrong) def. Mike Lue / Domenico Sano (West Florida), 8-6.

Singles

No. 1: Georgi Rumenov (Armstrong) def. Kevin Ducros (West Florida), 6-4, 6-4
No. 2: Eudaldo Bonet (Armstrong) vs. Bruno Savi (West Florida), 6-4, 3-4 (did not finish)
No. 3: Mikk Irdoja (Armstrong) vs. Andrey Pozhidaev (West Florida), 6-4, 1-6, 1-2 (did not finish)
No. 4: Matus Mydla (Armstrong) def. Leandro Ferreira (West Florida), 6-2, 6-4
No. 5: Sven Lalic (Armstrong) vs. Elio Latela (West Florida), 6-3, 5-5 (did not finish)
No. 6: Pedro Scocuglia (Armstrong) vs. Domenico Sano (West Florida), 6-3, 3-3 (did not finish)

ELITE 89 HONOREE: Elite 90 Honoree: Ji Hoon Heo, sophomore, Hawaii Pacific, International Studies (3.92 GPA)



▲ Georgi Rumenov celebrates after defeating West Florida's Kevin Ducros in the No. 1 singles match.

JOE ROBBINS/ NCAA PHOTOS

▼ Bruno Savi fought fiercely in his No. 2 singles match against Armstrong's Eudaldo Bonet that was not completed.

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Marlen Hacke helped Armstrong's march to a seventh title by winning at No. 2 doubles and No. 5 singles.

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NCAA PHOTOS

WOMEN'S TENNIS

ROUND OF 16

Abilene Christian 5, Indiana (Pennsylvania) 0
Lynn 5, Queens (New York) 0
Brigham Young Hawaii 5, Nebraska-Kearney 0
Columbus State 5, Lewis 0
Hawaii Pacific 5, Colorado Mesa 0
Armstrong 5, Drury 0
California (Pennsylvania) 5, Cameron 2
Barry 5, District of Columbia 2

QUARTERFINALS

Abilene Christian 5, Lynn 1
Brigham Young Hawaii 5, Columbus State 0
Armstrong 5, Hawaii Pacific 1
Barry 5, California (Pennsylvania) 2

SEMIFINALS

Brigham Young Hawaii 5, Abilene Christian 0
Armstrong 5, Barry 2

CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH

Armstrong 5, Brigham Young Hawaii 2

Doubles

No. 1: Annie Hwang / Sherry Liu (Brigham Young Hawaii) def. Aleksandra Filipovski / Barbora Krtickova (Armstrong), 8-1
No. 2: Marlen Hacke / Olga Kalodzitsa (Armstrong) def. Yuan Jia / Marietta Tuionetoea (Brigham Young Hawaii), 8-5
No. 3: Kathleen Henry / Clara Perez (Armstrong) def. Marika Kobayashi / Tanja Rebholz (Brigham Young Hawaii), 8-5

Singles

No. 1: Annie Hwang (Brigham Young Hawaii) def. Barbora Krtickova (Armstrong), 6-3, 6-1
No. 2: Aleksandra Filipovski (Armstrong) vs. Sherry Liu (Brigham Young Hawaii), 6-1, 2-6, 1-2 (did not finish)
No. 3: Olga Kalodzitsa (Armstrong) vs. Yuan Jia (Brigham Young Hawaii), 6-4, 1-6, 3-4 (did not finish)
No. 4: Kathleen Henry (Armstrong) def. Tanja Rebholz (Brigham Young Hawaii), 6-4, 7-6(2)
No. 5: Marlen Hacke (Armstrong) def. Marika Kobayashi (Brigham Young Hawaii), 6-1, 7-6(4)
No. 6: Clara Perez (Armstrong) def. Marietta Tuionetoea (Brigham Young Hawaii), 6-2, 6-4

ELITE 89 HONOREE: Tabtip Louhabanjong, sophomore, Indiana (Pennsylvania), Foreign Language, Literatures and Linguistics (4.0 GPA)



Annie Hwang won her singles match against Armstrong's Barbora Krtickova.

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Mackenzie O'Keefe battles through Pioneer defenders to score one of her two goals.

BILL LUSTER/NCAA PHOTOS



WOMEN'S LACROSSE

SEMIFINALS

LIU Post 15, Le Moyne 10
West Chester 17, Rollins 10

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

LIU Post 17, West Chester 16
LIU Post 11 6 - 17
West Chester 7 9 - 16

LIU Post goals: Jackie Sileo 6; Nan Mayott 4; Lauren Spagnoletta 3; Ashley Olen 2; Abbie Ross 1; Katie Rotan 1.

West Chester goals: Tori Dugan 5; Jamie Dolan 3; Lauren Glassey 3; MacKenzie O'Keefe 2; Nicole Pyle 1; Jacki Patterson 1; Theresa Giunta 1.

Shots: LIU Post 30, West Chester 29.

Saves: LIU Post (Dominique Mosca) 8, West Chester (Jess Henderson) 11.

ELITE 89 HONOREE: Liz Wilson, sophomore, West Chester, Special Education (3.934 GPA)

The Pioneers celebrate their third championship.

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Jackie Sileo reacts after scoring one of her six goals against West Chester in the championship game. The tournament's Most Outstanding Player added three assists to set a DII championship record with nine points.

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NCAA PHOTOS





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WOMEN'S GOLF

TEAM STANDINGS (TOP 10)

PAR 288 (1,152)

1. Nova Southeastern, 308-306-315-305 – 1,234 (Abbey Gittings, 72-75-78-73 – 298; Lilliana Cammisa, 76-76-76-73 – 301; Daniela Ortiz, 73-72-79-77 – 301; Claudia Wolf, 87-83-82-82 – 334)
2. Florida Southern, 314-315-309-316 – 1,254
3. Grand Canyon, 330-322-305-316 – 1,273
4. Barry, 329-324-308-323 – 1,284
5. Tarleton State, 338-322-309-322 – 1,291
6. California (Pennsylvania), 333-314-327-326 – 1,300
7. Grand Valley State, 331-316-315-339 – 1,301
8. Central Oklahoma, 322-331-328-322 – 1,303
9. Ulndy, 337-326-308-334 – 1,305
10. Augustana (South Dakota), 340-329-330-321 – 1,320

INDIVIDUAL STANDINGS (TOP 10)

PAR 72 (288)

1. Abbey Gittings, Nova Southeastern, 72-75-78-73 – 298
2. Meghan Moore, UNC Pembroke, 75-75-78-72 – 300
3. (tie) Lilliana Cammisa, Nova Southeastern, 76-76-76-73 – 301
Daniela Ortiz, Nova Southeastern, 73-72-79-77 – 301
5. (tie) Sarah Hoffman, Grand Valley State, 78-78-73-77 – 306
Chaney Uhles, Central Oklahoma, 76-79-75-76 – 306
7. Melanie Audette, Florida Southern, 74-80-74-79 – 307
8. Spencer Heller, Sonoma State, 78-76-77-77 – 308
9. Emily Kvidera, Augustana (South Dakota), 79-76-80-75 – 310
10. Erin Misheff, Ashland, 77-78-82-75 – 312

ELITE 89 HONOREE: Jenny Konop, sophomore, Ulndy, Biology (3.932 GPA)



Abbey Gittings (left) embraces head coach Amanda Brown after winning medalist honors.

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JOSHUA DUPLECHIAN/NCAA PHOTOS

Nova Southeastern swept the team titles in men's and women's golf, with the women winning a fourth straight crown and the men their first. Abbey Gittings (at left) led the way for the women, overcoming a back injury to birdie two of the last four holes and post a final-round 73 to finish atop the individual standings ahead of UNC Pembroke's Meghan Moore. The Sharks' Lilliana Cammisa and Daniela Ortiz tied for third. The men posted a 5-0 victory over Chico State in the head-to-head medal-play final. Ben Vertz (above) was among those to win head-to-head matches.

MEN'S GOLF

QUARTERFINALS

Chico State def. Central Missouri, 3-2
Cal State Stanislaus def. Georgia College, 3-2
Nova Southeastern def. South Carolina Aiken, 4-1
Central Oklahoma def. Barry, 3-2

SEMIFINALS

Chico State def. Cal State Stanislaus, 3.5-1.5
*Nova Southeastern def. Central Oklahoma, 2.5-2.5
*Won match and advanced to championship match via fewest-stroke tiebreaker

TEAM FINAL

Nova Southeastern 5, Chico State 0

Mitch Farrer (Nova Southeastern) def. Chris Doyle (Chico State), -8; Ben Vertz (Nova Southeastern) def. Bobby Bucey (Chico State), -1; Ricardo Celia (Nova Southeastern) def. Kevin Rei (Chico State), -1; Oscar Lengden (Nova Southeastern) def. Kyle Souza (Chico State), -2; Ben Taylor (Nova Southeastern) def. Eric Frazzetta (Chico State), -1

INDIVIDUAL STANDINGS (TOP 5)

Par 72 (216)

1. *Josh Creel, Central Oklahoma, 65-70-71 – 206
2. Jim Knous, Colorado School of Mines, 70-67-69 – 206
3. Ben Taylor, Nova Southeastern, 70-69-69 – 208
4. Daniel Stapff, Barry, 69-68-72 – 209
5. (tie) Eric Frazzetta, Chico State, 73-63-74 – 210
Zack Kempa, Indiana (Pennsylvania), 68-70-72 – 210
Ryan Trocchio, Georgia College, 70-73-67 – 210

*Won title in playoff

ELITE 89 HONOREE: Daniel Stapff, senior, Barry, Finance (3.918 GPA)



Central Oklahoma's Josh Creel won the individual championship on the men's side, rallying from two strokes back with four holes to play to tie Jim Knous of Colorado Mines and then besting Knous on the first hole of the sudden-death playoff.

JOSHUA DUPLECHIAN/NCAA PHOTOS

The Blazers raise the championship trophy to the fans that supported them on their journey to the top.

STEPHEN NOWLAND/NCAA PHOTOS

SOFTBALL

Game 1

Kutztown 4, Augustana (South Dakota) 0

Game 2

UC San Diego 7, Valdosta State 5

Game 3

Southern Connecticut State 3, Saint Joseph's (Indiana) 2

Game 4

Central Oklahoma 4, Flagler 2

Game 5

Valdosta State 5, Augustana (South Dakota) 4

Game 6

Saint Joseph's (Indiana) 5, Flagler 2

Game 7

Kutztown 1, UC San Diego 0

Game 8

Central Oklahoma 6, Southern Connecticut State 4

Game 9

Valdosta State 6, Southern Connecticut State 3

Game 10

UC San Diego 2, Saint Joseph's (Indiana) 1

Game 11

Valdosta State 3, Kutztown 1

Game 12

UC San Diego 4, Central Oklahoma 3

Game 13

Valdosta State 8, Kutztown 2

Game 14

UC San Diego 2, Central Oklahoma 0

Alanna Hadley led the Blazers in the circle, being named the tournament's Most Outstanding Player.

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Valdosta State's Courtney Albritton rounds third and heads for home after leading off the championship game with a home run.

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Maria Sykes cheers on her UC San Diego teammates.

STEPHEN NOWLAND/NCAA PHOTOS



CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Valdosta State 4, UC San Diego 1

UC San Diego 0 0 0 0 1 0 0-1 3 2

Valdosta State 1 0 0 1 0 2 x-4 9 1

Camille Gaito and Charly Swanberg; Alanna Hadley and Ashley Steinhilber. HR - Courtney Albritton (Valdosta State). W - Hadley; L - Gaito.

ELITE 89 HONOREE: Brianna Hancock, sophomore, Valdosta State, Accounting and Finance (3.95 GPA)



"With the festivals, it's never been just about the sport; it's always been the hard work and the learning that is involved for the student-athlete. The Division II folks have always connected those dots for our students."

Jamie Wyman, principal at Louisville's Carter Elementary School



LASTING ENGAGEMENT

DII student-athletes leave positive imprint on festival communities

Community engagement is a hallmark of the Division II experience, especially the Division II championships experience. The division conducts activities annually at all 25 national championship finals sites, but the engagement really shines at the festivals, as hundreds of student-athletes from various backgrounds interact with thousands of community members who view them as role models.

In some cases, the engagement is an eye-opener for the student-athletes who say they likely gained even more from the experience than the recipients did. In other cases, the athletes see a little of themselves in the children they visit.

Champayne Hess, a field hockey student-athlete at Millersville University of Pennsylvania, spent much of her childhood at a cost-free boarding school for low-income families. That resonated when she and her teammates visited Louisville's "Home of the Innocents," a nonprofit agency for children who have faced displacement or trauma.

"I understand these kids," Hess said. "It's easier to connect with people when you've had the same type of experience."

That happens routinely in DII community engagement, as all involved come away with a new and uplifting experience.

Division II student-athletes make that difference with visits to elementary schools, Boys and Girls Clubs, YMCAs, children's hospitals, elderly homes and military groups. While that's the extent of many community "service" projects, DII takes the additional step by inviting and facilitating community attendance at the championships. That leaves an even more lasting "engagement" for the community.



"We are committed to developing leaders through the powerful life lessons of inter-collegiate athletics. I for one am proud to be part of a division so committed to that type of engagement. We put our philosophy into action, and the rewards are obvious."

Jill Willson, coordinator of engagement activities at Division II championships



"It hits home with a lot of the athletes. They are so used to focusing on their competitions, but this element reveals a bigger picture and gives them a new perspective."

Katie Louis, director of membership services and outreach for the Golf Coaches Association of America, which helped organize the "Folds of Honor" military appreciation event during the 2016 men's golf championships in Denver.





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"Of the three seasons of festivals, the winter sports version is perhaps the most spectacular, just for the sheer breadth of the event. With almost 1,500 participants representing more than half of the Division II membership, the winter sports festival is not only Division II's largest championship event but also the NCAA's largest championship event."

Terri Steeb Gronau, NCAA vice president for Division II

TEAM CHAMPIONS

Men's Indoor Track and Field	Saint Augustine's University
Women's Indoor Track and Field	Academy of Art
Men's Swimming and Diving	Drury University
Women's Swimming and Diving	Drury University
Wrestling	University of Nebraska at Kearney

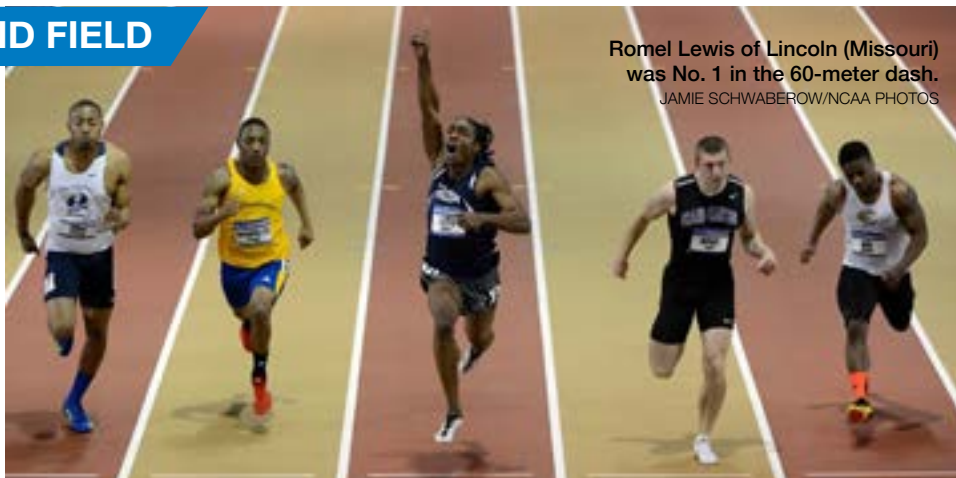
MEN'S INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD

TEAM STANDINGS (TOP 10)

1. Saint Augustine's, 72
2. Ashland, 59.5
3. Adams State, 55
4. Grand Valley State, 43.5
5. Minnesota State Mankato, 31
6. UIndy, 30
7. Central Missouri, 29
8. Texas A&M-Kingsville, 26
9. Lincoln (Missouri), 25
10. Grand Canyon, 24.5

- ▼ Dane Hyatt's win in the 400 meters helped Saint Augustine's win its 12th team title in men's indoor track and field.

STEPHEN NOWLAND/NCAA PHOTOS



Romel Lewis of Lincoln (Missouri) was No. 1 in the 60-meter dash.
JAMIE SCHWABEROW/NCAA PHOTOS

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS

60-meter dash

Romel Lewis, Lincoln (Missouri), 6.66

200-meter dash

Jermaine Jones, Saint Augustine's, 21.03

400-meter dash

Dane Hyatt, Saint Augustine's, 46.71

800-meter run

Drew Windle, Ashland, 1:48.75

Mile run

Tabor Stevens, Adams State, 4:04.10

3,000-meter run

Kevin Batt, Adams St., 8:07.30

5,000-meter run

Micah Chelimo, Alaska Anchorage, 14:12.82

60-meter high hurdles

Moussa Dembele, Saint Augustine's, 7.84

1,600-meter relay

Ashland (Cory Lamar, Drew Windle, Jacob Cook, Keith Cleveland), 3:09.38

Distance medley relay

Shippensburg (Tom Kehl, Andrew Kujawski, Joel

Flott, Matt Gillette), 9:45.24 [meet record; old record 9:48.04, Abilene Christian (Bernard Manirakiza, Marvin Essor, Lucky Hadebe, Nicodemus Naimadu), 2005]

High jump

Jeron Robinson, Texas A&M-Kingsville, 2.24 (7-4 ¼)

Pole vault

Jordan Yamoah, Texas A&M-Kingsville, 5.30 (17-4 ½)

Long jump

Johnny Carter, Academy of Art, 7.66 (25-1 ¾);

Triple jump

Johnny Carter, Academy of Art, 15.87 (52-1 ¾);

Shot put

Ryan Smith, UIndy, 18.59 (61-0)

Weight throw

Richard Quick, Ashland, 20.81 (68-3.)

Heptathlon

Brent Vogel, Central Mo., 5,760 (meet record; old record 5,456, Brad Gamble, Chadron St., 2011)

ELITE 89 HONOREE: William Shell, junior, Southwest Baptist, Athletic Training (4.0 GPA)



Jennifer Foster of Ashland clears the bar on the way to finishing second in the high jump.

CHRIS PUTMAN/NCAA PHOTOS

WOMEN'S INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD

TEAM STANDINGS (TOP 10)

1. Academy of Art, 59
2. Lincoln (Missouri), 48
3. Grand Canyon, 45
4. Grand Valley State, 41
5. Ashland, 37
6. Adams State, 31
7. Johnson C. Smith, 30
8. Angelo State, 28
9. Mary, 25
10. Abilene Christian, 24

ELITE 89 HONOREE:

Madison Pines, senior,
Northwood, Accounting
(4.0 GPA)

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS

60-meter dash

Latoya King, Lincoln (Missouri), 7.38

200-meter dash

Vashti Thomas, Academy of Art,
23.43

400-meter dash

Samantha Edwards, Virginia State,
53.52

800-meter run

Helen Crofts, Simon Fraser, 2:05.96

Mile run

Melissa Agnew, Mary, 4:46.94

3,000-meter run

Alicia Nelson, Adams State, 9:38.92

60-meter high hurdles

Danielle Williams, Johnson C. Smith, 8.08

1,600-meter relay

Lincoln (Missouri) (Lovan Palmer, Yanique
Haye, Donna-Lee Hylton,
Michelle Cumberbatch), 3:40.07

Distance medley relay

Mary (Dakota Wolf, Kathryn Stewart,
Brienna Lynch, Melissa Agnew), 11:28.92

High jump

Barbara Szabo, Western State, 1.85
(6-0 ¾)

Pole vault

Katie Nageotte, Ashland, 4.25 (13-11¼)

Long jump

Vashti Thomas, Academy of Art, 6.19
(20-3 ¾)

Triple jump

Kearah Danville, Angelo State, 13.16
(43-2 ¼)

Shot put

Sam Lockhart, Grand Valley State,
16.86 (55-3 ¾)

Weight throw

Sam Lockhart, Grand Valley State,
21.05 (69-0 ¾) (meet record; old
record 20.57 [67-6], Lockhart, 2012)

Pentathlon

Erin Alewine, Central Missouri, 3,925

▼ Fittingly, Julie Pack of Western State leads the pack early on in the 3,000 meters, along with Anna Rudd of Ferris State. Lurking behind Rudd, though, is the eventual winner, Adams State's Alicia Nelson.

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▲ "What happened in Birmingham this past week was about two things: these amazing artist-athletes – and what their victory stands for in the greater landscape of academics and sports. Athletes who also have a passion for art until now have always had to make a choice and could never have both. You could not be serious about art and be taken seriously as an athlete. Well, that message is dead."

Academy of Art head coach Charles Ryan after his Urban Knights won the team title in the school's first year of active membership in Division II.

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Drury's men's and women's swimming and diving teams hoist the hardware after sweeping the team titles.

PETER LOCKLEY/NCAA PHOTOS

MEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING

TEAM STANDINGS (TOP 10)

1. Drury, 546
2. Florida Southern, 397
3. Incarnate Word, 389
4. Grand Canyon, 336
5. Wayne State (Michigan), 264
6. Wingate, 262
7. UC San Diego, 237
8. Bridgeport, 227
9. Queens (North Carolina), 201
10. Nova Southeastern, 151

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS

50-yard freestyle

Michael Branning, Grand Canyon, 19.81

100-yard freestyle

Vladimir Sidorkin, Drury, 43.16

200-yard freestyle

Vladimir Sidorkin, Drury, 1:35.76

500-yard freestyle

Oskar Nordstrand, Nova Southeastern, 4:23.55

1,000-yard freestyle

Mark Rubin, Incarnate Word, 9:02.85

1,650-yard freestyle

Alex Menke, Queens (North Carolina), 15:11.50

100-yard backstroke

Oscar Pereiro, Bridgeport, 47.04

200-yard backstroke

Daniel Swietlicki, Drury, 1:44.12

100-yard breaststroke

Eetu Karvonen, Grand Canyon, 52.65

200-yard breaststroke

Eetu Karvonen, Grand Canyon, 1:54.57 (meet record; old record 1:56.11, Karvonen, 2012)

100-yard butterfly

Marcus Schlesinger, Ouachita Baptist, 47.54

200-yard butterfly

Dane Stassi, UC San Diego, 1:45.12

200-yard individual medley

Piotr Jachowicz, Wayne State (Michigan), 1:44.82 (meet record; old record 1:46.03, Aleksander Hetland, Tampa, 2009)

400-yard individual medley

Piotr Jachowicz, Wayne State



Ashland's Pablo Uranga (front) is in sync at the start of the 200-yard backstroke.

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(Michigan), 3:47.62 (meet record; old record 3:49.17, Kyrlito Fesenko, Drury, 2009)

One-meter diving

Dylan Szegeedi, Wayne State (Michigan), 529.65

Three-meter diving

Luke Weber, St. Cloud State, 563.80;

200-yard freestyle relay

Drury (Nicholas McCarthy, Samuel Olson, Oleksandr Padalkin, Vladimir Sidorkin), 1:19.31

400-yard freestyle relay

Drury (Stanislav Kuzmin, Nicholas McCarthy, Oleksandr Padalkin, Vladimir Sidorkin), 2:55.26 (meet record; old record 2:56.42, Drury [Carlos Viveros, Igor Kowal, Oleksandr Padalkin, Vladimir Sidorkin], 2012)

800-yard freestyle relay

Drury (Artur Dilman, Igor Kowal, Oleksandr Padalkin, Vladimir Sidorkin), 6:29.82

200-yard medley relay

Florida Southern (Jeb Halfacre, Miguel Ferreira, Allan Gutierrez, Robert Swan), 1:27.21 (meet record; old record 1:27.25, Ouachita Baptist [Nelson Silva, Hal Eubanks, Max Heinze, Radu Badalac], 2009)

400-yard medley relay

Grand Canyon (Everton Kida, Eetu Karvonen, Ivan Nechunaev, Kyle Shores), 3:11.93 (meet record; old record 3:12.43, Fla. Southern [Jeb Halfacre, Miguel Ferreira, David Janzen, Stephen Swan], 2012)

WOMEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING

TEAM STANDINGS (TOP 10)

1. Drury, 432
2. Wayne State (Michigan), 388
3. UC San Diego, 313
4. Incarnate Word, 252
5. Wingate, 242.5
6. Florida Southern, 219
7. West Chester, 209
8. LIU Post, 186
9. Simon Fraser, 175
10. Queens (North Carolina), 174

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS

50-yard freestyle

Tamiris Nascimento, Incarnate Word, 22.76

100-yard freestyle

Tamiris Nascimento, Incarnate Word, 49.46

200-yard freestyle

Anjali Shakya, UC San Diego, 1:47.95

500-yard freestyle

Erin Black, Nova Southeastern, 4:50.29

1,000-yard freestyle

Allison Crenshaw, Florida Southern, 9:57.29

1,650-yard freestyle

Allison Crenshaw, Florida Southern, 16:42.58

100-yard backstroke

Bente Heller, Alaska Fairbanks, 54.26

200-yard backstroke

Caroline Arakelian, Queens (North Carolina), 1:57.26

100-yard breaststroke

Mariya Chekanovych, Simon Fraser, 1:01.50 [meet record; old record 1:01.58, Kayla Scott, Wayne St. (Michigan), 2012 preliminaries]

200-yard breaststroke

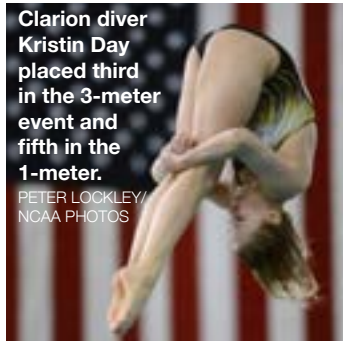
Mariya Chekanovych, Simon Fraser, 2:13.35

100-yard butterfly

Mychala Lynch, Grand Canyon, 54.31

Clarion diver Kristin Day placed third in the 3-meter event and fifth in the 1-meter.

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200-yard butterfly

Joyce Kwok, LIU Post, 2:00.28

200-yard individual medley

Amanda Thomas, Southern Connecticut State, 2:01.21

400-yard individual medley

Caroline Arakelian, Queens (North Carolina), 4:17.51

One-meter diving

Paige Kortman, Wayne State (Michigan), 468.60

Three-meter diving

Kali Lents, Incarnate Word, 519.10 (meet record; old record 516.40, Kim Stanfield, Cal State Bakersfield, 1994)

200-yard freestyle relay

Ashland (Julie Widmann, Kaylyn Murphy, Rachael Ausdenmoore, Gabriela Verdugo-Arzaluz), 1:32.20

400-yard freestyle relay

Drury (Tinsley Andrews, Leah Reed, Wai Ting Yu, Tiffany Bell), 3:23.31

800-yard freestyle relay

Tampa (Kristine Kassl, Alexandria Greenhill, Alexandra Hipolito, Heather Glenday), 7:24.70

200-yard medley relay

Wayne State (Michigan) (Sarah Maraskine, Kayla Scott, Alexandria Malfroid, Ashley Corriveau), 1:41.52

400-yard medley relay

LIU Post (Johanna Pettersson, Tamara Garriock, Joyce Kwok, Meghan Brazier), 3:42.48

ELITE 89 HONOREE: Molly Brown, senior, Drury, Elementary Education (4.0 GPA)

WRESTLING

TEAM STANDINGS (TOP 10)

1. Nebraska-Kearney, 108
2. St. Cloud State, 105
3. Notre Dame (Ohio), 103.5
4. Central Oklahoma, 73
5. Upper Iowa, 49
6. Newberry, 43.5
7. Adams State, 40.5
8. Minnesota State Mankato, 35.5
9. Grand Canyon, 31.5
10. San Francisco State, 28

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS

125-Pound Class

Jesse Hillhouse, Colorado State-Pueblo, def. Gerald Huff, Adams State, 4-2 (sudden victory)

133-Pound Class

Daniel DeShazer, Nebraska-Kearney, def. Andrew Pokorny, St. Cloud State, 7-5

141-Pound Class

Naveed Bagheri, San Francisco State, def. Ryan Fillingame, Adams State, 5-2 (tiebreaker)

149-Pound Class

Raufeon Stots, Nebraska-Kearney, def. Jacob Horn, St. Cloud State, 4-3

157-Pound Class

Cory Dauphin, Central Oklahoma, def. Zach Vargo, Lake Erie, 4-2

165-Pound Class

Joey Davis, Notre Dame (Ohio), def. Chase Nelson, Nebraska-Kearney, 7-5

174-Pound Class

Eric Burgey, Notre Dame (Ohio), def. Blake Sorensen, Upper Iowa, 14-3

184-Pound Class

Shamus O'Grady, St. Cloud State, def. Dallas Smith, Ouachita Baptist, 12-2

197-Pound Class

Matthew Baker, Maryville (Missouri), def. Romero Cotton, Nebraska-Kearney, 5-4 (tiebreaker)

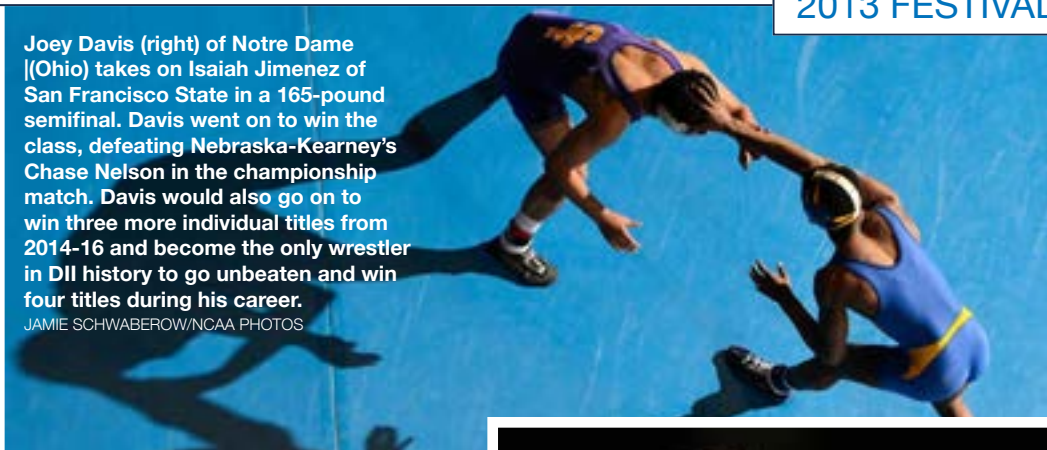
Heavyweight Class

Tyrell Fortune, Grand Canyon, def. Matthew Meuleners, Northern State, 4-3

ELITE 89 HONOREE: Chase Long, junior, Ohio Valley, Marketing (3.865 GPA)

Joey Davis (right) of Notre Dame (Ohio) takes on Isaiah Jimenez of San Francisco State in a 165-pound semifinal. Davis went on to win the class, defeating Nebraska-Kearney's Chase Nelson in the championship match. Davis would also go on to win three more individual titles from 2014-16 and become the only wrestler in DII history to go unbeaten and win four titles during his career.

JAMIE SCHWABEROW/NCAA PHOTOS



Shamus O'Grady of St. Cloud State reacts after defeating Dallas Smith of Ouachita Baptist in the 184-pound class.

JAMIE SCHWABEROW/
NCAA PHOTOS



Nebraska-Kearney's Daniel Deshazer (right) was one of three individual champions for the Lopers, defeating Andrew Pokorny of St. Cloud State in the 133-pound final.

JAMIE SCHWABEROW/NCAA PHOTOS



2014 Louisville Fall Sports

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TEAM CHAMPIONS

Men's Cross Country	Adams State University
Women's Cross Country	Grand Valley State University
Field Hockey	Millersville University of Pennsylvania
Men's Soccer	Lynn University
Women's Soccer	Grand Valley State University
Women's Volleyball	University of Tampa

"People often ask me whether I consider hosting six national championships at the same time a burden or a benefit. I always answer, 'Benefit,' not because it somehow adds to my personal credentials but because it's a win for Division II. All of us DII types are proud that we are the only NCAA division to conduct these festivals, and we've been successful at it for 10 years."

Scott Wiegandt, director of athletics at Bellarmine University

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Western Washington's Katelyn Steen sets the pace at the start of the Division II Women's Cross Country Championships. Steen ended up finishing fifth while Grand Valley State won the team title.

JUSTIN TAFOYA/NCAA PHOTOS



TEAM STANDINGS (TOP 10)

1. Grand Valley State, 50 (Team member place finishes*: Kendra Foley 1, Allyson Winchester 2, Jessica Janecke 3, Hannah Osborn 17, Jordan Chester 27)
2. Hillsdale, 115
3. Minnesota Duluth, 118
4. Adams State, 125
5. Augustana (South Dakota), 206
6. Wayne State (Michigan), 219
7. Simon Fraser, 225
8. Alaska Anchorage, 280
9. Roberts Wesleyan, 295
10. Colorado School of Mines, 350

*Based among runners with institutions vying for the team championship; does not include runners competing on an individual basis

INDIVIDUAL STANDINGS (TOP 10)

1. Kendra Foley, Grand Valley State, 21:05.8
2. Allyson Winchester, Grand Valley State, 21:11.5
3. Jessica Janecke, Grand Valley State, 21:14.7
4. Emily Frith, Bellarmine, 21:16.7
5. Katelyn Steen, Western Washington, 21:20.8
6. Fiona McKenna, Hawaii Pacific, 21:25.8
7. Kristina Galat, Hillsdale, 21:26.1
8. Jenna Thurman, Adams State, 21:26.1
9. Maura O'Brien, Adams State, 21:26.3
10. Leah Seivert, Augustana (SD), 21:33.0

ELITE 89 HONOREE: BethAnne Davis, junior, Union (Tennessee), Nursing (4.0 GPA)

Grand Valley State's Kendra Foley was the first to finish.

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MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Days of rain in Louisville made for a splashy sprint at E.P. "Tom" Sawyer State Park. Aaron Dinzeo of California (Pennsylvania) has the lead here, but Tabor Stevens (left) will be the winner.

JUSTIN TAFOYA/NCAA PHOTOS



TEAM STANDINGS (TOP 10)

1. Adams State, 69 (Team member place finishes*: Tabor Stevens 1, Kevin Batt 3, Matthew Daniels 4, Chad Palmer 14, Jackson Sayler 47)
2. Grand Valley State, 127
3. Augustana (South Dakota), 136
4. Colorado School of Mines, 144
5. Western State, 185
6. Alaska Anchorage, 196
7. Southern Indiana, 219
8. Sioux Falls, 251
9. Malone, 259
10. Ashland, 274

*Based among runners with institutions vying for the team championship; does not include runners competing on an individual basis

INDIVIDUAL STANDINGS (TOP 10)

1. Tabor Stevens, Adams State, 30:02.0
2. Aaron Dinzeo, California (Pennsylvania), 30:19.3
3. Mike Biwott, American International, 30:26.5
4. Kevin Batt, Adams State, 30:31.2
5. Matthew Daniels, Adams State, 30:32.4
6. Harald Karbo, Augustana (South Dakota), 30:40.5
7. Tyler Pence, Southern Indiana, 30:41.6
8. Johnnie Guy, Southern Indiana, 30:41.7
9. Alan Peterson, Grand Valley State, 30:42.4
10. Andrew Trusty, Malone, 30:55.7

ELITE 89 HONOREE: Billy Brockmueller, senior, Sioux Falls, Applied Mathematics and Computer Science (4.0 GPA)



Stevens reacts to winning his second straight individual title.

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FIELD HOCKEY



SEMIFINALS

Millersville 2, West Chester 1 (ot)
LIU Post 3, Stonehill 2

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Millersville 1, LIU Post 0

Millersville 0 1 – 1

LIU Post 0 0 – 0

Scoring Summary

M – Olivia Hershey (Rachel Dickinson), 46:10

Shots: Millersville 5, LIU Post 13.

Corners: Millersville 7, LIU Post 8.

Saves: Millersville (Lauren Sotzin) 4, LIU Post (Ericka Parks) 1.

ELITE 89 HONOREE: Margaret Thorwart, sophomore, Millersville, Communications (3.967 GPA)

▶ Millersville's Randi Boyd takes on a LIU Post defender in the championship match.

JOE ROBBINS/NCAA PHOTOS

▶ Rachel Dickinson jumps into the arms of teammate Katelyn Zapp after scoring the game's only goal.

JOE ROBBINS/NCAA PHOTOS



MEN'S SOCCER

SEMIFINALS

Charleston (West Virginia) 2, Colorado Mesa 0
Lynn 4, Quincy 1

CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH

Lynn 3, Charleston (West Virginia) 2
Lynn 3 0-3
Charleston (West Virginia) 0 2-2

Scoring summary

L – Nicolas Mortensen (unassisted), 3:23

L – Chris Hellman (unassisted), 6:45

L – Hellman (unassisted), 31:36

CWV – Jules Gabbiadini (Lewis Osborne), 78:56

CWV – Will Roberts (penalty kick), 89:19

Shots: Lynn 16, Charleston (West Virginia) 9.

Corner kicks: Lynn 1, Charleston (West Virginia) 2.

Saves: Lynn (Lucas Fancello) 3, Charleston (West Virginia) (Fabian Veit 0, Justin Bryant 1, Team 1) 2.

ELITE 89 HONOREE: Conor Branson, junior, Charleston (West Virginia), Sports Administration (3.97 GPA)



Charleston's Michael Hagarty fights through a Colorado Mesa defender during the Golden Eagles' semifinal win.

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▶ Lynn goalie Lucas Fancello makes an acrobatic save to help the Knights stave off a late rally from Charleston (West Virginia).

▶ Lynn celebrates its second championship in three years after beating previously unbeaten Charleston (West Virginia) in the final.

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◀ Meagan Burke reacts after Tampa scores a point during the Spartan's sweep of Southwest Minnesota State.
MATT MARRIOTT/NCAA PHOTOS

Eisha Oden helped propel Southwest Minnesota State to the championship match.
JUSTIN TAFOYA/
NCAA PHOTOS



WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

QUARTERFINALS

Grand Valley State def. Wingate, 3-0
Southwest Minnesota State def. Sonoma State, 3-2
Tampa def. Wheeling Jesuit, 3-0
Arkansas-Fort Smith def. New Haven, 3-1

SEMIFINALS

Southwest Minnesota State def. Grand Valley State, 3-0
Tampa def. Arkansas-Fort Smith, 3-1

ELITE 89 HONOREE: Claire Sames, junior, Southwest Minnesota State, Biology and Chemistry (4.0 GPA)

CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH

Tampa	25	25	25
Southwest Minnesota State	14	20	21

Statistical leaders

Kills: Tampa – Marissa Lisenbee 12; Southwest Minnesota State – Abbey Thissen 14.

Assists: Tampa – Kahley Patrick 31; Southwest Minnesota State – Megan Larson 34.

Digs: Tampa – Patrick 10; Southwest Minnesota State – Whitney Burneister 13.

WOMEN'S SOCCER



SEMIFINALS

Grand Valley State 1*, Saint Rose 1 (ot; pk's)
Rollins 1, Colorado School of Mines 0

CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH

Grand Valley State 3, Rollins 0
Grand Valley State 1 2 – 3
Rollins 0 0 – 0

Scoring summary

GVS – Jenny Shaba (Gabriella Mencotti), 6:16
GVS – Kendra Stauffer (Marti Corby), 53:17
GVS – Shaba (unassisted), 89:20

Shots: Grand Valley State 11, Rollins 18.

Corner kicks: Grand Valley State 3, Rollins 3.

Saves: Grand Valley State (Andrea Strauss) 7, Rollins (Mary Spring) 1.

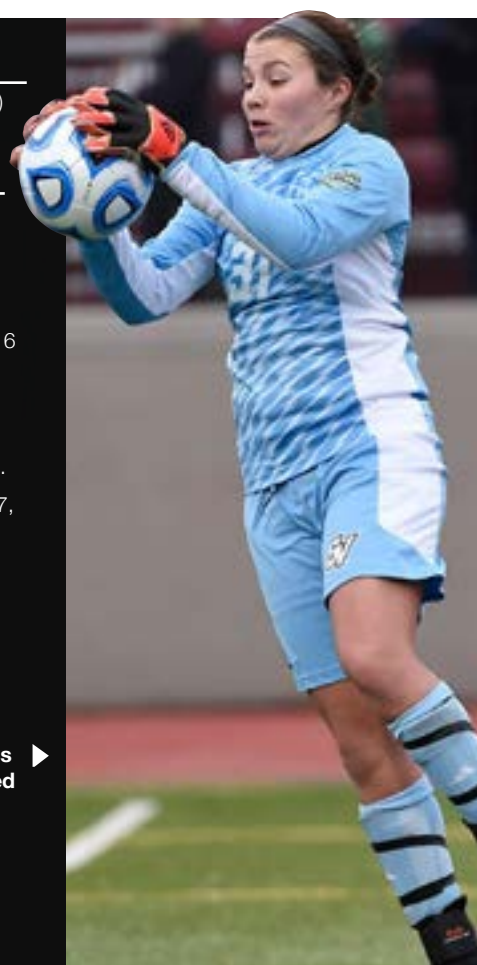
ELITE 89 HONOREE: Samantha Collin, sophomore, Rollins, Physics (4.0 GPA)

◀ Rollins' Mora Johnson shoots against Colorado Mines.

JAMIE SCHWABEROW/NCAA PHOTOS

▶ Grand Valley State goalie Andrea Strauss played a key role as the Lakers advanced to the championship match over Saint Rose on penalty kicks.

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"We often tell our student-athletes when they are preparing for a big contest on a big stage – especially championship play – to 'take it all in and enjoy the experience.' Competing for championships is the ultimate reward in a student-athlete's collegiate career, but for student-athletes who do so on the unique stage of a DII festival, what a special reward indeed."

Lisa Sweany, director of athletics at Armstrong State University and chair of the Division II Championships Committee

TEAM CHAMPIONS

Men's Golf	Saint Leo University
Women's Golf	Rollins College
Women's Lacrosse	Florida Southern College
Softball	University of North Alabama
Men's Tennis	Hawaii Pacific University
Women's Tennis	Armstrong State University

WOMEN'S GOLF

TEAM STANDINGS (TOP 10)

PAR 288 (1,152)

1. Rollins, 290-288-293-302 – 1,173 (Lexie Toth, 71-74-74-70 – 289; Annie Dulman, 72-78-71-74 – 295; Hally Leadbetter, 72-69-74-82 – 297; Paige Lyle, 75-68-78-78 – 299; Madison Lellyo, 78-77-74-80 – 309)
2. Ulndy, 300-286-292-304 – 1,182
3. Nova Southeastern, 290-302-297-294 – 1,183
4. (tie) Saint Leo, 305-294-297-293 – 1,189
Grand Valley State, 302-304-284-299 – 1,189
6. (tie) Dallas Baptist University, 293-298-294-305 – 1,190
Tarleton State, 301-300-285-304 – 1,190
8. Northeastern State, 304-302-297-298 – 1,201
9. Findlay, 299-303-297-307 – 1,206
10. Augustana (South Dakota), 297-309-303-322 – 1,231

ELITE 90 HONOREE: Caroline Fredensborg, junior, Arkansas Tech, Journalism Broadcast (4.0 GPA)

INDIVIDUAL STANDINGS (TOP 10)

PAR 72 (288)

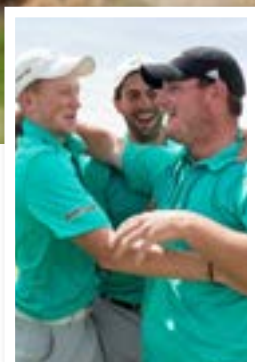
1. Gabrielle Shipley, Grand Valley State, 73-70-70-69 – 282
2. Kasey Petty, Findlay, 73-71-69-70 – 283
3. Isabell Jimenez Perea, Tarleton State, 72-72-69-72 – 285
4. Lexie Toth, Rollins, 71-74-74-70 – 289
5. Katharina Keilich, Ulndy, 76-72-70-73 – 291
6. Felicia Leftinger, Florida Tech, 75-71-70-76 – 292
7. (tie) Paxton DeHaven, Ulndy, 77-73-70-74 – 294
Ann Parmerter, Dallas Baptist University, 74-75-69-76 – 294
9. (tie) Sophie Madden, Nova Southeastern, 74-76-74-71 – 295
Vilde Eriksen, Saint Leo, 71-74-74-76 – 295
Annie Dulman, Rollins, 72-78-71-74 – 295
Sydney Williams, Dallas Baptist University, 74-71-76-74 – 295
Marisa Toivonen, Augustana (South Dakota), 70-73-72-80 – 295



Rollins golfers jump for joy after winning the school's sixth national championship.
JACK DEMPSEY/NCAA PHOTOS



Gabrielle Shipley of Grand Valley State fired a final-round 69 to win medalist honors.
JACK DEMPSEY/NCAA PHOTOS



▲ Lynn's Manuel Torres battled in his match against Saint Leo's Joey Savoie.

DEREK JOHNSON/ NCAA PHOTOS

▲ Griffin Clark (right) celebrates with teammates after clinching the team title for Saint Leo.

JUSTIN TAFOYA/ NCAA PHOTOS

MEN'S GOLF

QUARTERFINALS

Saint Leo def. Wilmington (Delaware), 3-0-2

Lynn def. Barry, 3-2

Chico State def. West Florida, 3-2

Florida Southern def. Cal Baptist, 3-2

SEMIFINALS

Saint Leo def. Lynn, 2-2-1 (Saint Leo advanced by total strokes, -1)

Chico State def. Florida Southern, 4-1

TEAM FINAL

Saint Leo 3, Chico State 2

Justin Wiles (Chico State) def. Liam Ainsworth (Saint Leo), -1;
Ryan Gendron (Saint Leo) def. Matt Hutchins (Chico State), -7;
Lee Gearhart (Chico State) def. Joey Savoie (Saint Leo), -3;
Hugo Bernard (Saint Leo) def. Alistair Docherty (Chico State), -7; Griffin Clark (Saint Leo) def. Kelley Sullivan (Chico State), -3

INDIVIDUAL STANDINGS (TOP 5)

Par 72 (216)

1. Hugo Bernard, Saint Leo, 65-66-72 – 203
2. Calum Hill, Western New Mexico, 69-69-67 – 205
3. Griffin Brown, Limestone, 69-67-70 – 206
4. John Coultas, Florida Southern, 70-68-69 – 207
5. (tie) Richard Mansell, Nova Southeastern, 69-68-71 – 208
Garrett Fey, Dallas Baptist University, 73-66-69 – 208
Mateo Gomez, Lynn, 70-69-69 – 208

ELITE 90 HONOREE: Cody Troutman, sophomore, Central Oklahoma, Energy Economics (4.0 GPA)

Saint Leo freshman Hugo Bernard's performance was as dramatic as the Denver skies. Bernard won the individual title in record fashion and then helped the Lions win the head-to-head medal-play final in the team championship.

JUSTIN TAFOYA/NCAA PHOTOS



Elliot Carnello of Saint Leo serves just like it's drawn up in the icon.

STEPHEN NOWLAND/
NCAA PHOTOS

MEN'S TENNIS

ROUND OF 16

Valdosta State 5, Bluefield State 0

Hawaii Pacific 5, Lander 1

Ferris State 5, Concordia (New York) 4

Midwestern State 5, Southeastern Oklahoma 2

Saint Leo 5, Cameron 0

Northwest Missouri State 5, UC San Diego 4

New York Institute of Technology 5, Ulndy 4

Armstrong 5, Edinboro 0

QUARTERFINALS

Hawaii Pacific 5, Valdosta State 4

Ferris State 5, Midwestern State 2

Saint Leo 5, Northwest Missouri State 0

Armstrong 5, New York Institute of Technology 1

SEMIFINALS

Saint Leo 5, Armstrong 2

Hawaii Pacific 5, Ferris State 0

CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH

Hawaii Pacific 5, Saint Leo 3

Doubles

No. 1: Alberto Barroso-Campos / Alex Theiler (Saint Leo) def. Thibaud Berland / Alexander Meyer (Hawaii Pacific), 8-6

No. 2: Filip Delezel / Jaime Martinez-Vich (Hawaii Pacific) def. Egor Panyushkin / Jaime Bueno (Saint Leo), 8-2

No. 3: Francisco Aparicio / Oskar Nurmio (Saint Leo) def. Torben Otto / Jakub Hadrava (Hawaii Pacific), 9-8

Singles

No. 1: Thibaud Berland (Hawaii Pacific) def. Alberto Barroso-Campos (Saint Leo), 6-3, 6-3

No. 2: Alex Theiler (Saint Leo) vs. Alexander Meyer (Hawaii Pacific) (did not finish)

No. 3: Egor Panyushkin (Saint Leo) def. Jaime Martinez-Vich (Hawaii Pacific), 6-2, 3-6, 6-4

No. 4: Filip Delezel (Hawaii Pacific) def. Jaime Bueno (Saint Leo), 1-6, 6-3, 7-6

No. 5: Torben Otto (Hawaii Pacific) def. Guillaume Vanelven (Saint Leo), 6-4, 5-7, 6-1

No. 6: Jakub Hadrava (Hawaii Pacific) def. Elliot Carnello (Saint Leo), 6-3, 4-6, 6-3



Jaime Martinez-Vich helped the Sharks win the No. 2 doubles match.

STEPHEN NOWLAND/
NCAA PHOTOS



Hawaii Pacific players celebrate their school's first NCAA men's tennis championship.

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WOMEN'S TENNIS

ROUND OF 16

Cameron 5, California (Pennsylvania) 2
 Saint Leo 5, Ulndy 1
 Southwest Baptist 5, New York Institute of Technology 2
 St. Mary's (Texas) 5, Indiana (Pennsylvania) 1
 Brigham Young Hawaii 5, Columbus State 2
 Armstrong 5, Lynn 1
 Drury 5, Concordia (New York) 1
 Hawaii Pacific 5, Northeastern State 0

QUARTERFINALS

Armstrong 5, Drury 1
 Saint Leo 5, Southwest Baptist 1
 Hawaii Pacific 5, Cameron 1
 Brigham Young Hawaii 5, St. Mary's (Texas) 2

SEMIFINALS

Brigham Young Hawaii 5, Saint Leo 3
 Armstrong 5, Hawaii Pacific 0

CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH

Armstrong 5, Brigham Young Hawaii 3

Doubles

No. 1: Dallas Zhang / Summer Wen (Brigham Young Hawaii) def. Lena Lutzeier / Diana Stomlega (Armstrong), 8-5
 No. 2: Karen Liu / Shu-Ying Hsieh (Brigham Young Hawaii) def. Alejandra Cisneros / Carolina PratsMillan (Armstrong), 8-3
 No. 3: Nicole Fossa Huergo / Lena Pacholski (Armstrong) def. Kanela Adamson / Jade Griffin (Brigham Young Hawaii), 8-3.

Singles

No. 1: Dallas Zhang (Brigham Young Hawaii) vs. Lena Lutzeier (Armstrong) (did not finish)
 No. 2: Karen Liu (Brigham Young Hawaii) def. Nicole Fossa Huergo (Armstrong), 6-4, 7-5
 No. 3: Alejandra Cisneros (Armstrong) def. Summer Wen (Brigham Young Hawaii), 6-3, 6-4
 No. 4: Carolina PratsMillan (Armstrong) def. Shu-Ying Hsieh (Brigham Young Hawaii), 6-4, 6-3
 No. 5: Diana Stomlega (Armstrong) def. Jeong-Min Jeon (Brigham Young Hawaii), 1-6, 6-0, 6-3
 No. 6: Lena Pacholski (Armstrong) def. Jade Griffin (Brigham Young Hawaii), 6-1, 6-2

ELITE 90 HONOREE: Luise von Agris, senior, Indiana (Pennsylvania), Management (4.0 GPA)

◀ **Carolina Prats-Millan helped Armstrong capture its 10th women's tennis title.**

JUSTIN TAFOYA/NCAA PHOTOS

▼ **Lara Soares of Southwest Baptist had her eye on the ball during her semifinal match.**

JAIME SCHWABEROW/NCAA PHOTOS



WOMEN'S LACROSSE



SEMIFINALS

Florida Southern 15, Lindenwood 11
 Adelphi 13, Le Moyne 4

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Florida Southern 8, Adelphi 7
 Adelphi 6 1-7
 Florida Southern 3 5-8

Adelphi goals: Emily Keesling 2; Rachel O'Brien 1; Kate Beier 1; Beth Ann Pierce 1; Jacqueline Jahelka 1; Michele Scannell 1.

Florida Southern goals: Meghan O'Brien 4; Kendall Kerger 2; Emily Santoli 1; Cayla Shawfield 1.

Shots: Adelphi 21, Florida Southern 12.

Saves: Adelphi (Taylor Hayes) 3,
 Florida Southern (Taylor Gillis) 8.

ELITE 90 HONOREE: Morgan Judd, junior, Lindenwood, Exercise Science (4.0 GPA)

◀ **Meghan O'Brien (left) scored a game-high four goals to lead Florida Southern's comeback win over Adelphi.**

BRETT WILHELM/NCAA PHOTOS

Goalie Taylor Gillis is embraced after helping the Mocs win their first national title in the sport.

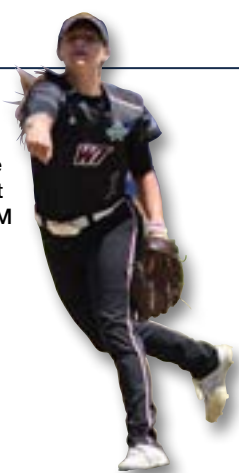
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Katie Obbema of Humboldt State and Kailee Halbert of West Texas A&M were among the stalwarts in the circle during the tournament.

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SOFTBALL

Game 1

West Texas A&M 4, Grand Valley State 0

Game 2

Humboldt State 3, Armstrong 2

Game 3

North Alabama 9, Southern Arkansas 0 (5 inn.)

Game 4

Adelphi 10, Charleston (West Virginia) 4

Game 5

Humboldt State 8, West Texas A&M 5

Game 6

North Alabama 5, Adelphi 1

Game 7

Armstrong 7, Grand Valley State 4

Game 8

Southern Arkansas 7, Charleston (West Virginia) 0

Game 9

Armstrong 1, Adelphi 0

Game 10

Southern Arkansas 7, West Texas A&M 4

Game 11

Armstrong 3, Humboldt State 2

Game 12

North Alabama 10, Southern Arkansas 2 (5 inn.)

Game 13

Humboldt State 6, Armstrong 2

CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

Game 1

Humboldt State 5, North Alabama 0

North Alabama 0 0 0 0 0 0 0-0 3 1

Humboldt State 1 0 0 3 0 1 x-5 8 1

Raven Cole and Mackenzie Roberts; Madison Williams and Breonna Bejaran.

W – Williams; L – Cole.

Game 2

North Alabama 10, Humboldt State 1

Humboldt State 1 0 0 0 0 0 0-1 5 5

North Alabama 3 1 0 0 1 5 x-10 14 0

Katie Obbema and Breonna Bejaran; Hillary Carpenter and Carmen Whitfield. HR –

Courtney Shields (North Alabama), Brooklynn Clark (North Alabama), Anna Gayle Norris

(North Alabama). W – Carpenter; L – Obbema.

Game 3

North Alabama 4, Humboldt State 1

Humboldt State 0 0 0 1 0 0 0-1 3 2

North Alabama 1 3 0 0 0 0 x-4 5 0

Madison Williams and Breonna Bejaran; Hillary Carpenter and Carmen Whitfield. W –

Carpenter; L – Williams.

ELITE 90 HONOREE: Amy Carden, junior, North Alabama, Secondary Education – English (4.0 GPA)



▲ Grand Valley State players celebrate McKenzie Supernaw's two-run homer in Game 7.

JAMIE SCHWABEROW/NCAA PHOTOS

◆ Humboldt State's Kalyn Paque eludes North Alabama catcher Mackenzie Roberts on this play, but the Lions took two of three games in the championship series to win the title.

JAMIE SCHWABEROW/NCAA PHOTOS





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John Baldwin, NCAA Director of Championships

TEAM CHAMPIONS

Men's Indoor Track and Field	Tiffin University
Women's Indoor Track and Field	Adams State University
Men's Swimming and Diving	Queens University of Charlotte
Women's Swimming and Diving	Queens University of Charlotte
Wrestling	Notre Dame College (Ohio)

WRESTLING

TEAM STANDINGS (TOP 10)

1. Notre Dame (Ohio), 103.5
2. St. Cloud State, 67
3. California Baptist, 56.5
4. Nebraska-Kearney, 55.5
5. McKendree, 47.5
6. Ashland, 46
7. Maryville (Missouri), 42
8. Findlay, 35
9. Tiffin, 34.5
10. Mercyhurst, 33

ELITE 90 HONOREE: Nolan Kistler, junior, California Baptist, Criminal Justice (3.99 GPA)

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS

125-Pound Class

Ivan McClay, Notre Dame (Ohio) def. Willie Bohince, Mercyhurst, 10-7

133-Pound Class

Michael Labry, Ashland, def. Blake Bosch, MSU Morehead, 7-4

141-Pound Class

Nate Rodriguez, Maryville (Missouri), def. Darren Wynn, McKendree, 6-2

149-Pound Class

Keith Surber, Nebraska-Kearney, def. Juwan Edmond, Notre Dame (Ohio), 4-1

157-Pound Class

DeAndre' Johnson, Limestone, def. Destin McCauley, Nebraska-Kearney, 14-5

165-Pound Class

Isaiah White, Notre Dame (Ohio), def. Brock Wingbermuehle, McKendree, 10-3

174-Pound Class

Nick Becker, Wisconsin-Parkside, def. Blaze Shade, UNC Pembroke, 8-4

184-Pound Class

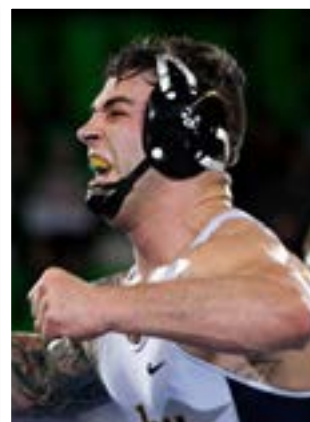
Garrett Lineberger, Notre Dame (Ohio), def. Nick Fiegenger, California Baptist, 16-0

197-Pound Class

Jacob Waste, California Baptist, def. Jon Inman, Fort Hays State, 10-2

Heavyweight Class

Garrett Gray, Tiffin, pinned Kameron Teacher, Notre Dame (Ohio) 1:23



Jacob Waste of California Baptist celebrates after defeating Jon Inman of Fort Hays State in the 197-pound final.

JAMIE SCHWABEROW/
NCAA PHOTOS

Limestone's DeAndre' Johnson (right) defeated Destin McCauley of Nebraska-Kearney in the 157-pound final.

JAMIE SCHWABEROW/NCAA PHOTOS



Monica Amaral added to West Florida's trophy case by sweeping the one- and three-meter diving events.

JAMIE SCHWABEROW/NCAA PHOTOS



WOMEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING

TEAM STANDINGS (TOP 10)

1. Queens (North Carolina), 467
2. Drury, 385
3. Wingate, 346
4. Nova Southeastern, 250
5. Lindenwood, 212
6. West Florida, 201
7. Wayne State (Michigan), 189
8. West Chester, 188
9. Bridgeport, 168
10. Fresno Pacific, 167

West Florida's Theresa Michalak claimed titles in four events, setting records in three of them.

JAMIE SCHWABEROW/
NCAA PHOTOS



INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS

50-yard freestyle

Theresa Michalak, West Florida, 22.79

100-yard freestyle

Theresa Michalak, West Florida, 48.44 [meet record; old record 48.54, Patricia Castro-Ortega, Queens (North Carolina), 3/12/2016]

200-yard freestyle

Emma Wahlstrom, Nova Southeastern, 1:46.81

500-yard freestyle

Leonie Van Noort, Grand Valley State, 4:46.62

1,000-yard freestyle

Georgia Wright, West Chester, 9:48.87 (meet record; old record 9:50.49, Kristen Frost, Southern Connecticut State)

1,650-yard freestyle

Georgia Wright, West Chester, 16:22.92

100-yard backstroke

Rachel Helm, Northern Michigan, 53.79

200-yard backstroke

Hannah Peiffer, Queens (North Carolina), 1:54.48 [meet record; old record 1:55.57, Caroline Arakelian, Queens (North Carolina), 3/15/2014]

100-yard breaststroke

Theresa Michalak, West Florida, 59.51 [meet record; old record 1:00.54, Bailee Nunn, Drury, 3/10/2017 (preliminaries)]

200-yard breaststroke

Bailee Nunn, Drury, 2:09.12 [meet record; old record 2:10.72, Nunn, 3/11/2017 (preliminaries)].

100-yard butterfly

Theresa Michalak, West Florida, 52.33 (meet record; old record 52.42, Armony Durmur, Wingate, 3/12/2015)

200-yard butterfly

Hannah Kastigar, Northern State, 1:58.36

200-yard individual medley

Bailee Nunn, Drury, 1:56.51

400-yard individual medley

Hannah Kastigar, Northern State, 4:12.99

One-meter diving

Monica Amaral, West Florida, 478.25

Three-meter diving

Monica Amaral, West Florida, 505.20

200-yard freestyle relay

Drury (Bailee Nunn, Vera Johansson, Yekaterina Rudenko, Madeline Nelson), 1:31.03

400-yard freestyle relay

Drury (Zuzanna Chwadczyko, Vera Johansson, Yekaterina Rudenko, Bailee Nunn), 3:20.03

800-yard freestyle relay

Wingate (Hanna Van Horen, Abby Kotic, Maria Madsen, Alexis Divelbiss), 7:16.37

200-yard medley relay

Drury (Yekaterina Rudenko, Zuzanna Chwadczyko, Vera Johansson, Bailee Nunn), 1:38.78 [meet record, old record 1:39.40, Drury (Yekaterina Rudenko, Zuzanna Chwadczyko, Abigail Lunzmann, Bailee Nunn)], 3/8/2017 (preliminaries)]

400-yard medley relay

Queens (North Carolina) (Hannah Peiffer, Michelle Prayson, Georgia DaCruz, Kyrie Dobson), 3:38.35

ELITE 90 HONOREE: Melanie Tombers, senior, Delta State, International Business (4.0 GPA)

MEN'S INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD

TEAM STANDINGS (TOP 10)

1. Tiffin, 63
2. Ashland, 52
3. Saint Augustine's, 46
4. Adams State, 41
5. Academy of Art, 27
6. Western Oregon, 24
6. Azusa Pacific, 24
8. Grand Valley State, 23
9. Texas A&M-Commerce, 22
9. Lincoln (Missouri), 22
9. Sioux Falls, 22

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS

60-meter dash

Modobale Ajomale, Academy of Art, 6.60

200-meter dash

Modobale Ajomale, Academy of Art, 21.05

400-meter dash

Myles Pringle, Ashland, 46.39

800-meter run

Shaquille Dill, Saint Augustine's, 1:49.96

Mile run

Bastian Grau, Southern Indiana, 4:05.70

3,000-meter run

Sydney Gidabuday, Adams State, 7:56.88 (meet record; old record 8:01.42, Kevin Batt, Adams State, 3/14/2015)

5,000-meter run

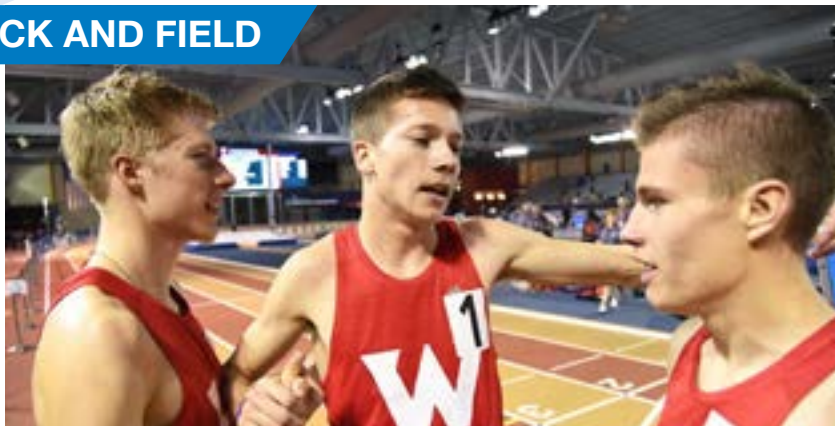
Vincent Kiprop, Missouri Southern, 13:42.42 (meet record; old record 13:44.27, Michael Aish, Western State, 3/10/2001)

60-meter high hurdles

Marshawn Scott, Limestone, 7.92

1,600-meter relay

Saint Augustine's (Shawn Rowe, Shaquille Dill, Immanuel Hutchinson, Khari Herbert Jr.), 3:08.76



David Ribich and his Western Oregon teammates are relieved after being declared winners in the distance medley relay after a finish so close that it took race officials several minutes to sort out through video review.

JAMIE SCHWABEROW/
NCAA PHOTOS

Distance medley relay

Western Oregon (Dustin Nading, AJ Holmberg, Josh Dempsey, David Ribich), 9:40.15 [meet record; old record 9:41.79, Adams State (Oliver Aitchison, Derek Brown, Austin Anaya, Kevin Batt), 3/13/2015]

High jump

Mikel Smith, Saint Martin's, 2.22 (7-3 1/2)

Pole vault

Scott Greenman, Sioux Falls, 5.35 (17-6 1/2)

Long jump

Marquise Corbett, Tiffin, 7.81 (25-7 1/2)

Triple jump

Michael Sandle, Minnesota State Mankato, 16.11 (52-10 1/4)

Shot put

Coy Blair, Tiffin, 18.91 (62-0 1/2)

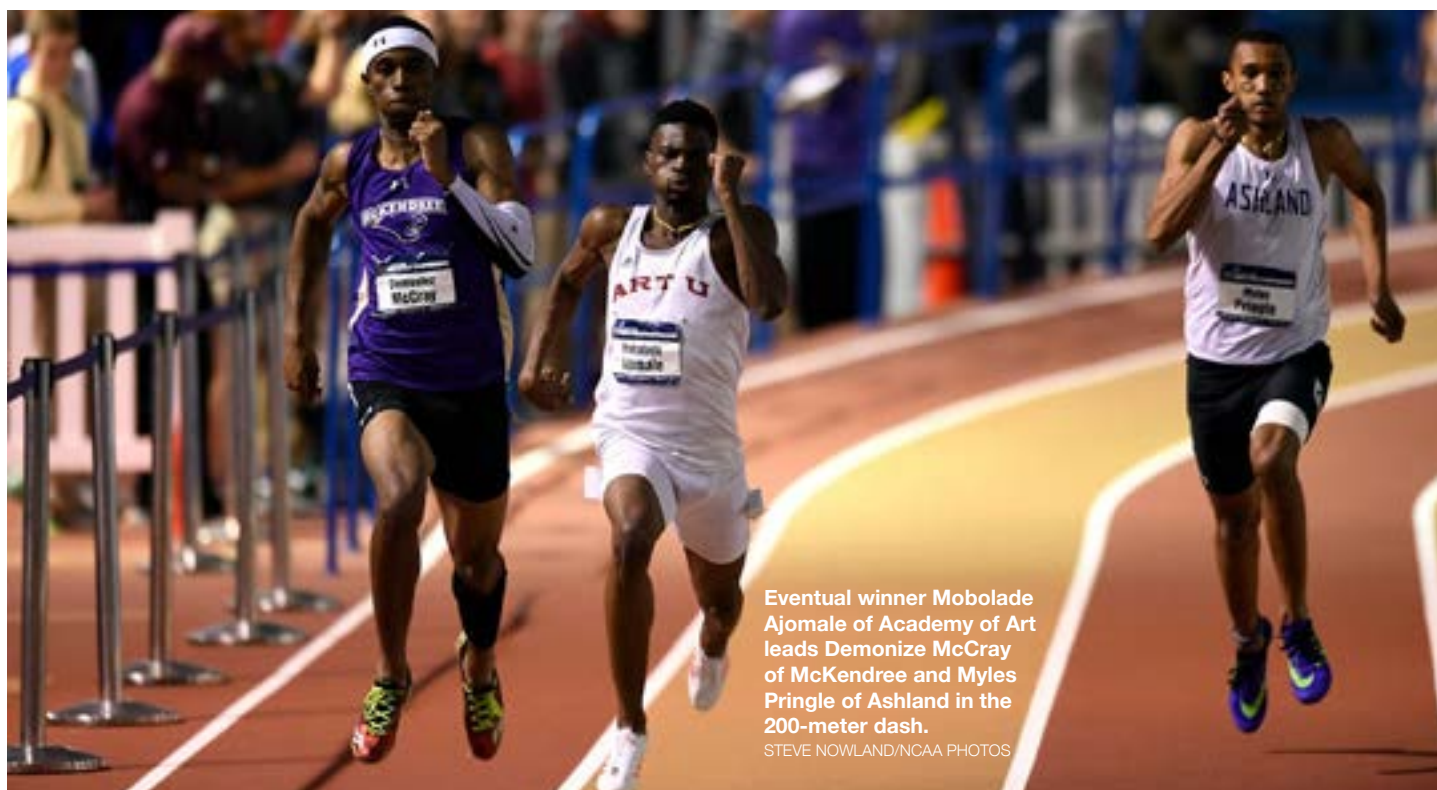
Weight throw

Coy Blair, Tiffin, 21.44 (70-4 1/4)

Heptathlon

Shakiel Chattoo, Azusa Pacific 5,474

ELITE 90 HONOREE: Derrick Williams, junior, Colorado State-Pueblo, Biology (3.99 GPA)



Eventual winner Mobolade Ajomale of Academy of Art leads Demonize McCray of McKendree and Myles Pringle of Ashland in the 200-meter dash.

STEVE NOWLAND/NCAA PHOTOS

MEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING

TEAM STANDINGS (TOP 10)

1. Queens (North Carolina), 563.5
2. Drury, 350
3. Nova Southeastern, 313
4. Florida Southern, 265
5. Grand Valley State, 255
6. Wingate, 198
7. Lindenwood, 175
8. Delta State, 160
9. Fresno Pacific, 156
10. Simon Fraser, 154



"Our acronym for this year was GRIT -- Get Results Intentionally as a Team. We knew we were just going to have to outwork everyone because on the men's side we have a lot of talent and on the women's side we had a lot of development. Every day we tried to give our best effort. The only perfection we ask from our kids is perfect effort every day, and it has paid off wonderfully."

Jeff Dugdale, head men's and women's swimming coach, Queens (North Carolina)
MATT MARRIOTT/NCAA PHOTOS

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS

50-yard freestyle

Sergei Golban, Lindenwood, 19.53

100-yard freestyle

Marius Kusch, Queens (North Carolina), 43.03

200-yard freestyle

Dion Dreesens, Queens (North Carolina), 1:33.85

500-yard freestyle

Joan Casanovas, Drury, 4:18.64

1,000-yard freestyle

Franco Lupoli, Nova Southeastern, 9:01.02

1,650-yard freestyle

Joan Casanovas, Drury, 15:11.20

100-yard backstroke

Paul Pijulet, Queens (North Carolina), 46.58

200-yard backstroke

Paul Pijulet, Queens (North Carolina), 1:42.08

100-yard breaststroke

Anton Lobanov, Nova Southeastern, 51.76

200-yard breaststroke

Anton Lobanov, Nova Southeastern, 1:51.83

100-yard butterfly

Paul Pijulet, Queens (North Carolina), 45.62

200-yard butterfly

Marius Kusch, Queens (North Carolina), 1:42.04 [meet record; old record 1:42.96, Matthew Josa, Queens (North Carolina), 3/13/2015]

200-yard individual medley

Marius Kusch, Queens (North Carolina), 1:44.36

400-yard individual medley

Nick Arakelian, Queens (North Carolina), 3:45.01

One-meter diving

Collin Vest, Clarion, 534.55

Three-meter diving

Brad Dalrymple, Grand Valley State, 513.70

200-yard freestyle relay

Florida Tech (Nir Barnea, Victor Rocha Furtado, Matthew Gallene, Filip Dujmich), 1:19.46

400-yard freestyle relay

Queens (North Carolina) (Marius Kusch, Dion Dreesens, Ben Mayes, Nick Arakelian), 2:53.00 [meet record; old record 2:53.89, Queens (North

Carolina) (Dreesens, Kusch, Mayes, Arakelian), 3/11/2017 (preliminaries)]

800-yard freestyle relay

Queens (North Carolina) (Dion Dreesens, Paul Pijulet, Marius Kusch, Nick Arakelian), 6:18.46 [meet record; old record 6:23.62, Queens (North Carolina) (Dion Dreesens, Ben Taylor, Nick Arakelian, Parker Cook-Weeks), 3/11/2016]

200-yard medley relay

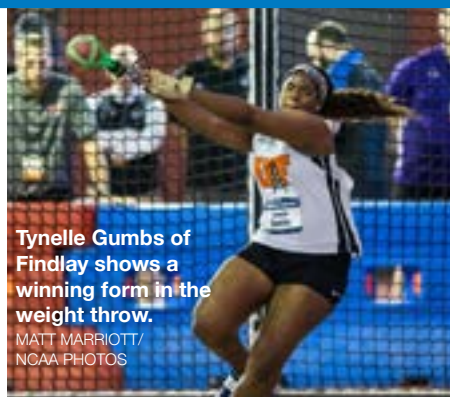
Queens (North Carolina) (Zach Bunner, Rostyslav Fedyna, Paul Pijulet, Ben Mayes), 1:25.89 [meet record, old record 1:25.95, Queens (North Carolina) (Bunner, Fedyna, Pijulet, Mayes), 3/8/2017 (preliminaries)]

400-yard medley relay

Queens (North Carolina) (Paul Pijulet, Rostyslav Fedyna, Marius Kusch, Dion Dreesens), 3:07.38 (meet record; old record 3:08.07, Queens (North Carolina) (John Suther, Nic Eriksson, Matthew Josa, Benjamin Taylor), 3/12/2015]

ELITE 90 HONOREE: Michael Cohn, senior, UC San Diego, Music (3.97 GPA)

WOMEN'S INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD



Tynelle Gumbs of Findlay shows a winning form in the weight throw.

MATT MARRIOTT/
NCAA PHOTOS

TEAM STANDINGS (TOP 10)

1. Adams State, 47
2. Grand Valley State, 39
3. Chadron State, 38
4. Pittsburg State, 35.83
5. West Texas A&M, 35
6. Johnson C. Smith, 31
7. Merrimack, 25
8. Western State, 24
9. Walsh, 22
10. Lincoln (Missouri), 22

ELITE 90 HONOREE: Natalie O'Keefe, senior, Southwest Baptist, Art (4.0 GPA)

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS

60-meter dash

Dianna Johnson, Adams State, 7.34

200-meter dash

Carly Muscaro, Merrimack, 23.57

400-meter dash

Carly Muscaro, Merrimack, 51.78 [meet record; old record 52.22, Lorraine Graham, Lincoln (Missouri), 3/8/1997]

800-meter run

Carsyn Koch, Cedarville, 2:05.65 [meet record; old record 2:05.96, Helen Crofts, Simon Fraser, 2013]

Mile run

Alicja Konieczek, Western State, 4:37.42 [meet record; old record 4:38.06, Suzy Jones, UC Davis, 1996]

3,000-meter run

Alicja Konieczek, Western State, 9:23.19

5,000-meter run

Alex Zeis, U-Mary, 16:23.22

60-meter high hurdles

Altoniece Williams, Minnesota State Mankato, 8.37

1,600-meter relay

Johnson C. Smith (Kianje Pollard, Fellan Ferguson, Dominique Julius-Williams, Tovea Jenkins), 3:42.05

Distance medley relay

Adams State (Roisin Flanagan, Jessica Scherrer, Leanne Allen, Jenna Thurman), 11:15.28 [meet record; old record 11:23.35, Grand Valley State (Betsy Graney, Leah Hess, Lisa Galasso, Rachel Patterson), 3/9/2012]

High jump

Natalie O'Keefe, Southwest Baptist, 1.76 (5-9 1/4)

Pole vault

Courtney Crandall, Sioux Falls, 4.32 (14-2 1/4) [meet record; old record 4.32 (14-2), Katelin Rains, Minnesota State Mankato, 3/15/2008]

Long jump

Stachia Reuwsaat, Chadron State, 6.16 (20-2 1/2)

Triple jump

Rellie Kaputin, West Texas A&M, 13.09 (42-11 1/2)

Shot put

Mel Herl, Chadron State, 15.77 (51-9)

Weight throw

Tynelle Gumbs, Findlay, 21.41 (70-3)

Pentathlon

Emilyn Dearman, Pittsburg State, 4,146



FESTIVAL RECORDS AND HIGHLIGHTS

Armstrong left its legacy
by dominating in men's and
women's tennis.



TEAM CHAMPIONS (57 TOTAL CHAMPIONS; 37 INSTITUTIONS)

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- 5** Armstrong (men's tennis 2008 and 2012; women's tennis 2008, 2012 and 2016)
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- 4** Adams State (women's cross country 2006; men's cross country 2010 and 2014; women's indoor track and field 2017)
Drury (men's swimming and diving 2009 and 2013; women's swimming and diving 2009 and 2013)
Grand Valley State (women's cross country 2010 and 2014; women's soccer 2010 and 2014)
-
- 3** Rollins (women's golf 2004, 2006 and 2016)
-
- 2** Nova Southeastern (men's golf 2012; women's golf 2012)
Queens (North Carolina) (men's swimming and diving 2017; women's swimming and diving 2017)
Saint Augustine's (men's indoor track and field 2009 and 2013)
Tampa (women's volleyball 2006 and 2014)
West Florida (men's tennis 2004; men's golf 2008)
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- 1** Abilene Christian (men's cross country 2006)
Academy of Art (women's indoor track and field 2013)
Adelphi (women's lacrosse 2004)
Angelo State (softball 2004)
Bloomsburg (field hockey 2006)
Brigham Young Hawaii (women's tennis 2004)
Concordia University, St. Paul (women's volleyball 2010)
Dowling (men's soccer 2006)
Florida Southern (women's lacrosse 2016)
Hawaii Pacific (men's tennis 2016)
Humboldt State (softball 2008)
Lincoln (Missouri) (women's indoor track and field 2009)
LIU Post (women's lacrosse 2012)
Lynn (men's soccer 2014)
UMass Lowell (field hockey 2010)
Millersville (field hockey 2014)
MSU Denver (women's soccer 2006)
Nebraska-Kearney (wrestling 2013)
North Alabama (softball 2016)
Northern Kentucky (men's soccer 2010)
Notre Dame (Ohio) (wrestling 2017)
Omaha (wrestling 2009)
Saint Leo (men's golf 2016)
South Carolina Aiken (men's golf 2004)
Tiffin (men's indoor track and field 2017)
Valdosta State (softball 2012)
West Chester (women's lacrosse 2008)



INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS

(INCLUDES RELAY EVENTS; 268 TOTAL CHAMPIONS; 83 INSTITUTIONS REPRESENTED)

Drury	32	Johnson C. Smith	3	Chico State	1	Saint Martin's	1
Queens (North Carolina)	19	Nebraska-Kearney	3	Colorado School of Mines	1	San Francisco State	1
Wayne State (Michigan)	12	Omaha	3	Colorado State-Pueblo	1	South Carolina Aiken	1
Adams State	11	Ouachita Baptist	3	Emporia State	1	Southern Connecticut State	1
Saint Augustine's	11	St. Cloud State	3	Findlay	1	Southern Indiana	1
Ashland	9	Shippensburg	3	Florida Tech	1	Southwest Baptist	1
Nova Southeastern	7	Simon Fraser	3	Lindenwood	1	Texas A&M-Kingsville	1
Academy of Art	6	Mary	3	Kutztown	1	Truman	1
Grand Canyon	6	Central Oklahoma	2	Mercyhurst	1	UIndy	1
Grand Valley State	6	LIU Post	2	Missouri S&T	1	Virginia State	1
Lincoln (Missouri)	6	Maryville (Missouri)	2	Missouri Southern	1	West Liberty	1
West Florida	6	Merrimack	2	MSU Denver	1	West Texas A&M	1
Central Missouri	5	Newberry	2	Northern Michigan	1	Western Oregon	1
Incarnate Word	5	Northern State	2	Northwest Nazarene	1	Western Washington	1
Notre Dame (Ohio)	5	Rollins	2	Pittsburg State	1	Wingate	1
UC San Diego	5	Seattle Pacific	2	Saint Leo	1	Wisconsin-Parkside	1
Clarion	4	Sioux Falls	2				
Limestone	4	West Chester	2				
Minnesota State Mankato	4	Alaska Anchorage	1				
Tampa	4	Alaska Fairbanks	1				
Tiffin	4	Angelo State	1				
Western State	4	Azusa Pacific	1				
Abilene Christian	3	Bridgeport	1				
Chadron State	3	California Baptist	1				
Florida Southern	3	Cedarville	1				
		Central Washington	1				

In all, 98 schools have won either a team or individual title (includes institutions that are no longer DII members)

The Drury Panthers (top) were on the prowl in the pool early on, but the Queens (North Carolina) Royals (right) are seeking to overtake the individual-title throne.



NOTABLES

Saint Leo's team and individual titles in men's golf capped a remarkable performance for the university's athletics program at the 2016 festival. The Lions' men's tennis team advanced to the championship match; women's tennis advanced to the semifinals; and women's golf tied for fourth place in the team standings. Saint Leo in fact would go on to finish second in the 2016 Learfield Directors' Cup presented by NACDA.



In 2013, Simon Fraser's Helen Crofts and Mariya Chekanovych became the festival's first individual champions from a non-U.S. institution. Crofts won the 800 meters at the indoor track and field meet, while Chekanovych claimed titles in the 100- and 200-yard breaststrokes, setting a meet record in the 100.



Grand Valley State head cross country coach Jerry Baltes thought coming into the 2014 national championship meet in Louisville that he had three runners who were capable of winning the individual title. He was right – Kendra Foley, Allyson Winchester and Jessica Janecke finished 1-2-3 and helped the Lakers rout the field for their third consecutive team title and fourth in five years.



Wayne State's Paige Kortman made a splash earlier on the winter 2013 cover of NCAA Champion magazine, and she backed up the hype by winning the one-meter dive and finishing second in the three-meter event at the 2013 festival in Birmingham.





They Said It

"We really modeled (the 2004 festival) as best we could after the Olympics. I'm not sure we could make an argument for spending \$2 billion to stage it, like Athens will this coming summer, but we've still put together something very special and very powerful."

--John Saboor, executive director of the Central Florida Sports Commission, which co-hosted the inaugural festival in spring 2004 with Rollins College.



When Millersville head field hockey coach Shelly Behrens took over the program in 2007, the Marauders were coming off a 4-14 season and hadn't had a winning record in 10 previous seasons. Millersville reached the national semifinals in 2013 before winning it all at the 2014 festival in Louisville.

"It's really just unfathomable," Behrens said of the transition. "We've talked about doing this. We went in one day and said we think we can do it, and this is how we are going to do it. To have it come to fruition is more than a little overwhelming."

"A big part of me coming to this school was because my mom is the coach, and she's always been my best trainer. For me, winning this event means just giving back to the team, and giving back to my mom for all the coaching she's put into this and all the time she's put into it. So just being able to give back to the school and to the team."

--Hannah Kastigar of Northern State, who dominated the 400-yard individual medley in 2017 to please Coach Elyce Kastigar.



“We proved a lot of people wrong. That’s a really neat feature to this team. After the Ohio Dominican loss (on Oct. 17), Coach (Jeff) Hosler challenged us and said, ‘Where are we going to go?’ Ever since that game, we took care of business. As soon as we hit the NCAA tournament, our level of play just rose and rose, and it finally paid off in the end.”

--Grand Valley State senior goalkeeper Andrea Strauss, who literally saved the Lakers’ championship season in the 2014 national semifinals by stopping three consecutive penalty kicks in the shootout against Saint Rose.



The 2014 women’s volleyball championship match had an emotional beginning, as Southwest Minnesota State started freshman Greta Geist (photograph at right), who was slated to begin chemotherapy two days later to treat cancer. After she was announced, Geist was replaced, and while by rule Southwest Minnesota State should have been charged with a substitution, Tampa agreed to forego it.

“Sometimes protocol runs everything, but it was an easy decision for us to start Greta,” said Southwest Minnesota State head coach Terry Culhane. “We knew our season was going to end one way or another that day, but Greta’s battle was just starting. The NCAA, the Tampa staff and Chris (Catanach, Tampa head coach) were all on board with us being able to do that.”



“I remained patient all day. I made the shots that I needed to and it was flawless golf for me. We prepared all year for this day and it was just a brilliant performance by the whole team; everyone did their part.”

--Nova Southeastern golfer Mitch Farrer, who defeated Chico State’s Chris Doyle to notch the Sharks’ first point in the 2012 championship match





FESTIVAL TIME CAPSULE

Academy Award Film of the Year

2016 – Moonlight
 2014 – Birdman
 2013 – 12 Years a Slave
 2012 – Argo
 2010 – The King's Speech
 2009 – The Hurt Locker
 2008 – Slumdog Millionaire
 2006 – The Departed
 2004 – Million Dollar Baby

Grammy Song of the Year

2017 – Hello (Adele)
 2016 – Thinking Out Loud (Ed Sheeran)
 2014 – Royals (Lorde)
 2013 – We Are Young (Fun)
 2012 – Rolling in the Deep (Adele)
 2010 – Single Ladies (Beyonce)
 2009 – Viva la Vida (Coldplay)
 2008 – Rehab (Amy Winehouse)
 2006 – Sometimes You Can't Make It On Your Own (U2)
 2004 – Dance With My Father (Luther Vandross)

Emmy Comedy of the Year

2016 – Veep
 2014 – Modern Family
 2013 – Modern Family
 2012 – Modern Family
 2010 – Modern Family
 2009 – 30 Rock
 2008 – 30 Rock
 2006 – The Office
 2004 – Arrested Development

DID YOU KNOW?

Sports announcers Bonnie Bernstein (CBS) and Dick Vitale (ESPN) emceed the opening and closing ceremonies, respectively, at the first festival in 2004.

After Hurricane Ivan devastated the Gulf Coast in 2004, Division II committed to partnering with Habitat for Humanity to build homes at the 2006 and 2008 festivals in Pensacola and Houston.



FESTIVAL FUN FACTS

STUDENT-ATHLETES

More than 9,000 student-athletes have participated in the 10 festivals!

VOLUNTEERS

On average 200-900 volunteers are needed to help run a festival, depending on the sports involved. By our count, more than 4,000 people have volunteered for the festivals over the years.

FIREWORKS

It's always a blast at either the opening or closing ceremonies – sometimes both!



FUTURE FESTIVAL SITES

Year	Location	Dates	Host
Fall 2018 (men's and women's cross country, men's and women's soccer, field hockey and women's volleyball)	Pittsburgh, PA	Nov. 25-Dec. 1	Clarion University of Pennsylvania, Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania and SportsPittsburgh
Spring 2020 (men's and women's golf, men's and women's tennis, softball and women's lacrosse)	St. Louis, MO	May 10-16	Lindenwood University, St. Charles CVB and the St. Louis Sports Commission
Winter 2021 (men's and women's indoor track and field, men's and women's swimming and diving, wrestling)	Birmingham, AL	March 8-13	University of Montevallo and the City of Birmingham



Congratulations to all current DII institutions that have won team or individual championships at one or more of the 10 National Championships Festivals!





