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PROVIDENCE COLLEGE OUTDOOR TRACK TEAM HAS 10 FRIARS EARN QUALIFYING TIMES FOR BIG EAST CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Friars had two first place finishes from the women and one from the men.

WILLIAMSBURG, Va.- The Providence College outdoor track and field team competed in the Colonial Relays on Friday, April 5 in Williamsburg, Va. Five women qualified for events in both the BIG EAST and ECAC Championships. On the men's side five qualified for both the BIG EAST Championships and the IC4A Championships.

Early in the day senior Shelby Greany (Suffern, N.Y.) won the 3000 meter steeplechase with a time of 10:23.62 to qualify her for both the BIG EAST and the ECAC Championships. Junior Laura Nagel (Napier, New Zealand) led a four person Providence effort that landed them with three top-10 finishers and four BIG EAST and ECAC Championship qualifiers.

Nagel won the 5000 meter event with a personal best time of 15:50.36. Freshman Sarah Mary Collins (Basel, Switzerland) placed fifth with a time of 16:20.44, while junior Erin Murphy (Easton, Mass.) and senior Sam Roecker (Charlton, N.Y.) finished with qualifying times of 16:32.06 (7th) and 16:49.15 (12th), respectively.

The men saw freshmen Julian Oakley (Tauranga, New Zealand) and Harvey Dixon (Aldershot, England) earn qualifying times in the 1500 meter run for both the BIG EAST and IC4A Championships. Dixon finished fourth with a time of 3:47.18, while Oakley finished ninth with a time of 3:48.29.

Sophomore Liam Hillery (Smithfield, R.I.) ran for the Friars at the men's 5000 meter, finishing 10th with a personal best time of 14:25.88. Hillery's time qualified him for both the BIG EAST and IC4A Championships.

Sophomore Shane Quinn (Waterford, Ireland) and senior Ahmed Ali (Boston, Mass.) competed in the final event of the day, the men's 10,000 meter run. Quinn won the event with a time of 29:30.59, while Ali took eighth with a personal best time of 30:16.28. Both qualified for both the BIG EAST and IC4A Championships.

Times and Finishes of Providence Competitors:

<u>Women</u> Jackie McCarthy; 2:13.05 (18th) 800m run Shelby Greany; 10:23.62 (1st) 3000m steeplechase Laura Nagel; 15:50.36 (1st) 5000m run Sarah Mary Collins; 16:20.44 (5th) 5000m run Erin Murphy; 16:32.06 (7th) 5000m run Sam Roecker; 16:49.15 (12th) 5000m run

Men Joseph Vercollone; 1:57.64 (43th) 800m run Julian Oakley; 3:48.29 (9th) 1500m run Harvey Dixon; 3:47.18 (4th) 1500m run Liam Hillery; 14:25.88 (10th) 5000m run Shane Quinn; 29:30.59 (1st) 10,000m run Ahmed Ali; 30:16.28 (8th) 10,000m run

For complete meet results click HERE: http://www.halfmiletiming.com/Datafiles/Spring2013/WM13/ColonialRelays13/Results/

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