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**PROVIDENCE COLLEGE MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY OPEN  
SEASON AT UNH**

**The Friars look to build off their second-place finish at last years NCAA Cross  
Country Championships.**

**PROVIDENCE, R.I.** - The Providence College men's and women's cross country teams will kick-off the 2013 season at the New Hampshire Dual Meet on Saturday, Aug. 31 at 11:00 a.m. The meet will take place in Durham, N.H. at the University of New Hampshire.

The women return after a second-place finish at the NCAA Cross Country Championships last season. On Tuesday, Aug. 27 the women's team was ranked first in the nation by the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) in the preseason coaches' poll. It was the first time the team had been ranked number one since the 1996 season, the year after the team took the 1995 national title.

The women's team will return three of the top five runners from last season and welcome five freshman. The regional poll, released on Aug. 26 by the USTFCCCA, ranked the women first in the northeast. The women return seniors Emily Sisson (Chesterfield, Mo.), Laura Nagel (Napier, New Zealand), and sophomore Sarah Mary Collins (Basel, Switzerland), all of whom earned All-America honors at the 2012 NCAA Championships. Joining the Friars are freshmen Bryanna Allison (Lowell, Mass.), Ashley Erba (Winona Lake, Ind.), Jillian Fanning (Manlius, N.Y.), Keelin Hollowood (Saratoga Springs, N.Y.), and Catarina Rocha (Peabody, Mass.).

Racing this weekend for the women are seniors Elizabeth DeVivo (Riverside, Conn.), Molly McCann (Rockville Centre, N.Y.), Jackie McCarthy (New Rochelle, N.Y.), Erin Murphy (Easton, Mass.) along with captains Nagel and Sisson. Also competing are juniors Caille Kohlbrenner (Sparkill, N.Y.), Devyn Pryor (Dartmouth, Mass.), Julie Solimine (Haverhill, Mass.), and sophomores Sarah Mary Collins (Basel, Switzerland) and Kathleen Powell (Wrentham, Mass.). Allison and Hollowood will make their collegiate debuts on Saturday.

Last season, the women's team earned a first place finish with 20 points at the New Hampshire Dual Meet. Nagel finished first with a time of 17:07.0 and was one of seven top-10 finishers for Providence.

On the men's side, two All-Northeast Regional performers will return, junior Shane Quinn (Waterford, Ireland) and sophomore Harvey Dixon (Aldershot, England). The team will welcome six newcomers, including graduate-student Julian Saad (Trumbull, Conn.), who is a transfer student from Fordham University.

Providence will race Saad, Quinn, Dixon, along with juniors Liam Hillery (Smithfield, R.I.) and Benjamin Connor (Derby, England), and sophomores Christian Costello (Ridgewood, N.J.), Jake Meredith (Wellfleet, Mass.), Julian Oakley (Tauranga, New Zealand), Stephen Robertson (Wakefield, Mass.), Brendan Sullivan (Foxboro, Mass.), and Joseph Vercollone (Pembroke, Mass.). Two freshmen, Trevor Crawley (Cumberland, R.I.) and Jonathan Estrada (Los Angeles, Calif.), will make their collegiate debuts at New Hampshire.

The Friars were ranked fifth in the northeast in the USTFCCA preseason coaches' poll on Monday, Aug. 26 and will look to build off a fourth place finish at last season's BIG EAST Championships. Last season, the men finished first at the UNH Dual Meet with 18 points. The men's team was led by Quinn who earned a first place finish with a time of 18:26.

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