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@EphSports Wins Consecutive Division III Learfield Sports Directors' Cup; @NESCAC finishes with Four Institutions in the Top 10

CLEVELAND – Williams claims its 17th Division III Learfield Sports Directors' Cup. The Ephs have now won back-to-back titles and 17 out of 19 awarded since 1995-96. Williams will be honored at the 2014 NACDA Convention during the Learfield Sports Directors' Cup Awards Luncheon on Tuesday, June 10.

Williams finished with 1,225.25 points and scored in the maximum 18 sports, including finishes of second in women's cross country, men's basketball and rowing, third in men's soccer, women's golf and women's tennis, fifth in men's cross country, women's swimming & diving and women's indoor track & field, eighth in men's swimming & diving and women's outdoor track & field, ninth in women's volleyball, women's lacrosse and men's tennis, 13th in wrestling, 15th in skiing and 33rd in men's outdoor track & field. The Ephs had four scores omitted due to the nine maximum allowed for women's and men's sports – softball, women's basketball, women's ice hockey and women's soccer.

Wisconsin Whitewater finishes as the runner-up for the title with 1134.75 points, which is the highest finish for the University. The Warhawks scored in 16 total sports and finished the spring with a national championship in baseball, a third place finish in softball and women's outdoor track & field, 13th place finish in men's outdoor track & field and a 17th place finish in men's and women's tennis.

Johns Hopkins takes home third place with 977.50 points. The Blue Jays scored in 17 sports, including fourth in women's tennis, fifth in men's lacrosse and men's tennis, 17th in women's lacrosse, 18th in men's outdoor track & field and 23rd in women's outdoor track & field. The third place finish is a new all-time high for Johns Hopkins.

Washington-St. Louis, with 924.25 points, finishes in fourth place. The Bears scored in the maximum 18 sports and had one score omitted due to the nine maximum allowed for women's and men's sports – softball.

Rounding out the top five is **Amherst** with 914.50 points. The Lord Jeffs scored in 13 sports, including a national title in men's tennis, second in women's tennis, third in women's lacrosse, ninth in men's lacrosse, 15th in women's outdoor track & field and 17th in baseball.

The **New England Small College Athletic Conference** finishes with four institutions ranked in the top 10 – Williams (1st), Amherst (5th), Tufts (7th) and Middlebury (10th).

Twelve spring Division III championships have been completed with the following institutions capturing titles: *baseball – Wisconsin Whitewater; rowing – Trinity (CT); softball – Tufts; women's outdoor track & field – Wartburg; men's outdoor track & field – Mount Union; women's golf – Rhodes; men's golf – Schreiner; men's volleyball – Springfield; men's lacrosse – Tufts; women's lacrosse – Salisbury; women's tennis – Emory; men's tennis – Amherst.*

The Learfield Sports Directors' Cup was developed as a joint effort between the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA) and USA Today. Points are awarded based on each institution's finish in up to 18 sports -- nine women's and nine men's.

Complete standings and the scoring structure can be found on NACDA's website at www.directorscup.org. In addition, please visit www.thedirectorscup.com, like us on Facebook at facebook.com/lsdirectorscup or follow us on Twitter [@lsdirectorscup](https://twitter.com/lsdirectorscup).

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