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GEORGETOWN MEN, NOTRE DAME WOMEN CAPTURE 2003 BIG EAST CROSS COUNTRY TITLES

Bronx, N.Y. – The Georgetown men and Notre Dame women each took home the conference crowns at the 2003 BIG EAST Cross Country Championships held today at Van Cortlandt Park in Bronx, N.Y.

In the men's 8,000-meter race, Georgetown was paced by junior Rod Koborsi who posted a second-place time of 24:38 to improve on his 14th-place showing last year. Six Hoya runners placed in the top 15, including sophomore Chris Lukezic who was third (24:42) and sophomore Fleet Hower who finished fifth (24:45). This marks Georgetown's league-best 13th championship title, including four of the last six.

The top men's finisher was Villanova graduate student Jonathan Fasulo who crossed the finish line in 24:35. He is the first Wildcat winner since Louie Quintana in 1993. Fasulo and two additional top 15 finishers helped give VU a third-place showing.

Notre Dame placed two runners in the top 10 as the Irish finished second.

BIG EAST Men's Coaching Staff of the Year honors went to Georgetown led by head coach Ron Helmer.

For the Notre Dame women, this marks their second consecutive BIG EAST title. The Irish were paced by three runners in the top 15. Sophomore Molly Huddle was ND's top finisher, taking third place (20:47). Kerry Meagher, a junior, placed sixth (21:01).

Providence had the top two finishers for a second-place team showing. Friar junior Kim Smith took top honors by completing the 6,000-meter race in 20:01. That time breaks the BIG EAST's 6,000-meter Van Cortlandt record of 20:04 set by Catherine Guiney of Boston College in 2001. Prior to 2001, the women's event was 5,000 meters. PC junior Mary Cullen improved on her sixth-place finish from a year ago with a second-place showing in a time of 20:37.

BIG EAST Women's Coaching Staff of the Year accolades went to Notre Dame which is guided by 15th-year head coach Tim Connelly.

Men's Team Results (top 5 finishers)

1. Georgetown	2	3	5	9	10	=	29
2. Notre Dame	6	7	12	20	21	=	66
3. Villanova	1	13	14	17	22	=	67
4. Providence	4	11	18	19	23	=	75
5. Connecticut	25	32	38	39	42	=	176
6. Boston College	27	37	40	41	46	=	191
7. Syracuse	8	44	45	53	63	=	213
8. Pittsburgh	31	48	54	55	59	=	247
9. Virginia Tech	29	43	50	62	66	=	250
10. Miami	35	51	58	60	64	=	268
11. Rutgers	34	47	52	68	75	=	276
12. Seton Hall	56	57	65	80	81	=	339

2003 All-BIG EAST Team (top 15 finishers)

1. Jonathan Fasulo	Villanova	24:35
2. Rod Koborsi	Georgetown	24:38
3. Chris Lukezic	Georgetown	24:42
4. Dylan Wykes	Providence	24:44
5. Fleet Hower	Georgetown	24:45
6. Tim Moore	Notre Dame	24:45
7. Todd Mobley	Notre Dame	24:47
8. John Bitok	Syracuse	24:49
9. Chris Esselborn	Georgetown	24:50
10. Javon Broderick	Georgetown	24:54
11. Patrick Moulton	Providence	24:59
12. Kaleb Van Ort	Notre Dame	24:59
13. Milos Mitric	Villanova	25:04
14. Bobby Curtis	Villanova	25:09
15. Matt Debole	Georgetown	25:15

Women's Team Results (top 5 finishers)

1. Notre Dame	3	6	14	16	20	=	59
2. Providence	1	2	21	25	31	=	80
3. Georgetown	5	9	15	26	29	=	80
4. Villanova	10	11	19	24	27	=	91
5. Boston College	4	13	28	34	41	=	120
6. Virginia Tech	8	17	35	40	44	=	144
7. West Virginia	7	12	36	47	50	=	152
8. Connecticut	18	23	45	48	59	=	193
9. Pittsburgh	22	38	56	69	72	=	257
10. Rutgers	30	51	60	64	70	=	275
11. Miami	46	62	67	77	79	=	331
12. Syracuse	57	58	74	75	80	=	344
13. Seton Hall	76	87	88	90	92	=	422
14. St. John's	81	86	89	91	95	=	442

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1. Kim Smith	Providence	20:01
2. Mary Cullen	Providence	20:37
3. Molly Huddle	Notre Dame	20:47
4. Jennifer Kramer	Boston College	20:48
5. Treniere Clement	Georgetown	21:00
6. Kerry Meagher	Notre Dame	21:01
7. Megan Metcalfe	West Virginia	21:02
8. Marlies Overbeeke	Virginia Tech	21:05
9. Nicole Lee	Georgetown	21:12
10. Marina Muncan	Villanova	21:16
11. Ioana Parusheva	Villanova	21:18
12. Tara Struyk	West Virginia	21:24
13. Jennifer Donovan	Boston College	21:27
14. Lauren King	Notre Dame	21:31
15. Amanda Pape	Georgetown	21:35