



Division II conducted its 12th National Championships Festival Nov. 30-Dec. 3 in Seattle for fall sports (men's and women's cross country, field hockey, men's and women's soccer, and women's volleyball). This was the fifth fall sports festival; the others being in 2006, 2010, 2014 and 2018. It also was the first festival to be held since 2018, as those previously scheduled in 2020 (spring sports) and 2021 (winter sports) were canceled due to the pandemic. As is customary at the festivals, participants enjoyed opening ceremonies, community engagement activities and the camaraderie that comes with having an Olympic Village-type atmosphere.





Concordia-St. Paul's Kennedy Brady duels West Texas A&M's Taytum Stow at the net. Brady, who was named the Elite 90 recipient earlier in the week during the festival, registered eight kills in the championship match. The Golden Bears, nine-time winners of this championship, lost for only the second time in a title match.

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WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

QUARTERFINALS

West Texas A&M def. Wingate, 25-23, 23-25, 25-19, 22-25, 15-12

Missouri-St. Louis def. Barry, 25-18, 22-25, 28-26, 25-22

Cal State LA def. Gannon, 25-11, 25-14, 25-18

Concordia-St. Paul def. Southern New Hampshire, 25-19, 25-23, 25-11

SEMIFINALS

West Texas A&M def. Missouri-St. Louis, 25-23, 25-21, 23-25, 25-23

Concordia-St. Paul def. Cal State LA, 25-16, 25-21, 25-14

CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH

West Texas A&M def. Concordia-St. Paul, 23-25, 25-23, 25-20, 28-26

ELITE 90 HONOREE: Kennedy Brady, Senior, Concordia-St. Paul, Secondary Education in Mathematics, 4.0 GPA

The West Texas A&M Lady Buffs celebrate their victory over Concordia-St. Paul in the Division II Women's Volleyball Championship match held as part of the Division II National Championships Festival in Seattle. West Texas A&M, which won the program's fourth title and first since 1997, hit .307 overall in the championship match with 62 kills on 150 swings with 16 errors to go along with 56 assists, 56 digs, 12 blocks and five aces.

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West Texas A&M senior Kayla Elliott matched a career high with 17 kills and contributed six blocks in the four-set victory over Concordia-St. Paul. West Texas A&M finished the 2022 season with a 26-match winning streak.

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FIELD HOCKEY



The top-ranked East Stroudsburg field hockey team celebrates its second Division II Field Hockey Championship title in program history. The event took place as part of the Division II National Championships Festival in Seattle. The Warriors concluded the season winning their final seven games and setting the school record for wins by finishing 20-2.

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FIRST ROUND

West Chester 10, Adelphi 1
Assumption 2, Saint Anselm 1 (OT)

SEMIFINALS

East Stroudsburg 3, Assumption 0
Shippensburg 4, West Chester 2

CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH

East Stroudsburg 1, Shippensburg 0

ELITE 90 HONOREE: Adriana Palumbo, Sophomore, West Chester, Public Health, 4.0 GPA

East Stroudsburg's Nicole Krozser (center) celebrates her winning goal with 34.9 seconds left in the game with teammates Jady van Gils (left) and Hanna Lewis (right). It was van Gils who carried the ball up the right side of the Shippensburg defensive zone before passing to Krozser, who redirected it into the back left corner of the cage.

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▲ Shippensburg's Maura Mears fires off a pass during the championship game against East Stroudsburg. The defending-champion Raiders lost a heartbreaker on a last-minute goal to end its season at 16-4.

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The Franklin Pierce Ravens celebrate the school's second Division II Men's Soccer Championship title and first since 2007 after defeating Colorado State University Pueblo, 2-0, in the championship match conducted as part of the Division II National Championships Festival in Seattle. The win capped an unbeaten season for the Ravens at 26-0-1, and the 26 wins makes Franklin Pierce the single-season winningest team in NCAA Division II history to claim the national crown, breaking the previous record held by the 2015 champion Pfeiffer University (25-0-0).

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MEN'S SOCCER

QUARTERFINALS

Franklin Pierce 1, Charleston (West Virginia) 0

Barry* 1, Rollins 1

Lake Erie 1, Maryville (Missouri) 0

Colorado State University Pueblo 1, Northwest Nazarene 0

*Advanced on the basis of penalty kicks, 3-1.

SEMIFINALS

Franklin Pierce 5, Lake Erie 2

Colorado State University Pueblo 1, Barry 0

CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH

Franklin Pierce 2, Colorado State University Pueblo 0

ELITE 90 HONOREE: Roy Shohat, Sophomore, Barry, Exercise Physiology, 4.0 GPA

TOP: Dylan Zavardini (right) of Colorado State University Pueblo gains the advantage on Miguel Angel Pastor Gutierrez of Franklin Pierce during the championship match, but it was Gutierrez's Ravens that had the advantage at the end, winning a 2-0 battle against the Thunderwolves. Gutierrez scored the Ravens' first goal of the contest, which turned out to be the game-winner.

BOTTOM: Braudilio Rodrigues of Franklin Pierce weaves his way past two Thunderwolves defenders. Rodrigues, who was named the Division II Player of the Year, was credited with an assist on the Ravens' second goal of the match.

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West Chester's Faith Matter (left) and Western Washington's Dayana Diaz battle for the ball during the championship match. Western Washington defeated the Golden Rams 2-1, to cap off a 19-2-4 season.

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

QUARTERFINALS

West Chester 2, Franklin Pierce 1 (2OT)
Columbus State 4, West Florida 3
Ferris State 2, Bemidji State 0
Western Washington 3, Colorado School of Mines 1

SEMIFINALS

West Chester 2, Ferris State 1
Western Washington 2, Columbus State 1

CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH

Western Washington 2, West Chester 1

ELITE 90 HONOREE: Carley Canzoneri, Senior, Columbus State, Accounting, 4.0 GPA

Katie Watt (blue uniform) of Western Washington rises above West Chester's Kaitlynn Haughey to win the ball. The Vikings came out on top as well, winning the Vikings' second national title and first since 2016.

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▶ The Western Washington Vikings rejoice after defeating West Chester, 2-1, in the Division II Women's Soccer Championship match conducted as part of the Division II National Championships Festival in Seattle. Freshman Claire Potter scored the go-ahead goal in the 82nd minute. She also assisted on Tera Ziemer's goal at the 14th minute to open the scoring. Allyson Cutter scored for West Chester, which lost for the first time this season.

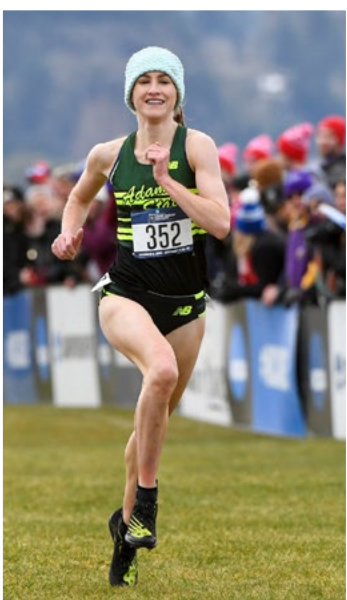
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Adams State's Brianna Robles is flanked by Grand Valley State's Lauren Kiley (left) and Natalie Graber on her way to a fourth-place finish. Robles placed sixth at last year's meet.

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▲ Adams State's Stephanie Cotter won the individual title, finishing the 6K race in 19:45.2. Cotter becomes the ninth woman to win the Division II championship twice (she won previously in 2019).

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WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

TEAM STANDINGS (TOP 5)

1. Adams State, 75 (Team member place finishes*: Stephanie Cotter, 1; Brianna Robles, 4; Precious Robinson, 14; Emily Schoellkopf, 23; Morgan Hykes, 33)
2. Grand Valley State, 126
3. Colorado School of Mines, 164
4. Colorado-Colorado Springs, 184
5. Augustana (South Dakota), 218

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

INDIVIDUAL STANDINGS (TOP 5)

1. Stephanie Cotter, Adams State, 19:45.2
2. Lindsay Cunningham, Winona State, 20:27.2
3. Klaudia O'Malley, Grand Valley State, 20:43.0
4. Brianna Robles, Adams State, 20:44.9
5. Florance Uwajenza, West Texas A&M, 20:48.9

ELITE 90 HONOREE: Zoe Baker, Graduate Student, Colorado School of Mines, Computer Science, 4.0 GPA

Adams State won the team title for the third consecutive time and 20th overall (including five of the last seven championships). The Grizzlies are the first team to win three straight national titles on four occasions.

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An overhead view of the race provides a good idea of the conditions runners faced during the Division II Cross Country Championships in Seattle.

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MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

TEAM STANDINGS (TOP 5)

1. Colorado School of Mines, 43 (Team member place finishes*: Dillon Powell, 1; Duncan Fuehne, 3; Loic Scomparin, 8; Luke Julian, 11; Chris Cathcart, 20)
2. Wingate, 177
3. Colorado Christian, 191
4. Grand Valley State, 209
5. Chico State, 265

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

INDIVIDUAL STANDINGS (TOP 5)

1. Dillon Powell, Colorado School of Mines, 29:28.0
2. Tanner Chada, Grand Valley State, 29:47.1
3. Duncan Fuehne, Colorado School of Mines, 29:48.3
4. Zach Kreft, Walsh, 29:53.6
5. Afewerki Zeru, Colorado-Coloado Springs, 29:54.2

ELITE 90 HONOREE: Duncan Fuehne, Graduate Student, Colorado School of Mines, Physics, 3.98 GPA

The Colorado School of Mines Orediggers won their third team title by the largest margin in meet history. All seven Oredigger runners placed in the top 30.

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Colorado School of Mines swept the trophies as Dillon Powell became the school's first individual cross country champion.

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