Holy Cross track and field finish a successful weekend

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Who let the dogs out?! At this weekend’s Boston Terrier Classic, a better tune would have been, “Who let the greyhounds out?” Holy Cross Women’s Track and Field ran with the best of the best this past weekend, participating in a meet that attracts the most talented runners from colleges and track clubs nation-wide. The Holy Cross girls were not intimidated, however, and they proved that they could run with the best of the best.

The meet began on Friday with the long distance runners, setting the pace for the day. Emily Hogan (02’) recently returning from injury, exercised her indomitable spirit and ran a fantastic 3000 meters. Not only did she place tenth overall, but her time (10:01.82) qualified for the New England Championships, to be held at the end of February. Also running well in the event were Marcia Flaherty (01’) and co-captain Beth Coughlin (01’).

But for the sprints and mid-distance girls, there would be no Friday night post-race celebration. They would rise bright and early Saturday morning for day two of the “Greyhound Classic.”

Co-captain Jess Kieliszak (01) opened the day with an impressive 500 meters. Asked to comment on her performance she said she owed it all to the comment on her performance. “We are in a tough league,” and UConn’s 800 meters. With only weeks left in the season, the Crusaders are looking for a win in the final meet. Coach Peter Van Buskirk had this to say, “The UConn game was good for us, it was a tough game.”

The second period went much the same for both teams. Holy Cross threw nine shots at Alexander and Amherst seven at DiSanto, all of which were blocked. The Crusaders are looking for a win in the final meet. Coach Peter Van Buskirk had this to say, “The UConn game was good for us, it was a tough game.”

This past weekend, the Crusaders traveled up to Amherst on Saturday, Jan. 27, for the 7:30 p.m. game. An hour and forty-four minutes later, Holy Cross had forced all of the other teams to switch each other out for nearly three periods of solid play, with Amherst scoring a game-winning goal directly two seconds into the clock and sent the Crusaders home with a heartbreaker of a loss.

“I expected the game to be competitive,” said Coach Van Buskirk. “I didn’t expect it to be decided in the last two seconds. The level of competition, the level of skill was closer than other teams. It was a better match, a closer game than expected.”

The two squads traded possessions in the first period. Holy Cross’ DiSanto blocked out four shots and was not scored upon, while Amherst’s goal- tender Heidi Alexander stopped four. Elizabeth Campbell and freshman Lindsey Jean both landed in the penalty box, for roughing and cutting, respectively, as did Amherst’s Alison White for a tripping call, but Holy Cross defense killed both penalties.

Holy Cross tried to convert a five-on-four when Amherst’s Hilary Zwerdling was called for a slashing foul. The Crusaders could not convert and Amherst killed a Holy Cross power play while Elissa Landes served a two-minute sentence for a hooking call.

The final score was 9-1 with Amherst winning the game.

Women’s hockey splits against Amherst and UConn

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The Holy Cross women’s ice hockey team split a pair of games last weekend, crushing the UConn Huskies in a decisive 9-1 victory last Friday before falling to Amherst in a 2-9-1 defeat last Saturday. The Huskies scored the first goal a little over ten minutes into the first period when Hollie Stephens slipped past one Holy Cross defender and slammed home in five consecutive goals to finish the period 5-1. Junior forward Stephanie Lielich netted the game-winner 1:20.64.

Sophomore Erin Williams scored the game-winning goal eleven minutes into the second. Co-captain Pat Drury truly knows how to throw his weight around. The second placed sec- ond in the weight throw, netting a distance of 16.36 meters, while A.J. Beaubois (02’) fared equally as well, placing third with a throw of 15.7 meters.

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Dave Kasouf (03’) bolted out of the starting blocks, to run a 55 meter dash time of 6.7 sec- onds. Matt Karatkewicz (03’) and Jeff Boden (02’) also ran very impressive 800 meter dashes. In the longer distances, the always impressive Sean Mc- Carthy (03’), ran solidly in the 1500 (4:09.75) and the 3000 (8:57.68).

Over on the field side of things, it was another fabulous day for Dan Conti (03’). Ex- ceelling in many events, he grasped the silver in both the 55 meter high hurdles and the pole vault. Joe Robertson (02’) also soared high in the pole vault, and in the high jump he cleared a height of 6’3.

Also making a solid contribu- tion is Isabel Hootman (03’). Hootman is excelling in both the Triple Jump and the High Jump. Co-captain Pat Drury truly knows how to throw his weight around. The second placed sec- ond in the weight throw, netting a distance of 16.36 meters, while A.J. Beaubois (02’) fared equally as well, placing third with a throw of 15.7 meters.

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