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MASTERS BREAKS FOUR-MINUTE MILE MARK; A PAIR OF BLACK BEARS AND TWO GREAT DANES CAPTURE FINAL INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD HONORS

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — University of Maine sophomores Riley Masters (Bangor, Maine/Bangor) and Jesse Labreck (Oakland, Maine/Messalonskee) broke school records and posted NCAA provisional qualifying marks at the Boston University Valentine Invitational to earn the final male and female Track Performer of the Week honors of the 2009-10 season. University at Albany senior Luke Schoen (West Islip, N.Y./West Islip) claims his third male Field Performer of the Week honor after posting another top mark in the pole vault while freshman teammate Ashley Mahlmeister (Unadilla, N.Y./Sidney) garners her first female Field Performer of the Week accolade for the week ending February 14 after qualifying for the USA Junior Nationals in the triple jump. All nine teams will next compete at the America East Conference Championship starting on Friday, February 19.

Masters led the men at the Valentine Invitational, winning the mile run in an IC4A-qualifying time of 3:59.97. His mark provisionally qualified him for the NCAA championship and broke the school record of 4:04.00 set by Dereck Treadwell in 1997. Masters is the first Black Bear to ever break the four-minute mile barrier. His time ranks him second in the America East performance list heading into the conference championship. This is Masters' second honor of the season.

Labreck captures her second weekly honor of the season after winning the 55m hurdles at the Valentine Invitational this past weekend. Labreck placed first with a school-record time of 7.82. She also qualified for the ECAC championship in March and provisionally qualified for the NCAA championship. Labreck is second in the conference standings going into the conference meet.

Schoen tied for seventh among collegians and eleventh overall in the pole vault at the Tyson Invitational. He cleared a height of 5.05m to place in the event, a mark that no conference competitor has matched this winter. Schoen has topped the conference standings since his first competition this season.

Mahlmeister earns her first weekly honor after accumulating a meet-high 15 points for Albany at the Triangular meet against Binghamton and Syracuse. The freshman won the triple jump with an ECAC-qualifying leap of 12.09m. The mark also qualified her for the USA Junior Nationals and places her at fourth in the conference standings. Mahlmeister also placed third in the long jump (5.63m) and the 55m hurdles (8.44 seconds).

Albany and Binghamton University's men's squads remain ranked in the Northeast region of the USTFCCA NCAA Division I poll. The Great Danes fall to third while the Bearcats move up one spot to sixth.

Albany — Ten Great Dane student-athletes competed at the Tyson Invitational February 12-13. Junior Tyler Fogarty (Clifton Park, N.Y./Shenendehowa) led the men, placing 11th in the 800m in an IC4A-qualifying time of 1:51.46. Fogarty is just one of two runners in the conference to qualify for the IC4A championship in five different events. In the field events, four Albany men met IC4A standards, including senior Valeté Graham (Bronx, N.Y./Mount St. Michael) and junior Fred Casimo (Cohoes, N.Y./Shaker). Graham claimed 16th in the long jump invitational competition with a mark of 7.19m while Casimo placed fifth in the college competition with a jump of 7.16m. Graham and Casimo rank first and second, respectively, in the conference standings heading into the conference championship meet. For the women, senior Fey Adaramola (Bronx, N.Y./Trevor/Central Florida) claimed two ECAC-qualifying marks for the second straight week. Adaramola won the 60m dash in 7.61 and the 200m in 24.86. She tops the performance list in the 55m and ranks second in the 200m. Senior Laura Cummings (Bay Shore, N.Y./Bay Shore/North Carolina) and junior Kadine Johnson (New Rochelle, N.Y./New Rochelle) each also posted an ECAC mark at the meet. Cummings placed 16th in the mile in 4:57.42 while Johnson finished 17th in the weight throw with a toss of 16.64m. Part of the Albany squad also competed at the Binghamton Triangular where the women placed first and the men took second behind the Bearcats. Ashley Mahlmeister led the women, capturing a meet-high 15 points for the squad. Mahlmeister won the triple jump with an ECAC-qualifying leap of 12.09m. Her mark also qualifies her for the USA Junior Nationals and ranks fourth in the conference standings. Classmate Patricia McNish (Great Neck, N.Y./Manhasset) also posted an ECAC-qualifying mark for the first time this winter, placing second in the long jump with a leap of 5.83m. McNish is now tied for second in the performance list. On the men's side, senior Dong Ning Hu (Great Neck, N.Y./Great Neck South) was one of three Albany men to win an event. Hu won the triple jump with a mark of 14.28m. He also placed third in the long jump with a leap of 6.97m.

Binghamton — The Bearcat men placed first while the women finished second in a meet against Syracuse and Albany on Saturday. Junior Cazal Arnett (Queens, N.Y./Christ the King) turned in a strong performance for the men, winning the 200m in a time of 22.19. Arnett now ranks fourth in the conference standings. He also was a member of the 4x400m relay team that won with a time of 3:19.32. Freshman Casey Gilbert (Berlin, N.Y./Berlin Central), who was also a member of the victorious 4x400m relay team, posted another individual win for the Bearcats, racing to first in the 500m with a time of 1:05.28. Three other Binghamton men claimed wins on the track, including junior Casey Quaglia (Bangor, Maine/Bangor) in the mile (4:18.55), and freshmen Aaron Ghobrial (Montgomery, N.Y./Pine Bush) in the 1,000m (2:31.06) and Jason Santos (Smithtown, N.Y./Smithtown) in the 5,000m (15:59.14). In the field events for the men, sophomores Nelson Hall (Scarsdale, N.Y./Scarsdale) and John Slaven (Sherrill, N.Y./Vernon-Verona Sherrill) captured titles. Hall won the high jump with a leap of 1.95m while Slaven led a sweep of the pole vault with a winning mark of 4.60m. Both rank sixth in the conference standing for their respective events. On the women's side, the 4x400m relay team, which has already qualified for the ECAC championship, posted a win for the Bearcats in a time of 3:55.46. Freshman Jessica Hennig (Pine Bush, N.Y./Pine Bush), who ran the second leg of the 4x400m relay, also claimed an individual win at the meet, placing first in the 400m in 57.33. Hennig's time moves her to fourth in the conference standings. Senior Caitlin Wright (Ithaca, N.Y./Lansing), who ran the opening leg of the victorious 4x400m relay, added to Binghamton's tally, winning the 500m in 1:17.48. Wright ranks seventh in the performance list. Graduate student Kim Williams (Buffalo, N.Y./Leonardo de Vinci) captured another title for the squad, leading a sweep of the 200m with a time of 25.96.

Boston U. – The Terriers hosted the Boston U. Valentine Invitational on February 12-13. Junior Karly Neveu (Surrey, British Columbia) and freshmen Allison Barwise (Orange, Conn.) and Nikko Brady (New Castle, Del.) each captured a top-five finish to lead the Terrier women. Neveu and Barwise were the top-two collegiate finishers in the high jump, placing fourth and fifth overall, respectively, both with marks of 1.63m. Brady claimed her top-five finish in the 55m hurdles, claiming fifth in an ECAC-qualifying time of 8.09. Brady ranks first in the conference standings after posting an NCAA provisional qualifying mark last weekend. Brady and Barwise also finished in the top 10 in the long jump. Brady placed sixth while Barwise finished ninth with leaps of 5.66m and 5.63m, respectively. Sophomore Shelby Walton (Danbury, Conn.) added another top finish to the Terriers' tally, claiming seventh-place in the 55m dash with a time of 7.23. Senior Sarah Mosser (East Aurora, N.Y.) led the distance runners, placing seventh in the 1,000m and tying her season-best time of 2:57.90. On the men's side, junior Logan Moore (Merrimack, N.H.) captured the top finish by a Boston U. competitor at the meet, placing second in the pole vault. Moore cleared an IC4A-qualifying height of 4.80m and ties his season-best mark which ranks fourth in the conference standings. Junior Dan Withrow (Dedham, Mass.) posted another top finish for the Terriers in the field events, earning ninth-place in the shot put with a mark of 15.15m. Three runners captured IC4A-qualifying marks at the meet, including sophomore Balint Horvath (Budapest, Hungary), senior Jeff Moreau (Hanson, Mass.) and junior Ken Haltom (Memphis, Tenn.). Horvath and Moreau finished eighth (1:51.64) and ninth (1:52.48), respectively, in the 800m while Haltom finished in the mile in 22nd place (4:11.25). The Terriers' 4x400m relay team also claimed a top finish at the meet, placing third in 3:13.82.

Hartford – The Hawks competed at the Rider-Lafayette Winter Games on February 12 where seven school records were set. Sophomore Nicolle Adams (Schoharie, N.Y./Schoharie) led the women, breaking the school record in the long jump with a leap of 5.45m. Adams claimed the best finish by a Hartford woman at the meet, placing second in the event. Freshman Brittney Lawson (Woonsocket, R.I./Woonsocket) again shattered her own school record in the weight throw, finishing in fourth-place with a toss of 15.32m. Lawson ranks third in the conference standings. Sophomore Caitlyn Hauswirth (Holbrook, N.Y./Sachem North) also broke her own record in the pole vault, clearing a height of 3.00m. On the men's side, four records fell on the track. Junior Warren Lane (Brooklyn, N.Y./Murry Bergtraum) captured second in the 500m with a school-record time of 1:05.01 while sophomore Anderson Emerole (Jamaica, N.Y./Manhattan Center for Math and Sciences) took third in the 400m in a new school-record time of 49.09. Sophomore Andrew Chalmers (Ashland, N.H./Plymouth Regional) bested his own school record by more than 10 seconds in the 3,000m run with a time of 8:52.96. The 4x800m relay squad also captured a record at the meet, beating out the five-year school record with a second-place finish in a time of 7:57.03. The relay team moves to second in the conference standings.

Maine – The Black Bears competed at the Valentine Invitational where Riley Masters and Jesse Labreck both provisionally qualified for the NCAA Championships and set new school records. Masters won the men's mile in an IC4A-qualifying time of 3:59.97. He became the first Black Bear to break the four-minute mile barrier and downed Derek Treadwell's previous school record of 4:04.33 set in 1997. Labreck set a new school record in the women's 55m hurdles with an ECAC-qualifying time of 7.82. Both Masters and Labreck rank second in the conference standings for their respective events. Freshman Jamie Ruginski (Buxton, Maine/Bonny Eagle) also captured a win for Maine, placing first in the men's long jump with a mark of 7.01m. Ruginski ranks sixth in the conference standings. Sophomore Shaniqua Burgess (New Haven, Conn./Hillhouse) and freshman Cearha Miller (Waldorf, Md./Oxon Hill) each captured another top-five finish for the Black Bears. Burgess took fifth in the women's 55m dash in 7.22 while Miller placed fifth in the women's 200m with an ECAC-qualifying time of 24.65. Burgess is tied for fifth in the conference standings while Miller's time in the 200m is the fastest by a conference competitor this season.

UMBC – The Retrievers wrapped up their regular season at the Rider-Lafayette Winter Games on Friday. Sophomores Aaron Brooks (Upper Marlboro, Md./Dematha) and Kiki Malomo-Paris (Northern Ireland/Glenlola Collegiate School) led the men's and women's squads, respectively, both breaking school records at the meet. Brooks placed eighth in the shot put with a school-record toss of 15.43m. He ranks fourth in the conference standings. Malomo-Paris set a new school record in the long jump, leaping to third with a mark of 5.65m. She moves to fifth in the performance list. Sophomore Laura Walker (Eldersburg, Md./Liberty) tied her own school record in the women's pole vault, clearing a height of 3.15m for third place. Walker is tied for fifth in the conference standings. Senior Britney Foreman (Pasadena, Md./Chesapeake) turned in a strong performance for UMBC, earning gold in the women's 60m dash in an ECAC-qualifying time of 7.67. Foreman also placed second in the 200m in 25.37. Also claiming titles for the women were sophomore Imani Colbert (Upper Marlboro, Md./C.H. Flowers), who won the 60m hurdles in an ECAC-qualifying time of 8.76, and freshman Amanda Deller (Aberdeen, Md./Aberdeen), who won the shot put with an ECAC-qualifying throw of 13.98m. Colbert ranks third in the performance list. Sophomore Ashley McClure (Baltimore, Md./Digital Harbor) and senior Sara Parkinson (Chorley, England/Loughborough University) both posted second-place finishes for the Retriever women in the 500m and 800m, respectively. Parkinson moves to sixth in the conference standings. Earning top finishes for the men were seniors Camal Pugh (Clinton, Md./Oxon Hill) and Keith Brown (Columbia, Md./McDonough), who finished second and fourth, respectively in the 60m hurdles. Pugh's time of 8.24 qualified him for the IC4A championship. While Pugh remains at second in the performance list, Brown moves into fifth.

New Hampshire – The Wildcats competed at the Boston U. Valentine Invitational on February 12-13. Junior Brice Paey (Milton, N.H./St. Thomas) led the men, finishing first in the shot put with a mark of 17.28m. Paey already holds the top spot in the conference standings after posting an NCAA provisional qualifying mark last weekend. Graduate student Jeff Kaste (Atkinson, N.H./Timberlane) placed seventh behind Paey with a toss of 15.55m. Kaste moves to third in the conference standings. He also placed fifth in the weight throw with a mark of 18.19m. Freshmen Matthew Guarente (Saugus, Mass./Saugus) and Garrett Finn (Lebanon, N.H./Lebanon) claimed two more top finishes for the men on the field. Guarente finished in third-place in the high jump with a leap of 2.00m while Finn placed fourth in the triple jump with a mark of 13.71m. On the track, sophomore Sean Mitchell (Shrewsbury, Mass./St. John's) claimed a top-10 finish, earning sixth in the 500m with a time of 1:04.91. Junior Megan Donohue (Stratham, N.H./Exeter) and senior Ashlee Lathrop (Sherburne, N.Y./Sherburne-Earlville) recorded a third and fourth-place finish, respectively, to lead the women at the meet. Donohue claimed third in the 500m in 1:16.15 and ranks second in the conference standings while Lathrop earned fourth in the weight throw with a toss of 17.21m. Junior Camille Quarles (Derry, N.H./Pinkerton Academy) captured another top-10 finish for the women in the field events, placing ninth in the long jump with a leap of 5.41m. On the track, junior Allison Letourneau (Kingston, Nova Scotia/Berkshire Prep School) claimed the top finish by a Wildcat woman, finishing 12th in the 800m with an ECAC-qualifying time of 2:12.40. Letourneau moves to second in the conference standings.

Stony Brook – Members of the Seawolves women's team participated in the Valentine Invitational at Boston University on February 12-13. Senior Lisa Voltaire led the women at the meet with a third-place finish in the 1,000m with an ECAC-qualifying time of 2:53.44. Voltaire moves to third in the performance list. Three other women posted season-best times at the meeting, including sophomores Kristal Conklin (Middletown, N.Y./Valley Central), Mary O'Connor (Waterford, Ireland/St. Angela's Secondary School) and Jillian Fauser (East Northport, N.Y./Northport), who all ran the 800m. Conklin and O'Connor move into the top-10 of the conference standings with times of 2:17.48 and 2:18.10, respectively.

Vermont – The Catamounts prepared for the conference championship meet at the Valentine Invitational this past weekend. Freshman Dan Ciabattoni (Reading, Pa./Holy Name) led the men with a fourth-place finish in the long jump with a leap of 6.90m. Ciabattoni also placed 12th in the high jump with a mark of 1.83m. Sophomore Tom Martin (Chester, Vt./Green Mountain) also captured a top-10 finish for the men in the field events, earning ninth in the pole vault after clearing a height of 4.12m. On the track for the men, senior Aaron Campbell (Bend, Ore./Summit) claimed eighth in the 55m dash with a time of 6.55 seconds while classmate David Hanss (Ann Arbor, Mich./Ann Arbor Pioneer) placed seventh among the collegiate runners in the 55m hurdles. Senior Justin Scricca (Wethersfield, Conn./Wethersfield) also turned in a great run at the meet, breaking the school record in the 200m with a time of 22.03, which puts him in third in the conference standings and qualifies him for the IC4A championship. Senior Aly Millett (Half Moon Bay, Calif./Half Moon Bay) had another strong week, placing sixth among college runners in the 800m in 2:11.89. Millett recorded the fastest time by a conference competitor this season and qualified for the ECAC championship. Sophomore Marie Fourie (Waterloo, Ontario/Ontario Schools) and freshman Kirsten Weberg (Rocky Mount, Va./Franklin County) also claimed top-10 finishes for the women, placing ninth in the 55m hurdles and 10th in the 1,000m,

respectively. Fourie moves to seventh in the conference standings with a time of 8.68. In the field, senior Hannah Sylvester (North Hero, Vt./Governors Academy) claimed the only top-10 finish by a Catamount woman at the meet, placing ninth in the high jump with a mark of 1.53m.

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