

Men's Track & Field Wins Four Events at Jack Pyrah Invitational

Season-opening indoor meet was a successful one for Wildcats

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Haverford, Pa. - Villanova began the 2015-16 indoor track & field season on a high note by hosting the Jack Pyrah Invitational on Saturday afternoon. The meet was held at Alumni Gym on the Haverford College campus and the Wildcats won four different events on a successful day overall. The first place finishes came in the 60 meters, the Mile, the pole vault and the shot put.

The early-season meet was a chance for several young members of the Villanova team to get their feet wet in a competitive setting. Seven different athletes made their collegiate debut during the meet, which features eight local teams. Freshman sprinter Sterling Pierce (Voorhees, N.J.) was one of the Wildcats top performers on the day, as he won the 60 meters and anchored Villanova to a runner-up finish in the 4x400 meter relay.

Pierce topped a field of 36 runners in the 60 meters and his winning time of 6.99 put him in a tie for fifth place on the Wildcats all-time performance list in the event. He also anchored the 4x400 relay which posted a time of 3:24.68. Junior Kyle Cartwright (Oyster Bay, N.Y.) led off the relay and was followed by freshmen Charlie O'Brien (Orinda, Calif.) and Colin Winslow (Parlin, N.J.) on the second and third legs of the relay. Cartwright and O'Brien earlier ran individually in the 300 meters and notched finishes of fifth and 11th, respectively, in a field of 37 competitors.

Junior Josh Lampron (Mansfield, Mass.) won the Mile with a time of 4:17.13 and paced a group of 13 runners in the race.

Villanova posted a pair of first place finishes in the field events, as junior Kolby Koeck (Altoona, Pa.) and sophomore John McDonald (New Providence, N.J.) won the pole vault and the weight throw, respectively. Koeck cleared a height of 4.25 meters in the pole vault and junior multi-event athlete PJ Succi (Warminster, Pa.) was second with a height of 3.95 meters.

McDonald led a 1-2-3 finish by the Wildcats in the weight throw and recorded a winning mark of 14.62 meters. Senior James Rowen (Rockville Centre, N.Y.) came in second with a throw of 13.36 meters and freshman Daniel Timko (Shillington, Pa.) was third with a mark of 11.10 meters. Rowen and Timko also placed fourth and fifth, respectively, in the shot put.

This is the 13th year that Villanova has hosted the Jack Pyrah Invitational, which is named for the former Wildcats assistant coach. Meet records were set on Saturday in both the 300 meters and the 4x400 relay. Alec Peabody of Saint Joseph's won the 300 meters in 34.43 and the Hawks also posted a winning time of 3:20.15 in the 4x400 relay. The previous meet record in the 300 meters (34.62) was set by Villanova's Carlos Bedoya in the inaugural Jack Pyrah meet on December 7, 2003.

Saturday's meet was one of three home meets on the 2015-16 indoor schedule. The second home meet is next up on the Wildcats schedule, as the team will host the Villanova Open at the brand new Ocean Breeze facility in Staten Island on January 8.

COMPLETE VILLANOVA RESULTS

Jack Pyrah Invitational

No Team Scoring

60 Meters

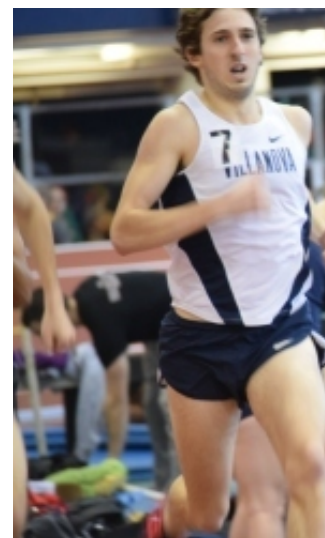
Sterling Pierce	1st of 36	6.99
Donald Urschel	6th	7.06
Pearson Feagans	7th	7.20

60 Meter Hurdles

Aaron Sandifer	2nd of 9	8.73
PJ Succi	5th	9.51
Robert Cacace	8th	9.71

300 Meters

Donald Urschel	4th of 37	35.64
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Josh Lampron tallied a first place finish in the Mile at the Jack Pyrah Invitational on Saturday afternoon.

Kyle Cartwright	5th	36.09
Charlie O'Brien	11th	37.54

1000 Meters

Peter Winslow	3rd of 7	2:35.63
Utsav Desphande	5th	2:38.76

Mile

Josh Lampron	1st of 13	4:17.13
Zach Swenson (Unattached)	3rd	4:25.19

4x400 Meter Relay

Villanova	2nd of 12	3:24.68
Kyle Cartwright	1st Leg	
Charlie O'Brien	2nd Leg	
Colin Winslow	3rd Leg	
Sterling Pierce	Anchor	

Pole Vault

Kolby Koeck	1st of 3	4.25m
PJ Succi	2nd	3.95m

Shot Put

Dan Sullivan	2nd of 8	13.62m
Henry Sise	3rd	13.47m
James Rowen	4th	13.32m
Daniel Timko	5th	12.55m

Weight Throw

John McDonald	1st of 4	14.62m
James Rowen	2nd	13.36m
Daniel Timko	3rd	11.10m