

WIAC recognizes 3 Titan athletes

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McGuire named WIAC Men's Cross Country Runner of the Week

The Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference has named UW Oshkosh's Andrew McGuire of Wisconsin Rapids as its Men's Cross Country Runner of the Week for events held Sept. 15-21.

McGuire took second in the individual competition to lead UW Oshkosh to a second-place finish at the Calvin College Invitational held Sept. 20 in Grand Rapids, Mich.

McGuire completed the 8,000-meter course in a time of 25:25. Jed Christiansen of Calvin College finished first in the race of 187 competitors with a time of 25:10.

Calvin College, ranked second in the NCAA Division III by the United States Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association, won the 11-team meet with 24 points.

12th-ranked UW Oshkosh finished second in the team standings with 90 points, while ninth-ranked Ohio Northern University placed third with 7, 16th-ranked Case Western Reserve University (Ohio) fourth with 98 and eighth-ranked NAIA Aquinas College (Mich.) fifth with 99.

Mitchell selected WIAC Women's Cross Country Runner of the Week

UW Oshkosh's Ayla Mitchell of New Richmond has been named the WIAC Women's Cross Country Runner of the Week for her performance in events held Sept. 15-21.

Mitchell won her second straight race as UW Oshkosh finished third at the Calvin College Invitational held Sept. 20 in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Mitchell, who captured the individual title at the Carroll University Invitational held Sept. 6, won the 5,000-meter race at the Calvin College Invitational with a time of 17:31. Jessica Koster of Calvin College finished second among the 167 runners with a time of 17:57.

Calvin College, ranked second in the NCAA Division III by the United States Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association, won the 10 team meet with 33 points.

10th-ranked Case Western Reserve University (Ohio) finished second in the team standings with 58 points, while 20th-ranked UW-Oshkosh placed third with 72, NCAA Division II Grand Valley State University (Mich.) fourth with 119 and NAIA Aquinas College (Mich.) fifth with 126.

Taraboi named WIAC Special Teams Football Player of the Week

UW Oshkosh placekicker James Taraboi of Grafton has been named the WIAC Special Teams Football Player of the Week after booting the game-winning field goal in the Titans' 17-16 victory over nationally-ranked Ohio Dominican University on Sept. 20 in Columbus, Ohio.

Ohio Dominican University (2-1), which entered the contest ranked fifth in the NAIA, blocked Taraboi's potential game-winning, 35-yard field goal attempt with four seconds remaining. But, before the play ended, an Ohio Dominican University player ran onto the field from the sideline to draw an illegal participation penalty.

Taraboi then lined up to kick again with no time remaining and he delivered by making a 26-yard boot that would send the Titans (2-0) to their fifth straight victory and snap the Panthers' 16-game, regular season winning streak. Taraboi's field goal came on his first collegiate attempt.

Taraboi, who also made both of his extra point kicks, totaled 10 tackles, including three solo, as one of UW Oshkosh's three starting linebackers.

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