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Plattsburgh Hosts 2005 SUNYAC Cross Country Championships This Weekend

Geneseo Men and Women Look to Claim Sixth Consecutive Titles

FREDONIA, N.Y. – The 2005 State University of New York Athletic Conference (SUNYAC) Cross Country Championships will be held Saturday, October 22 on the campus of SUNY Plattsburgh. The women's race will begin at 11:00 a.m., followed by the men's race at noon.

The men and women's teams from Geneseo look to claim their sixth consecutive championship, led by 2004 Coach of the Year, Mike Woods. The men finished tenth at the NCAA Division III championships last year but will have to put together a team effort to repeat their success after graduating two of the top three finishers at last year's SUNYAC Championship. The Geneseo women won the SUNYAC, NYSCTC and Atlantic Region titles last season, and finished 13th at the NCAA Division III championships.

The Geneseo men return five runners from the NCAA championship team including **Dan Moore (Lakewood/Southwestern)**, **Brad Johnson (Bloomfield)**, **Mike McGrath (Kenmore/Kenmore West)**, **Jim Tillapaugh (Carlisle/Cobleskill-Richmondville)**, and **Eugene Peterson (Oakfield/Oakfield-Alabama)**. McGrath (7th), Peterson (9th), Tillapaugh (13th), and Moore (14th) were top 15-finishers at last year's SUNYAC Championships.

Geneseo's competition includes four other returning top-15-finishers from last year; Plattsburgh's **Matt DeShane (Norwood/Norfolk)** (2nd) and **Dave Whydra (Plattsburgh/Raven-Coeymans Selk)** (15th), Cortland's **Fred Joslyn (Chenango Forks)** (4th), and Oswego's **Weston Fellows (Morris/Gilbertsville - Mount Upton)** (11th). Joslyn has not lost to a Division III runner this fall.

The Geneseo women have seven returning top-15 finishers from 2004. **Renne Catalano (Averill Park)** was the SUNYAC and NYSCTC individual champion in 2004 and will look to defend her SUNYAC crown. Other returnees for the Knights include **Kristin Wayman (Ballston Lake/Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake)** who took 2nd, **Megan Nolan (Liverpool)** took 3rd, **Christina Finke (Fairport)** placed 7th, **Fran Magri (Rochester/Irondequoit)** took 8th, **Karen Merrill (DePew)** took 9th, and **Sally Briggs (Fishkill/John Jay)** took 11th.

Three other women's teams return top 15-finishers from the 2004 SUNYAC meet. Oswego's **Leann Donnelly (Waterloo)** (5th), Buffalo State's **Jennifer Vacanti (Niagara Falls/Niagara Wheatfield)** (6th), and Brockport's **Candace Sonberg (Lackawana/Mt. Mercy)** (10th). Potsdam's **Jodie Schoppmann (Levittown/Island Trees)** also has her eye on the individual title. Schoppmann finished 27th in last fall's NCAA Division III Cross-Country Championship Race. Her time of 22.20 earned her a first place finish among the NCAA's Atlantic Region runners.

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2004 SUNYAC Women's Cross Country Championship Results

1.	Geneseo	1, 2, 3, 4, 6, (7, 8)	16
2.	Fredonia	10, 11, 12, 15, 18, (19, 29)	66
3.	Brockport	9, 13, 16, 24, 28, (35, 49)	90
4.	Cortland	17, 20, 21, 30, 31, (32, 45)	119
5.	Plattsburgh	14, 25, 26, 34, 37, (40, 51)	136
6.	New Paltz	22, 23, 42, 43, (50, 52)	166
7.	Oneonta	27, 33, 38, 41, 44, (47, 48)	183
8.	Oswego	5, 46, 53, 56, 58	218
9.	Potsdam	39, 54, 55, 57, 59	264

2004 SUNYAC Men's Cross Country Championship Results

1.	Geneseo	1, 3, 7, 9, 13, (14, 17)	33
2.	Cortland	4, 5, 10, 16, 21, (33, 40)	56
3.	Brockport	8, 12, 18, 25, 27, (32, 43)	90
4.	Plattsburgh	2, 15, 20, 26, 29, (39, 62)	92
5.	Oswego	11, 23, 28, 37, 50, (51, 53)	150
6.	Oneonta	23, 35, 36, 38, 42, (45, 52)	174
7.	Potsdam	6, 19, 47, 59, 64, (67, 68)	195
8.	Fredonia	22, 34, 46, 49, 54, (58, 61)	205
9.	Buffalo State	30, 31, 44, 48, 57, (60, 63)	210
10.	New Paltz	41, 55, 56, 65, 66, (69, 70)	283