Trinity Men's Squash Falls to Harvard In National Championship Match

New Haven, Conn. - Trinity dropped a 9-0 decision to top-seeded Harvard in the championship match of the College Squash Association (CSA) National Team Championship (Potter Trophy) Final at Yale. The Bantam, who were making their 21st appearance in the last 22 years in the Potter Trophy Final, defeated Columbia (5-4) and Rochester (5-4) to reach the finals.

The first wave was competitive despite a 3-0 early win by the Crimson. Trinity sophomoroe Aryman Adik (Mumbai, India) took the second game but lost, 3-1, to give Harvard a 2-0 advantage. Trinity senior Nku Patrick (San Fernando, Trinidad) held a 2-0 lead before falling, 3-2, in the No. 9 match. With Trinity trailing 3-0 and entering the second wave, junior Thoboki Mohohlo (Johannesburg, South Africa) took two of the first three games in his match, but Harvard's Saadlelin Abouiaish earned the fourth Crimson point with a 3-0 win in the No. 5 match moments before Mohohlo fell, 3-2, to secure the clinching fifth point for Harvard.

The Bantams finished the season at 16-3, while Harvard completed a perfect season at 16-0. Trinity won the Potter Trophy in both 2017 and 2018 and has won 17 dating back to 1999.

Below is a summary of how other NESCAC teams performed at the CSA National Team Championship:

Amherst - The Mammoths earned three points but ultimately fell to eventual runner-up Brown, 6-3, in the opening round of play in the Summers Cup. In consolation play, Amherst faced Bowdoin in a re-match of the NESCAC fifth-place match. The Mammoths advanced to the consolation finals with a 7-2 win over the Polar Bears. Amherst faced Bates in its last match of the championship, falling 6-3.

Bates - Playing in the Summers Cup, the Bobcats dropped a 6-3 match to eventual champion MIT. In consolation play, the Bobcats defeated Tufts, 9-0, before earning a 6-3 win over Amherst to win the consolation draw.

Bowdoin - In the Summers Cup, the Polar Bears went 1-2, earning a 6-3 win over Tufts in the consolation playoff match. In the opening round, Bowdoin fell to NESCAC foe Middlebury, 9-0. In consolation play, the Polar Bears dropped a 7-2 decision to Amherst before earning the win over the Jumbos.

Colby - The Mules went 2-1 on their way to the championship match in the Conroy Cup. In opening round play, Colby swept Bucknell, 9-0, before advancing to defeat Hobart, 7-2. Colby faced Dickinson in the final, pushing its opponent to four games at five different positions before ultimately falling 9-0.

Connecticut College - Competing in the Conroy Cup, the Camels opened play by defeating Wesleyan, 8-1, in the consolation draw. The Cardinals went 2-1 at the tournament and defeated Haverford, 8-1, in the consolation draw. Wesleyan also defeated Stanford, 8-1, in the consolation semifinals and lost to Connecticut College in the main draw quarterfinals, 5-4.

Hamilton - The Continentals opened play in the Chaffee Cup with a 7-2 win over Georgetown to advance to the semifinals where they fell to eventual-champion Fordham, 6-3. In the main draw playoff, Hamilton battled Cal, but dropped a 5-4 decision. The Continentals finished with a 1-2 record and earned fourth place.

Middlebury - Competing in the Summers Cup, Middlebury advanced to the semifinals with an opening round sweep of Bowdoin (9-0). After falling to Brown, 6-3, the Panthers earned third place with a win over NESCAC foe Williams. The match marked the third time this season the Panthers and Ephs have played to a 5-4 decision, with Middlebury winning twice.

Tufts - The Jumbos, competing in the Summers Cup, dropped all three matches they played. After an opening round loss to Williams (9-0), Tufts moved into the consolation draw where it faced Bates and fell 9-0. In the consolation playoff, Tufts faced its third NESCAC opponent in as many matches, losing a close match to Bowdoin, 6-3, to finish in eighth place.

Wesleyan - Playing in the Conroy Cup, Wesleyan won the consolation draw. The Cardinals went 2-1 at the tournament and defeated Haverford, 8-1, in the consolation finals. Wesleyan also defeated Stanford, 8-1, in the consolation semifinals and lost to Connecticut College in the main draw quarterfinals, 5-4.

Williams - After earning a 9-0 sweep of Tufts to open play, the Ephs fell to eventual champion MIT in the Summers Cup semifinals (7-2). In the playoff for third place, Williams faced NESCAC rival Middlebury for the third time this season, ultimately dropping a tightly contested 5-4 decision to finish fourth.