Women's Squash

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Trinity Women's Squash Falls to Harvard in National Championship Finals

HARTFORD, Conn. - The Bantams fell dropped a 9-0 decision to Harvard in the 2019 College Squash Association (CSA) National Team Championship (Howe Cup) Finals at Trinity's Kellner Squash Center. The Bantams, returning to the National Championship match for the second time in as many seasons, complete team competition with a 17-3 record, with two of their three losses coming against the Crimson. Harvard capped off a perfect 13-0 season, bringing home its fifth consecutive national championship in the process.

Harvard swept the first wave to jump out to an early 3-0 lead en route to the sweep. Hana Moatza swept Trinity senior co-captain Jenny Haley (Newport, Wales) in the No. 6 match before Hannah Craig won, 3-0, at the No. 9 spot to give Harvard a quick, 2-0 lead. Trinity junior Salma Alam El Din (Cairo, Egypt) won the first game at No. 3 over Amelia Henley, but Henley stormed back to win and give the Crimson a 3-0 lead after the first wave.

The Crimson won at No. 5 and No. 2 to give Harvard a 4-0 lead while Sophie Mehta and Bantam junior Lakesha Rarere (Hastings, New Zealand) battled it out at No. 8. Mehta came out on top, 12-10, in a hard-fought first game before taking the next two games, 11-3 and 11-8, to clinch the championship for Harvard. The Crimson won the remaining three matches to complete the sweep. Trinity rookie Sarah Lopez (Zapopan, Mexico) won the first game at the top position, 11-6, but her opponent ran away with the next three to complete the match.

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

Amherst - The Mammoths earned two points, but ultimately fell to eventual runner-up Dartmouth, 7-2, in the opening round of play in the Kurtz Cup. In consolation play, Amherst faced NESCAC foe Williams, falling by a score of 7-2. In the consolation playoff, the Mammoths battled George Washington, but dropped a 5-4 decision to finish the event with an 0-3 record.

Bates - Playing in the Walker Cup, the Bobcats earned three-straight wins to claim the title. Bates opened play with a 9-0 win over Hamilton to advance to the semifinals, where it swept Dickinson, 9-0. The Bobcats faced Tufts in the championship match, the third meeting this season for the two squads after the Jumbos won the previous two. Bates came away victorious, defeating Tufts, 6-3, to win the Walker Cup for the third time in the past four years.

Bowdoin - Competing in the E Division, Bowdoin went 3-1 to finish as the runner-up. The Polar Bears opened play with a pair of 9-0 sweeps, defeating Denison in the first round and Wellesley in the quarterfinals. In a semifinal matchup with Washington University-St. Louis, Bowdoin earned a 6-3 win to advance to face Vassar in the final. Bowdoin then fell to the Brewers, 7-2...

Colby - The Mules went 2-1 on their way to third place in the Epps Cup. In opening round play, Colby swept Northeastern, 9-0, before advancing to face NESCAC opponent Connecticut College, ultimately dropping a 6-3 decision. In the playoff for third place, the Mules earned a 7-2 win over Haverford...

Connecticut College - Competing in the Epps Cup, the Camels opened with an 8-1 win over Boston College. In the semifinals, Connecticut College came out on top against Colby, 6-3, to advance to the championship match. Facing William Smith in the final, the Camels earned the title, defeating the Herons, 6-3, as the Camels went 3-0...Hamilton - The Continentals opened play in the Walker Cup with a 9-0 loss to eventual champion Bates. In consolation play, Hamilton faced NESCAC foe Wesleyan, dropping a close 6-3 decision. Hamilton moved into the consolation playoff where it earned a 6-3 win over St. Lawrence. The Continentals went 1-2 and finished in seventh place...

Middlebury - After an opening round loss to Virginia (9-0), the Panthers moved into the consolation draw of the Kurtz Cup. Against George Washington, Middlebury earned a 6-3 win to advance to the consolation final where it faced Williams, falling 7-2. The consolation runners-up, Middlebury went 1-2 and finished in sixth place...

Tufts - Competing in the Walker Cup, the Jumbos advanced all the way to the championship match to earn runner-up honors. Tufts opened play with a sweep of St. Lawrence (9-0) before earning a 7-2 win over Franklin & Marshall in the semifinals. The Jumbos faced Bates in the final, with the Bobcats avenging two previous losses to Tufts in a 6-3 decision. Tufts went 2-1 in the event...

Wesleyan - The Cardinals opened play in the Walker Cup with an 8-1 loss to Dickinson. In consolation play, Wesleyan earned wins over Hamilton (6-3) and Mount Holyoke (7-2) to finish in fifth place and earn the consolation title...

Williams - Playing in the Kurtz Cup, the Ephs opened play with a 9-0 setback against Brown. In the consolation draw, Williams earned two wins, both against NESCAC opponents, to earn the consolation title. The Ephs defeated Amherst and Middlebury by identical 7-2 scores to finish with a 2-1 record.