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Subject: 1997 Cross Country Year End Report

OVERVIEW:
The 1997 Cross Country Team featured the weakest men's team since I've been at Middlebury and a much improved women's team which was consistently ranked in the top three in New England and in the top 15 nationally. The men's team placed consistently lower than ever before in every race. The women had a spectacular year qualifying for the NCAA tournament finishing 17th. The men's team was hurt by injuries to my top two runners and by the graduation of a strong group of seniors. The first year runners lacked the experience to be competitive against more veteran squads. Although the women graduated three of the top 8, they are still a young group. With a strong first year class and the returning upperclassmen, we should be in the "thick of it" for Nationals again next year. The men should be improved by the return of our healthy top runners and the fact that several skiers may chose to run next fall.

TEAM SIZE:
Women - 22
Men - 18

MEN'S CAPTAIN - Rusty Dolleman  
WOMEN'S CAPTAIN - Sarah Rebick

WOMEN'S RESULTS

DUAL MEET RECORD: (0-1 )
WILLIAMS 27, MIDDLEBURY 28

WILLIAMS INVITATIONAL: 2nd (13 teams)

CORTLAND INVITATIONAL: 3rd (20 TEAMS)

NEW ENGLANDS (DIV. 1): 10TH (2ND DIV. 3 TEAM)- 33 TEAMS

VERMONT STATE MEET:
1. MIDDLEBURY 15
2. St. Michaels 62
3. Lyndon 63
4. Norwich  
5. Johnson  Inc.  
6. Castleton  Inc.

**NESCAC CHAMPIONSHIPS:**

1. Williams  60  
2. Middlebury  64  
3. Colby  127  
4. Bowdoin  128  
5. Tufts  130  
6. Trinity  154  
7. Bates  155  
8. Wesleyan  170  
9. Hamilton  216  
10. Amherst  236  
11. Conn College  303  

**ECAC CHAMPIONSHIPS:**

6th/22 Teams (jv team)

**NCAA Regional (DIV. 111 NEW ENGLANDS):**

3rd (27 teams)

**NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS:** 17TH (21 TEAMS)

**INDIVIDUAL HONORS:**

NCAA All American: Katie Masselam (24th/184)
ALL NESCAC: Katie Masselam
Michele Anastasio
ALL ECAC: Angenie McCleary
ALL NEW ENGLAND: Katie Masselam
"MOST IMPROVED" - Angenie Mc Cleary
DENHARTOG AWARD - Katie Masselam

**MEN'S RESULTS**

Dual Meet Record: 0-1  
Williams 18 - Middlebury 39

**WILLIAMS INVITATIONAL:** 13TH (18 teams)

**CORTLAND INVITATIONAL:** 22ND (25 teams)

**VERMONT State Meet :**

1. Johnson St.  41  
2. St. Michaels  51  
3. Middlebury  67  
4. Norwich  67
5. Lyndon St. 135
   Castleton Inc.

NEW ENGLANDS (DIV. 1): 29 (30)

NESCAC Championships
1. Williams 26
2. Tufts 62
3. Amherst 76
4. Bates 104
5. Bowdoin 135
6. Trinity 182
7. Wesleyan 194
8. Colby 233
9. Conn. College 244
10. Hamilton 275
11 Middlebury 280

ECAC CHAMPIONSHIPS:
16 (31)

DIV. 111 NEW ENGLANDS:
17th/ 31 Teams

INDIVIDUAL HONORS:
"MOST IMPROVED" - Charles Donnellan

SCHEDULE:
I feel the schedule is not the best it's ever been since i've been at Middlebury. By picking up Colby as a home meet we are able to run at home every other year. The Albany and Williams Invitationals are great races to prepare us for the NCAA Regional later on in the year.

OVERVIEW:
Because of the recent success of the program, I spent more time recruiting distance runners this year than ever before. There should be a spin off benefit here to the track team as Martin admittedly concentrates on sprinters and hurdlers. Admission's was very supportive of my efforts and ended up admitting several quality male and female runners. Overall, the program is very healthy and I am optimistic about our chances next fall. The men's team should be much improved and the women's team should again be one of the top teams in New England and have a legitimate shot at Nationals.