



# upholding record, Tribe women win NINTH CAA Championship

Meredith Tighe and Mallory Hogan make the turn at a race at the Colonial Relays. The Tribe women not only won the Colonial Relays with a score of 118.33, but also received four gold medals and set a Colonial Relays record. >

Junior Nicole Kazuba falls over the bar in her pole vault at the Colonial Relays. Kazuba cleared the bar at 12-7.5, and qualified for both the NCAA Regional and ECAC Championships. <



The Women's Track and Field Team enjoyed a winning season with a number of awards and honors. The team thrived on companionship, and members made progress from last year building on their coaches' advice.

The team's growing sense of camaraderie surfaced during the CAA finals and became a crucial element to the team's success. "We could expect great performances while working together as a team to be the conference champions," Nicole Kazuba said. Many team members noticed the increased closeness of the team. "I think we've gotten closer as a team this year," Emily Jeremiah said. "We do a lot more together outside of track and I think that makes us closer as a team." The sense of companionship was important for Jeremiah during the meets. "Just having the whole team there supporting one another makes it that much more fun and special.

Most notably, the team won its ninth title in 11 years at the CAA Championships. The team returned champions in the shot put, heptathlon, pole vault, and steeplechase. Emily Anderson was named Track Athlete of the Meet after winning the 1,500 and 5,000 meter. The team was proud of their successes. "The whole team stepped up, from the distances to the sprints to the throws," Anderson said. Nicole Kazuba enjoyed the increased competitiveness of the finals. "Since it's a scored meet, every performance counts, and for many, it's a crucial time to

peak," Kazuba said.

The team also enjoyed success at conferences like the Colonial Relays. The team won four gold medals. Nicole Kazuba also broke a Colonial Relays record in the pole vault, clearing at 12-7.5. At the relays, two Tribe freshmen qualified to the U.S. Junior National Championships as well.

The Penn Relays also offered excitement and a round of accomplishments for the Tribe. The 4x800m relay team qualified for the ECAC Championships. Kelly McElroy, Ashley Madonick, Emily Schroeder, and Ariel Burbey were part of the winning relay team. Even the atmosphere itself was exciting for team members. "Being a Philadelphian, my favorite meet is always the Penn Relays." Lynn Morelli said. "It is pretty rare for a track meet to have such a crowd!"

Overall, the Tribe Women's Track and Field celebrated both individual and team successes with a new sense of camaraderie. For some, the best thing about being a tribe athlete was simply the joy of being part of a team. "I am proud to be a Tribe athlete," Kazuba said. "Every time I score in a meet or perform well, I am happy to bring prestige to the track program and to make the alumni proud to have me representing their alma mater."

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Heather Beichner, Emily Schroeder, and Lynn Morelli race together towards the finish at the 44th Colonial Relays. The team of three won the gold for their 4x1,500m relay. >



< Preparing to release the shotput, freshman Natalie Baird concentrates on her form. Baird came up tenth out of 33 competitors at the Colonial Relays.

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