Division II conducted its 11th National Championships Festival November 27 - December 1 in Pittsburgh. While the primary purpose was to crown champions in men’s and women’s cross country, men’s and women’s soccer, field hockey and women’s volleyball (see those summaries on the following pages), the festival also featured opening and closing ceremonies, community engagement activities and plenty of opportunities to interact!
Tampa’s Katie McKiel recorded 13 kills in the championship match and was one of four Spartans to be named to the all-tournament team, including Sammy Mueller, who was named the Most Outstanding Player.

MATT KINCAID/NCAA PHOTOS
Grand Valley State won its sixth Division II Women's Cross Country Championships team title (all since 2010) in a dominant performance. Four Lakers finished in the top 10, including individual champion Sarah Berger, and the team's 41-point total was the best since Adams State's 31 in 2004.

### TEAM STANDINGS (TOP 5)

1. **Grand Valley State**, 41 (Team member finishes*: Sarah Berger, 1; Allie Ludge, 5; Hanna Groeber, 6; Tanner Chada, 20; Josh Steible, 24; Ben Zaremba, 37)
2. University of Mary, 83
3. Adams State, 90
4. Western Colorado, 98
5. Colorado School of Mines, 252

*Based among runners with institutions vying for the team championship; does not include runners competing on an individual basis

### INDIVIDUAL STANDINGS (TOP 5)

1. **Sarah Berger**, Grand Valley State, 22:07.7
2. Eilish Flanagan, Adams State, 22:12.4
3. Emily Roberts, University of Mary, 22:15.5
4. Alicia Konieczek, Western Colorado, 22:30.4
5. Allie Ludge, Grand Valley State, 22:39.7

**ELITE 90 HONOREE:** Alexa Shindruk, senior, Central Washington, Accounting, 4.0 GPA

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**MEN’S CROSS COUNTRY**

### TEAM STANDINGS (TOP 5)

1. **Grand Valley State**, 89 (Team member place finishes*: Zach Panning, 2; Enael Woldemichael, 6; Tanner Chada, 20; Josh Steible, 24; Ben Zaremba, 37)
2. Colorado School of Mines, 99
3. Western Colorado, 117
4. Adams State, 175
5. Sioux Falls, 214

*Based among runners with institutions vying for the team championship; does not include runners competing on an individual basis

### INDIVIDUAL STANDINGS (TOP 5)

1. **Marcelo Laguera**, Colorado State-Pueblo, 28:58.4
2. Zach Panning, Grand Valley State, 28:58.1
3. Elias Gedyon, Adams State, 29:10.6
4. Gideion Kimutai, Missouri Southern, 29:12.0
5. Taylor Stack, Western Colorado, 32:18.0

**ELITE 90 HONOREE:** Tyler Jones, senior, Western Oregon, Mathematics and Business, 4.0 GPA

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The pack takes off from the starting line at the Division II Men's Cross Country Championships in Pittsburgh. The rain that plagued the women's race later in the day had not begun to fall, but the course was still waterlogged after an unusually wet fall in the Mid-Atlantic region.

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Grand Valley State’s Sarah Berger led from start to finish to capture the individual title.

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Marcelo Laguera of Colorado State-Pueblo is exhilarated after winning the individual title.
**WOMEN’S SOCCER**

**QUARTERFINALS**
- Bridgeport 3, Bloomsburg 1
- Lee 1, Columbus State 0
- Grand Valley State 6, Central Missouri 1
- UC San Diego 5, West Texas A&M 0

**SEMIFINALS**
- Bridgeport 2, UC San Diego 0
- Grand Valley State 3, Lee 0

**CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH**
- Bridgeport 1, Grand Valley State 0

Bridgeport players celebrate their 1-0 victory over Grand Valley State in the Division II Women's Soccer Championship match. The win avenged a 6-0 loss to the Lakers early in the regular season and gave the Purple Knights their first title.

**ELITE 90 HONOREE:** Jennifer Wendelius, Bridgeport, senior, Marketing, 3.978 GPA

**MEN’S SOCCER**

**QUARTERFINALS**
- West Chester 2, Adelphi 0
- Fort Hays State 0, Ohio Valley 0
- Cal Poly Pomona 2, West Texas A&M 0
- Barry 2, Lander 1

Lucas Russo’s reaction at the end of Barry’s 2-1 victory over West Chester in the championship match reflects the intensity of the rally that saw the Bucs overcome a 1-0 deficit with two goals in a six-minute span late in the second half.

**SEMIFINALS**
- Barry 0, Fort Hays State 0 (2 OT; Barry advanced on penalty kicks, 5-4)
- West Chester 2, Cal Poly Pomona 1 (OT)

**CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH**
- Barry 2, West Chester 1

Daniel Grindrod (right) of West Chester battles Barry’s Martin Lozano for possession during the rain-soaked final. Both teams were shooting for the first title.

**ELITE 90 HONOREE:** Stefano Cammarota, Barry, junior, Management and International Business, 3.918 GPA

**ELITE 90 HONOREE:** Jennifer Wendelius, Bridgeport, senior, Marketing, 3.978 GPA
FIELD HOCKEY

FIRST ROUND
Shippensburg 4, Merrimack 1
Pace 6, Saint Anselm 1

SEMIFINALS
Shippensburg 4, West Chester 0
East Stroudsburg 3, Pace 0

CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH
Shippensburg 1, East Stroudsburg 0 (OT)

ELITE 90 HONOREE: Lexi Hartmann, East Stroudsburg, sophomore, Early Childhood Education, 4.0 GPA

Shippensburg players celebrate their third consecutive Division II Field Hockey Championship after defeating East Stroudsburg in overtime in the final. It was the fourth meeting between the two teams this season.

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Shippensburg’s Emily Stauffer (No. 20) scored the championship-winning goal quickly at the start of overtime, with Adrienne McGarrigle (No. 12) providing the assist.

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