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Men's Track Performer of the Week

Peter Kosgei, Hamilton

(Junior - Kapsabet, Kenya)

Kosgei repeated as champion in the 800 and 1500-meter runs this past weekend during the 2009 NESCAC Track & Field Championships hosted by Connecticut College. Kosgei broke his own NESCAC record in the 800 with a time of 1:50.44, while completing the 1500 in 3:53.74. On Thursday at the Penn Relays, Kosgei was eighth in the 3000-meter Steeplechase (8:52.87).

Men's Field Performer of the Week

Rich McNeil, Bates

(Junior - Danvers, Mass.)

McNeil claimed top honors in the Hammer and Discus throws on Saturday at the 2009 NESCAC Track & Field Championships. McNeil recorded a distance of 52.09 meters in the Hammer and 43.11 meters in the Discus. He was also second in the Shot Put (15.29).

Notes: Williams College won the 2009 NESCAC Track & Field Championships this past Saturday at Connecticut College in New London, Conn. It was the 15th outright title for the Ephs over the past 17 years. Williams recorded 154.5 points. Bates placed second at the event, edging out third place Tufts by one-half a point... Amherst sophomore Will Yochum (Goleta, Calif.) finished the 1,500-meter run at the Larry Ellis Invitational on Friday in 3:54.51, then posted a time of 1:56.01 in the 800-meter event at the Little Three championships on Saturday. Both times were personal bests...Bates sophomore Chris Murtagh (Rowley, Mass.) defended his title in the Javelin at the NESCAC Track & Field Championships, as he beat his best toss this season by over three meters (53.32). He also placed in the Hammer and the Discus to help the Bobcats earn a second-place finish...Hamilton senior James Russell (Glens Falls, N.Y.) won the Pole Vault with a mark of 4.74 meters, a NESCAC championship record. Russell has now won the Pole Vault four years in a row...Williams sophomore Taylor Fitzgerald was first in the 400-meter dash and came in second in the 200-meter event at the 2009 NESCAC Track & Field Championships. He also was part of the winning 4x100meter relay team.

Women's Track Performer of the Week

Stephanie McNamara, Tufts

(Sophomore - North Attleboro, Mass.)

McNamara won both the 1500-meter and 5000-meter races at the 2009 NESCAC Track & Field Championships on Saturday. Her time of 4:31.28 in the 1500 set a new facility record, while outdistancing the runner-up in the 5000 by over 35 seconds (17:37.84).

Women's Field Performer of the Week

Brianna Kondrat, Colby

(Senior - Eaton, N.H.)

Kondrat broke a 14-year-old Colby record in winning the Hammer Throw at the NESCAC Track & Field Championships over the weekend (50.92). She was also fourth in the Discus and seventh in the Shot Put.

Notes: The 2009 NESCAC Track & Field Championships went to Williams College on Saturday. The Ephs secured their 10th straight title and 18th overall with a score of 180 points. Middlebury came in second with 156 points, while Tufts placed third with 145 points...Hamilton sophomore Lauren Peters-Collaer (Middlebury, Vt.) placed second in the High Jump on Saturday at the NESCAC Track & Field Championships with a program-record mark of 1.60 meters...Tufts junior Logan Crane (Portland, Maine) won the Long Jump at the NESCAC Track & Field Championships for the second year in a row with a distance of 5.64 meters on her last jump of the competition.