# Edinboro University of Pennsylvania



Sandra Sweet and Amy Perry



Travis Kuhl

1996 CROSS COUNTRY



#### A Championship Tradition!

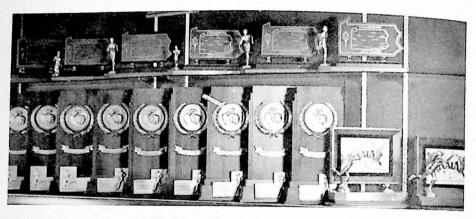
The Edinboro University of Pennsylvania men's and women's cross country teams, under the direction of head coach Doug Watts, now in his 28th year at the helm, have enjoyed a proud tradition of excellence during the past three decades.

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The Fighting Scot runners have been the most successful cross country program in the 14-member Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference, as well as one of the top NCAA Division II programs in the nation.

The Edinboro men have captured 13 of the last 16 PSAC Championships, while qualifying as a team for the national championships every year since 1978, an amazing string of 17 straight seasons! The Edinboro women also have enjoyed considerable success since Watts took over in 1988, capturing six out of the last eight conference titles, while qualifying for nationals five times.

The Watts tradition has produced 57 cross country All-American awards to 33 different individuals, three individual national champions, and six team national championships four NCAA Division II crowns and two NAIA titles.



Edinboro has won six national titles and has placed second five times

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### **Edinboro's National Champions**



Dave Antognoli 1972 NAIA National Champion



Greg Beardsley 1982 NCAA-II National Champion



Martin Lyons 1991 NCAA-II National Champion

#### Edinboro's Cross Country Philosophy

"Generally, we attract the middle distance and distance athlete who is seeking a special environment for running," says Head Coach Doug Watts about his track and cross country program here at Edinboro. "A student-athlete should consider Edinboro because of the following reasons:"

1. A small school setting, academically oriented, that generally allows for a fuller personal development in the classroom, athletic and social activities; yet offers a large, diversified choice of educational majors and specialties.



Cross Country Coach Doug Watts

- 2. A TEAM concept in training competition.
- 3. A distance-based training program integrating selected road races as a training supplement.
  - 4. Division I schedule of intercollegiate competition.
- 5. A program that allows personal direction and individualism, a proper balance between academics and athletics.. and fun.
- 6. A tradition of excellence and proven success in running within an environment supportive and respectful of distance

### **Head Coach Doug Watts**



Excellence in coaching and a winning tradition are terms that have become synonymous with Edinboro University Cross Country Coach Doug Watts. Since his arrival at Edinboro in 1969, the Running Scots have experienced nothing but success, producing numerous All-Americans and team championships.

Watts' coaching credentials speak for themselves, showing 23 consecutive undefeated seasons and a string of 91 straight dual meet victories. Watts' squads have also produced six national championships, including back-to-

back NAIA titles in 1975 and 1976 and consecutive NCAA Division II titles from 1986 through 1988. His teams can also boast of five NCAA-II runner-up trophies, plus finishes of third, fifth, sixth (twice), seventh, eighth and ninth.

The only season the Scots have not been in the nation's top 20 was Watts' first at Edinboro. His overall dual match record now stands at a sparkling 122-8 in 27 seasons at the Edinboro helm. In addition, 16 of his Edinboro runners have been U.S. Olympic trial qualifiers.

The much heralded coach, who has been named National Coach of the Year five times, has published numerous distance running articles for national publications. Twice an Olympic coach nominee, Watts annually conducts a summer pre-season endurance training camp for young men and women.

A graduate of Akron University, Watts began his coaching career at Walsh Jesuit High School in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. He introduced a running program that yielded a two-year record of 19-0 and a district championship.

Doug and his wife Margaret have two adult children, Wendy and Christopher.

#### **Assistant Coach Jeff Foster**



Jeff Foster is in his first season as a full-time assistant cross country and track and field coach.

Born and raised in St. Marys, Pa., Foster graduated from St. Marys High School in 1974 and enrolled at Edinboro State College that fall. He was an All-American on both of the Scots national championship squads in 1975 and 1976 before entering the job market.

In 1994, Foster came back to school to finish his degree and earned all-conference and all-region honors at 38 years of age, despite not running in 15 years. He became Edinboro's first-ever assistant cross country coach this past

Fall. In his spare time, Foster continues to run on the road circuit and could likely end up as the No. 1 United States Masters Runner. Foster graduated with honors with a bachelor's degree in education in the Spring of 1996.

#### **Edinboro's All-Americans**

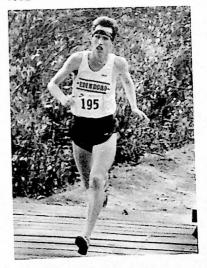
MEN"S			WOMEN'S
Dave Antognoli 1970, 71, 72	Steve Repko 1982	Chris Rauber 1988, 89, 90	Kerrie Yenchak 1985
Kevin Foley 1974, 75, 76	Gennaro Manocchio 1985, 86, 87	Michael Renninger 1988, 89	Tereas Skello 1988
Henry Winger 1975, 76	William Maloney 1985	Uriel Rivera 1989, 90	Donna Thibert 1989, 92
Dalvin Baehler 1975	Mike Platt	Brian Matthews	Audra Naujokas 1990
Mark Muggleton 1976	1986, 87  Tim Dunthorne 1986, 87	1990 Scott Knapp 1990	Roberta Raskowski 1991
Brian Jordan 1978, 79	Scott Burns 1986	Martin Lyons 1991, 92, 93, 94	Deb Springer 1992
Lance White 1981	Michael Tonkin 1988	Carl Leonard 1992, 93, 94	
Dennis Rice 1982	Harvey Sipel 1988, 90	Pete Fixler 1993	
Greg Beardsley 1981, 82		Clayton Clews 1992	

#### Leonard Wins NCAA 5,000 Meter Championship

After earning All-American honors three times in cross country, and becoming the first person in the 66-year history of the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference to capture the 10K, 5K and 1,500 meters at the same meet, Carl Leonard had just one thing missing from his remarkable Edinboro career... a national championship.

But that changed last May when Carl, in his final chance to win a national title, did just that, capturing the NCAA Division II 5,000 meter crown in his final race.

Leonard, a native of Morristown, Wales, who finished his career as a six-time All-American will long be remembered as one of the great distance runners in Edinboro history.



### Young Men's Team Looks to Uphold Tradition



Senior Pete Boyd is a twotime All-Region performer

The Edinboro Cross Country program has always relied upon program development of its runners to supplement a lead pack of established, experienced stars.

The 1996 Fighting Scot roster once again features some quality student-athletes that have the potential to earn All-American honors, however, the usual stock of experienced runners is missing as five competitors from Edinboro's 1995 Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference championship squad have graduated.

"For the first time since 1970, Edinboro cross country will have to rely on freshmen recruits to impact our squad," said veteran head coach Doug Watts, who begins his 28th season directing the program.

"And as I've said many times before, 18 and 19-year-old young men cannot handle the 10,000-meter distance very well. It takes at least a year or two to make the transition from running the 5,000 meters in high school to the 10,000 meters in college."

"We have a few solid front-runners, but there will be a drop off after our first two or three, especially early in the season."

The '96 Running Scots likely will be lead by junior Travis Kuhl and senior Pete Boyd as both runners garnered All-PSAC and All-East Region honors a year ago.

Kuhl placed third at the PSAC championships and fifth at the NCAA Regional meet as the Scots No. 2 runner last year behind All-American Carl Leonard. Kuhl also won the PSAC steeplechase last spring, just missing an NCAA Division II national qualifying time.

"Travis possesses all of our traditional attitudes of dedication and an ability to focus that defines our success," says Watts.

"I came to Edinboro specifically because of its superior running tradition," said Kuhl. "I've had a chance to learn from some great runners, and now I want to do my part to keep that heritage going."

Boyd, the only senior on this year's squad, also has multiple All-PSAC and regional certificates to his credit. Boyd placed 10th at the PSAC championships last year and 11th at the NCAA Regional competition. He was set to challenge Kuhl for the top spot on the squad, but suffered an ankle injury before the season.

"Pete wants to be a good runner as badly as anybody I have ever coached," remarked Watts.

Junior Steve Owens began to blossom last year, helping the team with con-

sistent top five finishes in cross country. He also was a runner-up in the 5,000 meters to teammate Carl Leonard. While traveling in Great Britain this summer, Owens contracted a virus that had weakened his stamina for training.

"Owens desire to be part of a good team fuels his good work ethic," said Watts.

"Hopefully, he can overcome his illness and make a very positive contribution to our team by the end of the season."

If the Scots are to have success in the front of the pack, sophomore Scott Kovacevic will have to perform well. Kovacevic gained experience last fall as a top seven runner, but needs to continue improving if the Scots are to fare well as a team in 1996.

After these four runners, Edinboro is very young with the rest of the team consisting of true freshmen. Watts is happy with the newcomers work ethic and the willingness to live up to his expectations.

"Give them a year and we'll be pretty tough," he said. "We have some new young talent, but they're just so young and inexperienced."

Freshmen joining the program include: Jeff Barker, Brian Lenzo, John Newlin, Daryl Meyer, Jeremy Ickes and John Tremblay.

According to Watts, Barker has turned in some great practices in the early going, with Lenzo, a multiple All-State recruit from Ohio, getting better each day. Watts also is very excited over Newlin's aggressive running style. Ickes was the local cross country and PA District 10 high school champion, with teammate Trembley right behind him at every meet.

While the degree of success Edinboro's young squad will have in 1996 is uncertain, one thing Fighting Scot opponents can expect from the team is a 100% effort and fierce competition, due in large part to the proud tradition Edinboro's distance runners have established.

#### 1996 Edinboro Men's Cross Country Roster

Name	Year	Hometown/High School
Jeffrey Barker	So	Barto, PA/Boyertown
Peter Boyd		Hermitage, PA/Sharon
Jeremy Ickes	Fr	Edinboro, PA/General McLane
Brian Knizner	Jr	Croghan, NY/Beaver River Central
Scott Kovacevic	Fr	Solon, OH/Eastlake North
Travis Kuhl	Jr	Croghan, NY/Beaver River Central
Brian Lenzo		Reynoldsburg, OH/Reynoldsburg
		Harmony, PA/Seneca Valley
		Mountville, PA/Garden Spot
		Erie, PA/Central
Steve Owens	Jr	Lancaster, PA/Hampfield
Robert Rehman	Fr	
John Tremblay	Fr	

#### Women's Squad Hopes to Past Tests



Junior Meranda Wall should help Edinboro challenge for a PSAC championship in '96

Strong cross country teams are made from talent, driven by dedication and hard work, and tempered by experience.

This mix of essential ingredients often times produces championship teams, and that is the goal of the 1996 Edinboro women's cross country team: to qualify for the NCAA Division II National Championships in Humboldt, Cal., in November.

"I can guarantee that this year's team is dedicated and doing the necessary work to be a good team," said coach Doug Watts. "We definitely have the work ethic to be successful, and we have quite a bit of talent, although I am a little worried about our team's lack of upper-classmen and experienced runners."

The women's team will showcase two of the best runners in the East, sophomores Sandra Sweet and Amy Perry.

Sweet, who at 30 years of age, begins just her second year of training for racing. She never ran in high school and only began jogging a year and a half before joining Edinboro's program last year. In that short time

she improved greatly, earning an NCAA Division II national qualifying time in the 10,000 meters last spring. She has shown greater improvement already this year and should finish higher than her seventh-place finish at Regionals. Sweet, a two time Academic All-American with a 3.88 GPA in nutrition, will add consistency of performance to her already superbly balanced life of excellent academics, top level running and marriage.

"I must admit that I approached college athletics with a great deal of apprehension last year," says Sweet. "But at Edinboro, I've had a lot of fun running and have been allowed to keep my family and academics my first priority."

Challenging Sweet for the number one spot is sophomore Amy Perry. As a freshman last fall, Perry earned All-Conference (fourth place) and All-East honors (ninth), and ran an NCAA-II national qualifying 10,000 meters at the PSAC. (37:45) Perry also earned Academic All-American honors last year, trained well the past summer, and is definitely much improved.

"Amy has the best type of personality to be really successful in life," said Watts. "For instance, 15 minutes before a race, Amy can be laughing and loose. But 10 minutes before the gun goes off, look out, she has a completely focused, intense look on her face. She definitely is All-American material."

Junior Meranda Wall, a pleasant surprise in 1995, returns improved and serious in helping the team to reach nationals in California. Wall, who took a couple of years off of competitive running following high school as she recovered from a serious automobile accident, was one of Edinboro's top four or five runners last year. According to Watts, her consistency and leadership are vital to the team's stability this year.

Junior Kathy Shufesky, who also made solid contributions to the team's success last year, is another experienced runner who returns for her third season. While Watts hopes she continues to improve, he is concerned a knee injury suffered last spring could slow her progress.

Junior Jeannette Sabol may be the key to the Scots quest to win a Championship this fall. Sabol trained seriously during the summer months and has shown improvement in early season workouts. If she can maintain her early season practice form in competition, the team will be successful.

Watts also hopes a freshman will break into the top five. Nicole Moser, a New York All-State selection her junior year, might be the one to consistently give the Scots some scoring safety. Watts also sees potential for fellow freshmen Diane McCallion and Kerrie Antel to compete at the level of Edinboro's schedule. Returnee Ria Ross and newcomer Tina Sculley also could contribute.

If Edinboro's top performers compete at the level Coach Watts expects, and the Boro gets some quality support from capable individuals, the Scots could be heading West to California for the NCAA Championships this Fall.

#### 1996 Edinboro Women's Cross Country Roster

Year	Hometown/High School
.Fr	Oakdale, PA/West Allegheny
.Fr	
.Fr	
.So .	Erie, PA/Central
.Fr	Lowville, NY/Beaver River
.So	North East, PA/Seneca
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.So .	Girard, PA/Girard
	Erie, PA/McDowell
	Erie, PA/Harborcreek
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### Men's Cross Country Profiles



### Peter Boyd • Hermitage, PA/Sharon HS Senior • Elementary Education

Has multiple All-PSAC, All-East honors... placed 10th overall at the '95 PSAC cross country championships... finished 11th at East regional in '95 after 14th place showing in '94... has competed at NCAA Division II national meet last three years... very hard worker who is extremely dedicated in his training... looks to overcome pre-season ankle injury and challenge for top spot on team... enjoys playing his bass guitar.

### Scott Kovacevic • Solon, OH/Eastlake North HS Sophomore • Business

Second season in program... was Edinboro's fifth runner at NCAA Division II championships last Fall... best finish was 21st place at Buffalo State... looks to improve team standing in '96... was an Ohio all-state high school cross country runner... led Rangers to three cross country conference titles... expected to make big competitive growth to solidify team's chances of success.



### Travis Kuhl → Croghan, NY/Walt Mclaughlin HS Junior → Health and Physical Education

Two-time Academic All-American and three-year EUP scholar-athlete... should be Coach Watt's top runner in 1996... earned All-PSAC and All-East Region last year... placed third at conference meet, fifth at regional... also was 10th at PSAC's as a freshman... EUP's third runner at NCAA Division II championships... also won PSAC steeplechase... coached in high school by former Edinboro runner Walt McLaughlin who is married to former EU great Marty Marczak, who was a 1992 Olympic Trials qualifier.

### Steve Owens • East Petersburg, PA/Hempfield Junior • English Literature

Was the PSAC runner-up in 5,000 meters last spring to teammate Carl Leonard... placed 16th overall at the PSAC championships, 25th at regionals... late developer with greatly increased drive and dedication... his training and work ethic has enabled him to perform at the national level... was a four-year letterwinner at Hempfield High School under Coach Matt Luck.



### Women's Cross Country Profiles



## Amy Perry • North East, PA/Seneca HS Sophomore • Social Work

Enjoyed outstanding freshman season... was Edinboro's first or second runner in every meet... led Scots with fourth-place finish at PSAC championships... also earned All-Region with ninth-place effort... qualified for NCAA Division II nationals in 10,000 meters... 1996 PSAC 10,000 meter champion... 1996 Track Academic All-American ......has mental toughness to become an All-American.

### Kathy Shufesky • Erie, PA/McDowell HS Junior • Health and Physical Education

Edinboro scholar-athlete who begins third year in Coach Watts' program... has the potential to help Edinboro field an outstanding team if she continues improving... competed at the '94 NCAA Division II national championship as a freshman... placed fourth among EUP runners at last year's PSAC and East Regional championship (29th and 28th, overall respectively)...



### Sandra Sweet • Erie, PA/Harborcreek HS Sophomore • Nutrition

Three-time Academic All-American in track/cross country, carrying a 3.88 GPA... non-traditional married student who celebrated her 30th birthday in May... begins just her second year of competitive running... one Edinboro's top performers... led Scots with a seventh-place finish at the NCAA Division II East Regional... qualified for NCAA track championship in 10,000 meters... increase in milage and intensity guarantees improvement.



### Meranda Wall ◆ Grove City, PA/Lakeview HS Junior ◆ Elementary Education

Fourth season in Edinboro program.... should be a key performer for Scots this season... was in the team's top five in most meets last year... hard worker who should step up as the team's No. 3 runner in '96... competed at the '94 NCAA Division II national championship... placed fifth among EUP runners at last year's PSAC and Regional championship (31st overall in both events)... set high school records on cross country course and in the 800.



### 1996 Edinboro Cross Country Schedule

Sept.	7	at Buffalo Invitational	Buffalo, NY
	21	at Fordham Invitational	New York, NY
Sept.	28	EDINBORO RELAYS	HOME
Oct.	4	at Notre Dame	South Bend, IN
Oct.	12	NW PA CHAMPIONSHIPS	HOME
Oct.	19	at Tour de Rock	Slippery Rock, PA
Nov.	2	at PSAC Championships	Indiana, PA
Nov.	9	at NCAA-II East Regional	Slippery Rock, PA
Nov.	23	at NCAA-II National Championship	Eureka, CA

#### 1996 Edinboro Track and Field Schedule

Indoor							
Jan.	18	at SUNY-Fredonia	Fredonia, NY				
Jan.	25	at Slippery Rock Open	Slippery Rock, PA				
Feb.	b. 2 at Ontario Relays		Toronto, Ontario				
Feb.	7	at Baldwin Wallace Relays	Berea, OH				
Feb.	14	at Eastern Michigan Relays	Ypsilanti, MI				
Feb.	21	at Slippery Rock Relays	Slippery Rock, PA				
Feb.	22	at Notre Dame Relays	South Bend, IN				
Mar.	. 1 at Last Chance Meet		Ann Arbor, MI				
Mar.	7-8	at NCAA Division II					
		Indoor Championship	Indianapolis, IN				
Outd	oor						
Mar.21-22		at Cape Fear Classic	Wilmington, NC				
Mar.28-29		at North Carolina Relays	Raleigh, NC				
Apr.		at Clarion University	Clarion, PA				
Apr.	5	at Akron University or IUP	TBA				
Apr. 11-12		at Duke University Invitational	Durham, NC				
Apr.	19	at Indiana University (PA)	Indiana, PA				
Apr.	22	NW Pennsylvania Qualifiers	HOME				
Apr.2	4-26	at University of Penn. Relays	Philadephia, PA				
Apr.	30	at Slippery Rock Open	Slippery Rock, PA				
May	4	at National Invitational	Bloomington, IN				
May 8	3-10	at PSAC Championships	Lock Haven, PA				
May	lay 16 at Baldwin Wallace Last Chance		Berea, OH				
May2	2-24	at NCAA Division II					
		Outdoor Championship	Edwardsville, IL				