



Lindsey Scherf named USATF-New England Athlete of the Month for March



Photo: Sean Hartnett

BOSTON – **Lindsey Scherf**, a freshman at Harvard University, has been named USA Track & Field New England’s Athlete of the Month for March 2005.

On March 19, Scherf was 1st American and 18th overall in the 6K Junior Women’s race at the IAAF World Cross Country Championships in Saint Galmier, France. Finishing in 22:12, she led the US junior Women’s team to a 4th place finish behind Kenya, Ethiopia and Japan. The World Cross Country Championships was Scherf’s first international event and she found it “extremely exciting to compete against the best in the world.” She said that before the race the American junior women “got to know each other and decided to run as a team with a goal of a third place finish.” She found the start of the race unusual: “we began at a horse track and actually started in horse gates. First we did a loop around the track and most people did an all out sprint during this section before the race settled down.”

Asked about goals, Scherf said she’s not sure whether her best event will be the 3K, 5K or 10K. She

described her team and coach **Frank Haggerty** as very supportive and said that, during her career at Harvard, she hopes to win an NCAA championship.

Also at the World Cross Country Championships in France, **Amy Mortimer** of West Roxbury, MA was 5th American and 52nd overall for the bronze medal winning US team in the Senior Women’s 4K race.

At the USA Masters Indoor Track & Field Championships in Boise, Idaho on March 11-13, **Barbara Jordan**, of South Burlington, VT, (USATF-NE Aug. 04 AOM), won six events in the W65 category. Other New England winners included **Colin McArdle** of Brookline, MA in the M60 mile and 3000m, **Roger Pierce** of Essex, MA in the M60 200m, **Mary Harada** of West Newbury, MA in the W65 3000m, and **Deke Conklin** of NH in the M70 pole vault.

Also in March, four New England high school athletes won national championship events. On March 13 the National Scholastic Track and Field Championships were held at the New York City Armory. **Chantelle Dron**, a senior who is home schooled in Candia, NH won the mile in 4:55.46, **Guor Majak**, Concord, NH won the 2 mile in 9:20.69 and **Nick Ponomarenko** of Concord, MA was first in the high jump at 6’9 ¾”. At the Nike Scholastic Indoor Championships in Landover, MD on March 12, **John Freeman** of East Greenwich, RI won the weight throw at 72’ 7 ¾”, the third longest throw in the US this year.

USATF-New England provides opportunities for athletes of all ages to pursue excellence in long distance running, race walking, and track and field, from grassroots to the elite level.