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**Nebraska Wesleyan Runners Hubbard, Ashley Lead**  
**Association of Division III Independents**  
**2005 All-Independent Cross Country Teams**

KANSAS CITY, MO. --- Led by Brittany Hubbard, Levi Ashley and coach Ted Bulling, Nebraska Wesleyan University swept nearly all the major awards as the Association of Division III Independents announced the All-Independent Cross Country teams today.

Hubbard, a sophomore from Gering, Neb., was named the female runner of the year after she won the GPAC (NAIA) Conference meet, finished eighth at the NCAA Division III Central Region meet and 60th at the NCAA Cross Country Championships November 19 in Delaware, Ohio.

Ashley, a senior from Alma, Neb., who finished seventh at the NCAA championships, was voted the male runner of the year. Ashley led the Prairie Wolves to a ninth consecutive appearance and a fourth-place team finish at the NCAA championships. He also led Nebraska Wesleyan to a fourth straight Central Region championship with a first-place finish. Ashley is only the third runner in Nebraska Wesleyan history to earn three all-America awards in cross country.

Nebraska Wesleyan landed three runners on the men's first team – Ashley, Craig Dye and Chris Dunker – and two runners – Hubbard and Mercy Dinwiddie – on the women's first team. Freshman runner Bridget Baldwin was named the rookie runner of the year and was selected to the second team. Coach Ted Bulling was named both the men's coach of the year and the women's coach of the year.

Colorado College landed two runners – Julian Boggs and Dan Castaneda – to the men’s first team, and also landed three runners – Jeanine Stewart, Meaghan Lynch and Angie Kremer – to the women’s first team.

Newbury College freshman Herrel Siller was named the men’s rookie runner of the year.

The All-Independent Men’s and Women’s Cross Country teams were selected by the men’s and women’s cross country coaches from the Association of Division III Independents member schools.

Women’s First Team

**Brittany Hubbard, Sophomore, Nebraska Wesleyan University**

Jeanine Stewart, Senior, Colorado College

Meaghan Lynch, Sophomore, Colorado College

**Mercy Dinwiddie, Freshman, Nebraska Wesleyan University**

Angie Kremer, Junior, Colorado College

Women’s Second Team

**Bridget Baldwin, Freshman, Nebraska Wesleyan University**

Charity Duran, Senior, Meredith College

Elena Yates, Senior, University of Dallas

Sarah Willis, Sophomore, Saint Joseph’s College (Maine)

**Amber Brandenburger, Sophomore, Nebraska Wesleyan University**

Women’s Honorable Mention

Michelle Phillips, Freshman, University of Maine, Presque Isle

Besha Deane, Junior, Colorado College

Roberta McGraw, Junior, California State University, East Bay

Kate Abbott, Sophomore, Finlandia University

Michelle Kanda, Freshman, Chapman University

Men’s First Team

**Levi Ashley, Senior, Nebraska Wesleyan University**

Julian Boggs, Sophomore, Colorado College

**Craig Dye, Senior, Nebraska Wesleyan University**

Dan Castaneda, Senior, Colorado College

(tie) **Chris Dunker, Sophomore, Nebraska Wesleyan University**  
and Herrel Siller, Freshman, Newbury College

Men’s Second Team

**Vince Sickler, Sophomore, Nebraska Wesleyan University**

Jeffrey Sprague, Senior, University of Maine, Presque Isle

Peter Silverman, Junior, Chapman University

Alex Nichols, Sophomore, Colorado College

Robert Waldeck, Sophomore, Colorado College

Men's Honorable Mention

Ryan Prescott, Freshman, Saint Joseph's College (Maine)

Byron Davis, Junior, University of Dallas

Matt Ferguson, Junior, Saint Joseph's College (Maine)

Isaac Worrall, Freshman, Saint Joseph's College (Maine)

Hayden Lindsey, Freshman, University of Dallas

The Association of Division III Independents consists of 19 Division III independent institutions that have joined together to recognize student-athletes at independent institutions, and to provide exempted postseason championship competition in seven sports in 2005-06. The Association recognizes outstanding athletic achievements of its student-athletes on a weekly, monthly and annual basis. The Association provides statistical services for its members in seven sports. In addition, it will announce All-Independent teams at the conclusion of seven other sports this year.

More information about the Association of Division III Independents is available at <http://www.d3independents.org>.

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