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Sacred Heart Captures Fourth Straight Brenda Weare Commissioner's Cup

Sacred Heart Also Earns Joan Martin Women's Commissioner Cup & Men's Cup

Somerset, NJ -- Sacred Heart has won the Brenda Weare Commissioner's Cup for the fourth year in a row, as announced today by Northeast Conference (NEC) Commissioner Noreen Morris. Sacred Heart also claimed its fifth consecutive Joan Martin Women's Commissioner's Cup and took home the NEC Men's Commissioner Cup for the second time in three years.

Sacred Heart established a new Cup record by racking up 245.10 points. The Pioneers broke their own mark of 244.07 points set in 2008-09. With 140.29 points, Sacred Heart also fell just shy of eclipsing the all-time women's mark (140.85) it set in that same 2008-09 campaign. On the men's side, the Pioneers finished with a conference-high 104.81 points.

Sacred Heart captured NEC Tournament Championships in baseball, men's golf, softball and men's tennis, all of which came during a terrific spring season. The Pioneers also finished in the top three in the league standings or at NEC championships in 15 different sports on the year.

"Four consecutive NEC Commissioner's Cups and the second time winning both the men's and women's divisions, is somewhat surreal, if not difficult to wrap my brain around," said Don Cook, Sacred Heart Director of Athletics. "When our student-athletes can so successfully achieve in the classroom, and simultaneously achieve competitively and in the community it reaffirms that our University, its coaches, athletic administrators and student-athletes understand the spirit of the University and Athletics mission, which underscores the importance of a full educational experience preparing young men and women to live each day making a contribution to the human community through competition and service to others. As a University athletics director many years running, I can't think of a more important set of standards by which to live by. Thankfully, we have a conference, an institution and an athletics program that's committed to doing what's right by how we live each day through sports."

Monmouth finished second in the overall, men's and women's standings. With 203.47 points, the Hawks finished just ahead of Robert Morris, which shattered its program record with 199.29 points. Saint Francis (PA) took the fourth spot (179.45 points), followed by Central Connecticut State in fifth place (167.29). Long Island (162.32) edged out Quinnipiac (160.92) for sixth place with Mount St. Mary's in eighth (146.69) and Fairleigh Dickinson (133.51) in ninth. Bryant ended the year in tenth (127.78), followed by Wagner (113.99) and St. Francis (NY) (84.54).

"Sacred Heart University epitomizes the values and mission of college athletics," said Morris. "Not only does it provide over 770 student-athletes with an opportunity to combine athletics and education, but it does so with the utmost success. With four Northeast Conference championships and 15 top three finishes, the Pioneers dominated the Commissioner's Cup race by bringing home all three trophies. On top of their athletic success, Sacred Heart student-athletes stood out with their tireless community service efforts throughout the year. Congratulations to the Sacred Heart student-athletes, coaches and administrators, true winners on and off the playing fields."

Weare, who passed away in June, 2009, made a lasting impact in her three years as Commissioner of the NEC. In that time, she introduced a number of new programs aimed at upgrading the caliber of the league's championship sports and enhancing the opportunities and experiences for the more than 4,000 student-athletes that compete in the conference. In addition to securing Bryant as the NEC's 12th full-time member, Weare was instrumental in the NEC gaining automatic access to the NCAA Division I Football Championship beginning in 2010, spearheading the conference's Strategic Plan and implementing a new leaguwide sportsmanship policy. The Commissioner's Cup was renamed in her honor in May, 2009.

Bryant University (2012-13) • Central Connecticut State University • Fairleigh Dickinson University
Long Island University • Monmouth University • Mount St. Mary's University • Quinnipiac University
Robert Morris University • Sacred Heart University • St. Francis (NY) College
Saint Francis (PA) University • Wagner College

Joan Martin played an integral part in Monmouth athletics for 33 years, serving as an Associate Athletics Director, Assistant Athletics Director, Senior Woman Administrator and Compliance Director, as well as a coach during her time in West Long Branch. Martin joined the Monmouth staff in as a coach in 1969 and continued until 1982, when she joined the athletic administration. Martin was the women's basketball coach for 13 years, and mentored the softball (11 years) and field hockey (eight years) programs as well. Along with the NEC Women's Commissioner Cup bearing her name, she was inducted into the Monmouth University Sports Hall of Fame in 2008.

The NEC Commissioner's Cup was instituted during the 1986-87 season with Long Island winning the inaugural award. Fairleigh Dickinson and Monmouth lead all NEC schools with six Cups to their credit. Cup points are awarded in each NEC sponsored sport. For men's and women's basketball, men's and women's soccer, women's volleyball, football, women's bowling, softball, field hockey, men's and women's lacrosse, and baseball, the final regular season standings are used to determine Cup points. In all other sports, points are awarded based on the finish at NEC Championship events.

About The Northeast Conference

Now celebrating its 30th Anniversary season, the Northeast Conference is an NCAA Division I collegiate athletic association consisting of 12 institutions of higher learning located throughout six states. Media coverage of the NEC extends to four of the largest markets in the United States - New York (#1), Pittsburgh (#23), Baltimore (#27), and Hartford/New Haven (#30). Founded in 1981 as the basketball-only ECAC Metro Conference, the NEC has grown to sponsor 23 championship sports for men and women and now enjoys automatic or play-in access to 14 different NCAA Championships. NEC member institutions include Central Connecticut State, Fairleigh Dickinson, Long Island, Monmouth, Mount St. Mary's, Quinnipiac, Robert Morris, Sacred Heart, St. Francis (NY), Saint Francis (PA) and Wagner. Bryant will become the NEC's 12th member upon completion of the NCAA Division I reclassification process in 2012. For more information on the NEC, visit www.northeastconference.org.

2010-11 Brenda Weare Commissioner's Cup • Final Sport-By-Sport Standings

Sport	BU	CCSU	FDU	LIU	MU	MSM	QU	RMU	SHU	SFNY	SFPA	WC
Field Hockey	10.86	----	----	----	12.43	----	9.29	4.57	6.14	----	7.71	----
M. Cross Country	9.00	14.00	4.00	3.00	11.00	8.00	7.00	6.00	12.00	5.00	13.00	10.00
W. Cross Country	7.00	10.00	5.00	3.00	13.00	8.00	14.00	11.00	12.00	4.00	9.00	6.00
Women's Soccer	6.85	10.15	3.00	14.00	10.15	4.10	11.80	6.85	8.50	----	12.90	5.20
Men's Soccer	4.10	3.00	10.15	7.95	14.00	7.95	5.75	10.15	12.90	5.75	11.80	----
Women's Volleyball	4.38	9.88	6.44	11.25	----	----	3.00	12.63	14.00	6.44	8.50	----
Football	9.19	13.32	----	----	6.44	----	----	13.32	4.38	----	3.00	6.44
Women's Swimming	8.50	12.17	----	----	----	4.83	----	----	6.67	3.00	14.00	10.33
M. Indoor Track	3.00	14.00	5.20	11.80	10.70	8.50	----	7.40	12.90	6.30	9.60	4.10
W. Indoor Track	3.00	5.00	7.00	14.00	13.00	12.00	6.00	9.00	11.00	4.00	10.00	8.00
Women's Bowling	----	----	14.00	6.67	4.83	----	----	----	12.78	7.89	3.00	----
Men's Basketball	6.50	11.00	3.00	14.00	4.00	8.50	13.00	12.00	5.00	10.00	6.50	8.50
Women's Basketball	6.50	9.00	6.50	9.00	13.00	4.50	9.00	11.50	11.50	3.00	14.00	4.50
Women's Golf	----	5.20	14.00	8.50	7.40	6.30	4.10	11.80	12.90	3.00	10.70	9.60
Men's Tennis	----	----	10.57	----	10.57	6.44	12.63	6.44	14.00	6.44	6.44	3.00
Women's Tennis	----	----	12.78	10.95	7.28	7.28	14.00	7.28	10.95	4.22	7.28	3.00
Men's Golf	----	10.33	7.89	5.44	6.67	11.56	----	12.78	14.00	3.00	9.11	4.22
Women's Lacrosse	12.17	5.44	----	3.61	8.50	10.33	14.00	12.17	8.50	----	3.61	6.67
M. Outdoor Track	3.00	10.70	5.20	9.60	14.00	7.40	----	12.90	11.80	8.50	6.30	4.10
W. Outdoor Track	3.00	6.00	7.00	12.00	14.00	11.00	8.00	9.00	13.00	4.00	10.00	5.00
Men's Lacrosse	8.50	----	----	----	----	12.90	12.90	8.50	5.20	----	----	3.00
Softball	12.35	9.60	7.40	6.30	8.50	4.10	10.70	14.00	12.35	----	3.00	5.20
Baseball	9.88	8.50	4.38	11.25	14.00	3.00	5.75	----	12.63	----	----	7.13
Total	127.78	167.29	133.51	162.32	203.47	146.69	160.92	199.29	245.10	84.54	179.45	113.99
Men	53.17	84.85	50.39	63.04	91.38	74.25	57.03	89.49	104.81	44.99	65.75	50.49
Women	74.61	82.44	83.12	99.28	112.09	72.44	103.89	109.80	140.29	39.55	113.70	63.50

2010-11 Brenda Weare Commissioner's Cup Overall Standings

1. Sacred Heart	245.10
2. Monmouth	203.47
3. Robert Morris	199.29
4. Saint Francis (PA)	179.45
5. CCSU	167.29
6. Long Island	162.32
7. Quinnipiac	160.92
8. Mount St. Mary's	146.69
9. Fairleigh Dickinson	133.51
10. Bryant	127.78
11. Wagner	113.99
12. St. Francis (NY)	84.54

2010-11 NEC Commissioner's Cup Men's Standings

1. Sacred Heart	104.81
2. Monmouth	91.38
3. Robert Morris	89.49
4. Central Connecticut State	84.85
5. Mount St. Mary's	74.25
6. Saint Francis (PA)	65.75
7. Long Island	63.04
8. Quinnipiac	57.03
9. Bryant	53.17
10. Wagner	50.49
11. Fairleigh Dickinson	50.39
12. St. Francis (NY)	44.99

2010-11 Joan Martin Commissioner's Cup Women's Standings

1. Sacred Heart	140.29
2. Saint Francis (PA)	113.70
3. Monmouth	112.89
4. Robert Morris	109.80
5. Quinnipiac	103.89
6. Long Island	99.28
7. Fairleigh Dickinson	83.12
8. Central Connecticut State	82.44
9. Bryant	74.61
10. Mount St. Mary's	72.44
11. Wagner	63.50
12. St. Francis (NY)	39.55

Brenda Weare Commissioner's Cup Champions

2010-11	Sacred Heart	1997-98	Monmouth
2009-10	Sacred Heart	1996-97	Mount St. Mary's
2008-09	Sacred Heart	1995-96	Mount St. Mary's
2007-08	Sacred Heart	1994-95	Mount St. Mary's
2006-07	Monmouth	1993-94	Fairleigh Dickinson
2005-06	Monmouth	1992-93	Fairleigh Dickinson
2004-05	Monmouth	1991-92	Fairleigh Dickinson
2003-04	Monmouth	1990-91	Monmouth
2002-03	UMBC	1989-90	Fairleigh Dickinson
2001-02	UMBC	1988-89	Fairleigh Dickinson
2000-01	UMBC	1987-88	Fairleigh Dickinson
1999-00	UMBC	1986-87	Long Island
1998-99	UMBC		

