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Darryl Whitney Qualifies for NCAA National Championship

In March, senior middle distance runner Darryl Whitney (Hudson, NH) became the first student-athlete in the history of the USM men's indoor track and field program to participate in the National Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA) Division III Indoor Track and Field Championships. The 2003 championship was held at DePauw University in Greencastle, Indiana.

Whitney set a school record at the championships when he ran the 1500 meters in a time of 3:55.95, bettering his previous mark of 3:56.87 set in March 2002 at the ECAC Division III Championships at Tufts University in Medford, MA.

Whitney was a member of the Southern Maine men's cross-country, indoor track, and outdoor track teams. After the completion of his final year as a Husky, Whitney owns seven individual school records and has contributed to a pair of record-setting relay performances.

In March of 2001 Whitney was a member of the 4 x 800-meter relay team that improved the school record to 8:05.63. Joining Whitney on this team were Josh Dyer (Palmyra, ME), Jeff Lamirande (Biddeford, ME), and Marc LeBlanc (Natick, MA). Whitney was also a member of the 4 x 400-meter relay team that included freshman Jason Douglass (Rockwood, Maine), freshman Craig Vickers (Falmouth, ME), and senior Greg Dolbec (Newfield, Maine). In February of 2003, the quartet covered the 1600-meter distance in a time of 3:35.25 to break the old mark of 3:36.33 set in December of 2000.

In February of 2002, Whitney set the indoor record for the 800 meters at 1:56.72. Whitney set three more indoor records in February of 2003 including the mile at 4:14.92 and the 1,000 meters at 2:29.58, breaking the old mark of 2:34.11 set by Lonnie Reny (Scarborough, ME) in March

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Darryl Whitney races at the Little East Conference Championship held February 15th, 2003 at the Costello Sports Complex.

Women's Basketball Continues NCAA Record 20-Win Streak

The USM women's basketball team extended their own National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III record of 20-win seasons to 23 consecutive years. The 20th win came when the Huskies defeated Rhode Island College, 64-49, in February of 2003.

This streak began in the 1980-81 season with Head Coach Richard "Doc" Costello. Seven years later, Gary Fifield took over the position from Costello, and has kept the streak going ever since.

Southern Maine won the 2003 Little East Conference (LEC) regular-season title when they defeated Eastern Connecticut State University, 71-66. The Huskies went on to capture their 7th consecutive LEC Championship when they defeated Plymouth State College 75-64. In the Confer-

ence tournament final. In the 17-year history of the LEC, USM has won or shared the regular season title 15 times and has captured the tournament championship 14 times.

As conference champions, the Huskies received an automatic bid to the 2003 NCAA Division III Women's Basketball Championship tournament. This marked their 17th NCAA tournament appearance in the past 18 years. After receiving a first round bye, the Huskies defeated Salem State College 72-54, increasing their winning streak to 13 games. The win sent the Huskies to the "Sweet 16" for the first time since 2000, and made it their 12th trip since 1987. USM faced in-state rival Bowdoin College, who beat the Huskies in double overtime during

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From the Athletic Director Al Bean



Huskies Win Six

Conference Championships in 2002-2003

During the 2002-2003 year, the Huskies captured six of the nineteen conference championships sponsored by the Little East Conference. USM grabbed top honors in women's basketball, women's outdoor track, men's and women's tennis, and men's and women's indoor track.

Razsa and Loveless Join USM Staff

John Razsa and Kate Loveless have joined the USM staff as volleyball and cheering coaches respectively. Razsa, a 1982 graduate of USM, replaces Annette Caldwell who retired after two stints and six years as head volleyball coach. Loveless, a recent graduate of the University of Maine, takes over the program from Melissa Brenner, a former Husky cheerleader, who served as head coach for the past two years.

USM Golf Team Moves to Sable Oaks

Sable Oaks Golf Club in South Portland will be the new home for the Huskies golf team and the site for the annual Husky Fall Classic. This year's Husky Fall Classic is scheduled for Sunday, September 21st with a 9:00 a.m. shotgun start.

Baseball Seats On the Way

The long awaited installation of the baseball seats is fast approaching. Confirmation from Hussey Seating indicates that installation of the 488 stadium chairs will take place from June 13th through June 16th. Once again, my thanks to everyone who has helped with the baseball project.

Hall of Fame Weekend Scheduled

The weekend of September 19th-21st will be designated as Hall of Fame Weekend in the fall of 2003. In addition to the Husky Fall Classic, the annual Husky Hall of Fame banquet and induction ceremony will take place, as well as alumni games and many other scheduled events. The Hall of Fame Weekend is scheduled in conjunction with the University's 125th Anniversary Celebration with numerous activities and events planned. Please mark your calendar now and join us for friends and fun!

Jason Levecque Named LEC Player of the Year

Jason Levecque of the Southern Maine men's basketball team was named the Little East Conference Co-Player of the Year for the 2002-2003 season. Levecque, a sophomore guard from Westbrook, ME, shared this honor with Nick Pelotte, a Plymouth State College sophomore guard from Bingham, ME.

Levecque was also named to the six-member all-conference first team. Over the course of the season, Levecque was recognized by the LEC as the Player of the Week twice, and was named to the weekly honor roll on several occasions. He was honored by the Maine College Basketball Coaches and Writers Association as the Player of the Week twice, and earned a spot on the all-tournament team at Williams College's Purple and Gold Tournament in January.

At 6-foot-2, Levecque, a transfer from Keene State College, was the seasons leading scorer in the LEC, averaging 23.7 points per game. He led the Huskies in rebounding (5.5 rpg) and three-point field goals (45). Levecque shot 46.2 percent from the field, including 37.2 from beyond the arc, and 79.4 from the foul line. Levecque scored in double figures in every game he played in, had three double-doubles, and scored 30 or more points in six games this season. He

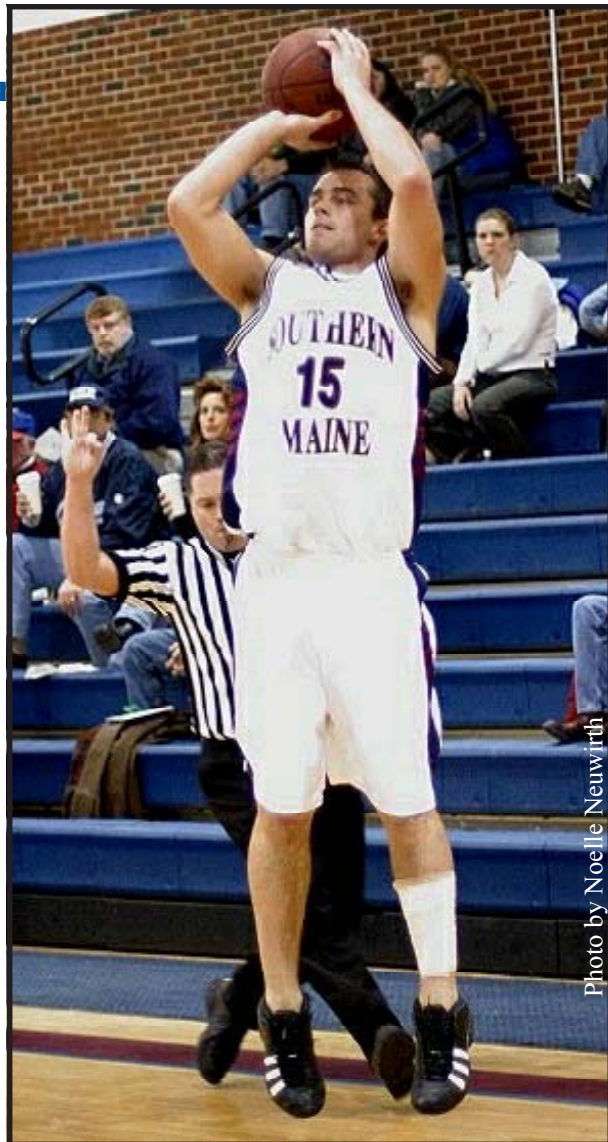


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Jason Levecque takes a three point shot in a game against University of Massachusetts Dartmouth on January 11th, 2003 at Hill Gym in Gorham, ME

scored a career high 37 points against Rhode Island College in February.

In the 17-year history of the conference, three other USM players have been named the LEC Player of the Year, including Mike Fennessy (1999-2000), Tim Bonsant (1990-91) and Jeff Bowers (1988-89).

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Huskies Capture LEC Indoor Track Championship

At the Little East Conference Championship meet held at the Costello Sports Complex on Saturday, February 16th, 2003, the Southern Maine men's indoor track team took the crown for the third time in the past four years. The Huskies also won in 2000 and 2001.

Southern Maine took a one point victory over Eastern Connecticut, 123-122. Keene State College placed third with 116 points, followed by Rhode Island College with 83 points, and the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth with 75 points.

Leading Southern Maine to the championship were seniors Marc LeBlanc (Natick, MA) and Darryl Whitney (Hudson, NH). LeBlanc was the top scorer for the Huskies, earning 14 points. He placed second in the 1,000 meters (2:34.86)

and third in the 1500 meters (4:03.35).

Whitney earned 12 points by finishing second in the 1500 meters (4:00.14) and fourth in the 800 meters (1:59.62). LeBlanc and Whitney were joined by seniors Greg Dolbec (Newfield, ME) and Sean Diette (Newport, VT) in the 4 x 800-meter relay. The quartet of seniors placed second with a time 8:16.52.

Huskies taking the title in their events were freshmen Dan Close (Merrimack, NH) in the 55-meter dash (6.88 seconds), and Peter Marsh (Lebanon, CT) in the pole vault (3.68 meters, 12-0.75).

Second place finishes were captured by sophomore Michael Bunker (Bucksport, ME) in the 3,000 meters (9:01.58), and Craig Vickers (Falmouth, ME) in the long jump (5.74 meters, 18-10.00).

Sophomore Chris Roux (Sanford, ME) placed third in the 55 meter hurdles (8.59 seconds) and in the long jump (5.68 meters 18-07.75). Also placing third were Dolbec in the pole vault (3.07 meters, 10-0.75), and junior Dan Hills (Tolland, CT) in the shot put (12.29 meters, 40-04.00).

Other Huskies to earn points included Vickers in the 55-meter dash and the 400-meter dash, Close and freshman Jeff Donovan (Walpole, MA) in the 200-meter dash, Diette in the 600-meter run, Dolbec in the 1000-meter run, freshman Jeff Averill (South Portland, ME) in the 55-meter hurdles, freshman Chris Morse (Bangor, ME) in the pole vault, Roux in the long jump, and sophomore Barrett Strout (Warren, ME) in the weight throw.

Holly Manning Named ECAC Player of the Year

The Southern Maine women's ice hockey team enjoyed an outstanding 2002-03 season. The Huskies earned a spot as the number three seed in the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference (ECAC) Division III Championship, with a conference record of 13-6-1. The Huskies fought their way to the second round of the ECAC tournament before Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute put a halt to their season giving, Southern Maine a final record of 15-11-1.

Senior forward Holly Manning (North-field, VT) led the Huskies offensive efforts and became the first USM women's ice hockey player to be named the ECAC East Division III Women's Player of the Year.

"Holly is very deserving of the (Player of the Year) award," said third-year head coach David Venditti. "She has been the offensive backbone of our team the past four years, and is a true hockey player in every sense of the word."

For the past four years Manning has been the team's leading scorer. This season

she recorded a team high 25 goals and 8 assists to boost her career totals to 81 goals and 42 assists, for 123 points.

Throughout the season, Manning was named the ECAC East DIII Women's Player of the Week on three occasions. Manning was also named to the ECAC all-star first team and the American Hockey Coaches

Association's JOFA Division III All-American East second team for the 2002-03 season.

Other Huskies receiving ECAC honors included junior goalie Karen Jamnik (Cranston, RI) and senior defenseman Katie True (Chelmsford, MA). Both were named to the all-conference second team.



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Holly Manning playing in a game against Colby College on November 25, 2002 at the USM Ice Arena

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Men's Tennis Team Wins First Little East Conference Championship

The Southern Maine men's tennis team captured the Little East Conference championship for the first time in fourteen years of conference play. The Huskies won three singles crowns and one doubles title at the two-day tournament hosted by Rhode Island College.

Sophomore Andy Urbanak (Cornwall, VT), freshman Matt Filteau (Waterville, ME), and senior Kendon Warren (Millinocket, ME) took the singles titles in the three, four, and five flights, respectively. Filteau also won a crown in the number two doubles spot with fellow freshman Brian Willer (Lewiston, ME).

Competing in the number one singles finals match for USM was junior Boonthai Singcharern (Lewiston, ME). Willer played in the number two singles championship match. Reaching the doubles finals were Singcharern and Urbanak in the first flight, and Warren and sophomore Derek Bragdon (Millinocket, ME) in the third doubles flight.

Throughout the season the Huskies were strong in each flight, every member finished the season above .500. In the first four singles spots, Singcharern, Willer, Urbanak, and Filteau each finished the season at 8-3. Warren, Bragdon and Jason Ouellette (Levant, ME) combined in the number 5 singles spot for a season record of 9-2. In the sixth spot, Bragdon, Ouellette, and James McKeon (Rutland, VT) combined



Photo courtesy of men's tennis team

The Southern Maine men's tennis team at the Little East Conference Championship. Front Row L-R: Andrew Urbanak, Boonthai Singcharern, Kendon Warren, Jason Ouellette. Back Row L-R: Assistant Coach Wayne St. Peter, Brian Willer, Derek Bragdon, Matt Filteau, James McKeon, Head Coach Phil Cole.

for a record of 7-4.

In doubles action, Singcharern and Urbanak finished 8-3 in the number one spot, as did Filteau and Willer in the number two spot. The number three spot finished 7-4 with various combinations of

Warren, Bragdon, Ouellette, and Aaron Boulter (North Conway, NH).

As a team the Huskies finished the regular season with an overall record of 7-2. They remained undefeated in the conference at 3-0.

50 Seniors Recognized at Annual Honors Night Ceremony

On April 25th the fifth annual Honors Night dinner and awards ceremony was held in the Brooks Dining Center on the Gorham Campus. Honors Night is a special evening that honors seniors who have played a varsity sport for at least two years.

A total of 50 seniors representing 22 of USM's 24 sports were recognized at this year's banquet. Each senior was presented with a personalized picture plaque as a keepsake and remembrance of their experience as a member of their team(s) and the USM Athletic Department.

Speakers at this year's banquet included Vice President Craig Hutchinson, Assistant Athletic Director Kim Turner, Men's Basketball Coach Dan Costigan, and Athletic Director Al Bean. Parents and teammates of the seniors were invited to attend the ceremony. Athletic staff members were at the

banquet to show their appreciation and to congratulate the seniors.

Two other departmental awards were also presented at this occasion. The Paula D. Hodgdon Leadership Award was presented to women's basketball player Jessica Libby (Orono, ME). Libby, a four-year player, captained the team in her final season. The award is given to a female athlete who displays loyalty, dedication, and commitment to her team, her sport, and USM.

The Roland Wirths Memorial Award is presented to an athlete who best exemplifies the characteristics of Wirths, a special friend of the athletic department, and his writing. Wirths often wrote about the over-achiever, the person who is small in stature who still made a big difference. He was interested in stories of the heart, people who made a real difference, the true leader, and

the inspirational type. This year recipient was Jason Tuck (Bangor, ME), who was a member of the men's cross country, and indoor and outdoor track teams. Tuck was also honored the previous night at the Student Leaders Recognition Night. and was presented with the Outstanding Contribution to Campus Life Award.

Also recognized at the Student Leaders banquet was Aimee Sharrow (Framingham, MA) a member of the field hockey and women's lacrosse teams. Sharrow won the Outstanding Contribution to Community Service Award. As the 2002-2003 Student Athlete Advisory Committee Chair, Sharrow organized and participated in numerous community service projects. Her efforts helped SAAC win the Outstanding Student Organization Award for the fifth consecutive year.

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Women's Track Wins Little East Conference Championships

The Southern Maine women's indoor track team had another successful season, winning the Little East Conference Championship for the third consecutive year. The meet was held on Saturday February 16th, 2003, at the Costello Sports Complex in Gorham.

The team was led by sophomore Kim Brewer (Bristol, VT), who placed first in the high jump (1.57 meters, 5-01.75), the long jump (5.16 meters, 16-11.25), the 55-meter hurdles (9.20 seconds), and the 200-meter dash (27.14 seconds). Brewer also placed third in the triple jump (10.72 meters, 35-02.00).

Setting school records with their first place finishes were junior Kristy Wechter (South Berwick, ME) in the 1500 meters (4:50.68) and freshman Brittany MacLean (Winslow, ME) in the triple jump (11.14 meters, 36-06.75). The 4 x 200-meter relay team made up of sophomore Kristin Ingalls (Raymond, ME), MacLean, freshman Lindsay Kuhn (South Burlington, VT), and senior Kendall Guyette (West Farmington, ME) also placed first with a school record time of 1:48.80.

Placing second for the Huskies were Wechter in the 3,000 meters (10:46.12), MacLean in the 55-meter hurdles (9.80 seconds), and Guyette in the 600 meter run (1:42.43). Also placing second were freshman Lindsay Kuhn (South Burlington, VT) in the high jump (1.52 meters, 4-11.75) and sophomore Jen Newcomb (Windham, ME) in the shot put (10.22 meters, 33-06.5).

The Huskies swept the top three spots in the pole vault. Senior Nikki Freeman (Whitefield, ME) took the title (3.35 meters, 11-0), followed by senior Amy Swanberg (Lamoine, ME) finishing second (3.20 meters, 10-6.25), and freshman Rachel Greaton (Sudbury, MA) taking third (2.59 meters, 8-6).

In the outdoor season the Huskies won the New England Alliance and LEC championships for the fourth consecutive year while competing in the sixth annual meet held at Rhode Island College in Providence, RI.

Southern Maine took an easy victory with 264 points. Second place went to Keene State who finished with 116 points. The Huskies earned first place finishes in twelve categories including, Brewer

in the 100 meter hurdles, the triple jump, and the high jump, Guyette in the 400 meters, freshman Dianna Thibaudeau (Sanford, ME) in the 400 meter hurdles, freshman Andrea York (Friendship, ME) in the 5,000 meters, senior Jess Short (Bennington, VT) in the 10,000 meters, MacLean in the long jump, sophomore Kristin Sinclair (Manchester, ME) in the

javelin, and Swanberg in the pole vault. The 4 x 100 meter relay team of Ingalls, Kuhn, senior Heather French (Smithfield, ME), and Freeman also finished first.

In the New England Division III Championships, the Huskies placed fourth out of the 27 teams competing. Williams College took first, followed by Colby College, and Tufts University.

Tiffany Jones Named LEC Rookie of the Year

Tiffany Jones, a freshman from Skowhegan, Maine, had an impressive rookie season, to say the least. The 5 foot 9 forward led the Southern Maine Women's Basketball team to an overall record of 26-4.

Jones consistently gave a strong performance throughout the season, and received numerous awards and recognition for her play. Early in the season Jones was named to the USM Tip-Off Classic All-Tournament Team. The Little East Conference recognized Jones as the Rookie of the Week on nine occasions and as Player of the Week once. She was also recognized by the Maine Women's Basketball Coaches Association (MWBCA) as the Rookie of the Week or Co-Rookie of the

Week four times and as the Co-Player of the Week twice.

The Huskies finished first in the conference with a record of 13-1 and captured the LEC Championship in March. Jones was recognized as the Tournament's Most Outstanding Performer. Soon after, Jones was named the LEC and MWBCA Rookie of the Year. Jones was also named to the LEC all-conference first team along with teammate senior co-captain Jess Libby (Orono, ME). Junior guard, Meg Cressler (Appleton, ME) of Southern Maine was named to the all-conference second team.

Jones scored a career-high 40 points in a game against Plymouth State College on February 11th. This marked the second highest single-game total in school history. Maureen Burchill holds the school record with 47 points, which she scored against Western New England College in February of 1985.

Jones led the LEC in scoring, averaging 18.5 points per game. She was fifth in the conference in field goals, making 181 out of 376 shots for a .481 percentage. Jones also ranked fifth in free throw percentage, averaging .733 and making 148 of 202 shots.

Past USM women's basketball players receiving Rookie of the Year honors include Julie Plant of Gorham, ME (1996-1997) and Joanna Brown of York, ME (1994-1995).



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Southern Maine's Tiffany Jones takes a three point shot in a game against Ithaca College. Jones was named the Little East Conference Rookie of the Year in March of 2003.

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Sophomores Kim Brewer (Bristol, VT) and Kristen Sinclair (Manchester, ME) of the University of Southern Maine women's outdoor track and field team qualified for the 2003 NCAA Division III National Championships. The championships were held in May at St. Lawrence University in Canton, NY.

Brewer qualified to compete in the two-day, seven-event heptathlon. She qualified at the New England Division III Championships held at Williams College in early May, when she scored a school-record 4,296 points. Brewer was seeded 18th among the 19 competitors named to compete at nationals. Upon completion of the first day of competition, Brewer stood in 13th place. After day two, she finished 16th with 4,178 points.

Sinclair qualified in the javelin throw at the New England Alliance/Little East Conference Championships held at Rhode Island College in April when she hurled the javelin a school-record distance of 130-7. Sinclair was seeded 19th among the 20 competitors selected to attend nationals. With a throw of 37.34 meters (122-6), Sinclair finished the event in 16th place.

Brewer and Sinclair are the first USM women to qualify for the NCAA championships since Christine Berube competed in the discus at the 1995 championships. They join Angela Whelchel Lally (1991 and 1992, 400-meter hurdles) and Berube (1993, 1994, 1995) as the only USM women's track athletes to qualify for the outdoor championships.

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the regular season. Southern Maine was eliminated by the Polar Bears in a game played at King's College in Wilkes-Barre, PA. The final score was 64-47.

The Huskies finished the 2002-2003 season with an impressive overall record of 26-4, and 13-1 in the LEC.

Fifield was honored as the 2003 LEC Coach of the Year. He has now earned or shared Coach of the Year honors on nine occasions (1989, '90, '92, '93, '95, '98, '99, '02, '03).



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Tyler Delorme, Southern Maine record holder for most career hits and RBIs, batting in a game against Bowdoin College on April 9, 2003

Tyler Delorme Finishes a Record Setting Career

In his four years as a Southern Maine baseball player, Tyler Delorme, a native of Enosburg, Vermont, has received numerous awards and honors. He was an ABCA All-American in 2000 and 2001, and was All-New England in 2000, 2001, and 2002. In 2001 he was named the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference Player of the Year and was All-ECAC.

In the Little East Conference, Delorme was named the LEC Player of the Year as a sophomore in 2001. He was also named to the LEC first all conference team as an outfielder in 2000, 2001, and 2002. He was named LEC Player of the Week twice in his career.

Delorme helped lead the Huskies to two regular season titles in 2000 and 2001, and four LEC tournament appearances. He also helped the Huskies earn bids to the NCAA

tournament in 2000 and 2001.

After being moved from the outfield to first base in his senior year, Delorme continued to play a pivotal defensive role compiling a .994 fielding percentage. Delorme also had a strong offensive season batting .337 with 58 hits, 34 RBIs, 13 doubles, 1 triple, 1 homerun, and 7 stolen bases.

Delorme has had an impressive four years as a Husky. Career totals include 49 doubles, 6 triples, 24 homeruns, 47 stolen bases, a .380 batting average and a .981 fielding percentage. In his fourth and final season on the Southern Maine baseball team, Delorme set two new career records. He now holds the record for the most runs batted in with a total of 193, and he became the all-time hit leader with 273 base hits.

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of 1999.

Whitney also shattered the school record in the 5,000 meters, when he crossed the line in 15:11.75, an improvement of more than six seconds over the former mark of 15:18.34, established by Derek Veilleux (Fairfield, ME) in 2001.

Whitney also holds two outdoor track records. In the 800 meters Whitney set the record at 1:58.40 in April of 2002. In May of 2003, he set the record in the 3,000-meter steeplechase with a time of 9:36.54.

In addition to being an exceptional athlete, Whitney has also given a stellar performance in the classroom. Whitney graduated in May of 2003 with a degree in exercise physiology, and a GPA of 3.95.