

St. John's Tops Big East Track

NEW YORK (AP) — Double victories by Ross Donohue in middle distance races and Tim Hanlon in hurdles events led St. John's University to the team title with 177 points in the first Big East Track and Field Championships yesterday.

Connecticut followed with 144 points and Boston College was third with 101. Seton Hall (49½) and Syracuse (46½) completed the top five.

Donohue, a junior from Oswego, N.Y., outkicked Kevin Byrne of Georgetown in the stretch and beat him to the finish line by three yards in 3 minutes, 46.34 seconds in the 1,500-meter event. Byrne posted a 3:47.8 clocking.

The 5-foot-11½, 135-pound Donohue came back less than two hours later to take the 5,000-meter run in 14:31.8.

Hanlon, a junior, captured the 110-meter high hurdles in 14.1 seconds and the 400-meter intermediates in 50.35.

Karl Swanke of Boston College was a gold medalist in two field events, the shot put at 55 feet, 5¾ inches, and the discus at 151-0.

Jim DeRienzo of Georgetown held off Tom Corton of Boston College in winning the 800-meter run in 1:49.80. Corton, a senior, was clocked in 1:49:38.

Georgetown, sixth in the team scoring with 44, also produced the third- and fourth-place finishers in the 800 in Rich Caton (1:50.08) and John Gregorek (1:51.46).

Derreck Peynado of Seton Hall won the 400-meter run in 46.70 and anchored the Pirates to a 3:10.57 victory in the 1,600-meter relay with a 46.1. Peynado, a sophomore, also was runnerup to Hanlon in the 400 hurdles in 51.34.

Brian Denman (21.62) of Seton Hall nipped teammate Eric Berrie (21.68) in the 200-meter dash. Denman and Berrie also ran the third and fourth legs on the victorious 400-meter relay quartet that posted a 41.13.