

Engel Wins Second Straight Big Ten Cross Country Title



Addie Engel won Ohio State women's cross country's first ever Big Ten title at the end of the 2022 season, and she defended that this year on Oct. 27, coming in first place again at the Big Ten Championships. She finished the 6K with a time of 20:47.9, which was nearly 10 seconds ahead of the second place finisher.

"For Addie to defend her Big Ten title is an incredible accomplishment and testament to her toughness and work ethic." Head coach Sara Mason Vergote said after the win.

Her performance in 2022 was enough to earn her the title of Big Ten Athlete of the Year. This year she was named to the All-Big Ten first team, her third time in as many years at Ohio State. She is the first Buckeye to make first team more than once.

Engel has finished in the top two five times this season, and 11 times in her career with this win.

The women's team placed fifth overall in the event with Engel leading the way and Daniella Santos also breaking into the top 10 with a time of 21:25.2 which was good for eighth place.

Swim and Dive Teams Start With Wins

The season for both the men's and women's swim and dive teams began over the weekend against Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Va., and both brought home wins after the two-day competition.

The No. 5-ranked women's team won 226-135 over No. 17 Virginia Tech, and the No. 14-ranked men's team won a closer matchup over the No. 11 Hokies 193.5-178.5.

Jessica Eden had two individual wins in both the 400-meter individual medley and the 200-meter butterfly that took place on Friday. Josephine Panitz won three races, including the 200-meter breaststroke on Saturday.

For the men, Tristan Jankovics stood out, winning three races. He finished the 400-meter individual medley with a time of 3:50.66, an NCAA B standard time, finishing a full four seconds ahead of second place.

Women's Hockey Extends Win Streak

The No. 2 Buckeyes extended their win streak to seven after starting the season with a loss, beating No. 4 Minnesota in back-to-back games on Friday and Saturday.

The first win took extra time, but graduate forward Jennifer Gardiner found the back of the net for the second time in the game to beat the Golden Gophers 4-3 just 1:39 into the overtime period.

Gardiner also scored in the Buckeyes 6-5 win over Minnesota the next day, and she is second on the team in points with 12, behind only Hannah Bilka (14) who also scored a goal of her own over the weekend.

Senior forward Makenna Webster was able to get into his first two contests of the season since the Ohio State field hockey team is off until the Big Ten Tournament begins. She had five shots on goal in the two games but couldn't get on the board with either a goal or an assist, so her first point will have to wait.