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ANDREW FARR '26 TRACK AND FIELD

Bulldogs set to split up between three meets, including one at home

TRACK AND FIELD

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After a weekend of record-breaking performances, the Yale track and field team is heading into another busy slate, with plans to split across three meets.

Last weekend, Constanza Acevedo '29 reset her own javelin school record, while later in the week, Mason Evans '26 earned the Delaney Kiphuth Student-Athlete Distinction Award, an accolade granted to the student-athletes with the top cumulative grade point average over four years at Yale.

Looking ahead, the distance runners will travel to Winston-Salem, North Carolina, to compete at the Wake Forest Invitational on Thursday. This unscored meet will serve as a tune-up opportunity for the team, with championship season racing just two weeks away.

At the Wake Forest Invitational, the Bulldogs will face unfamiliar opponents, such as the University of Georgia and the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

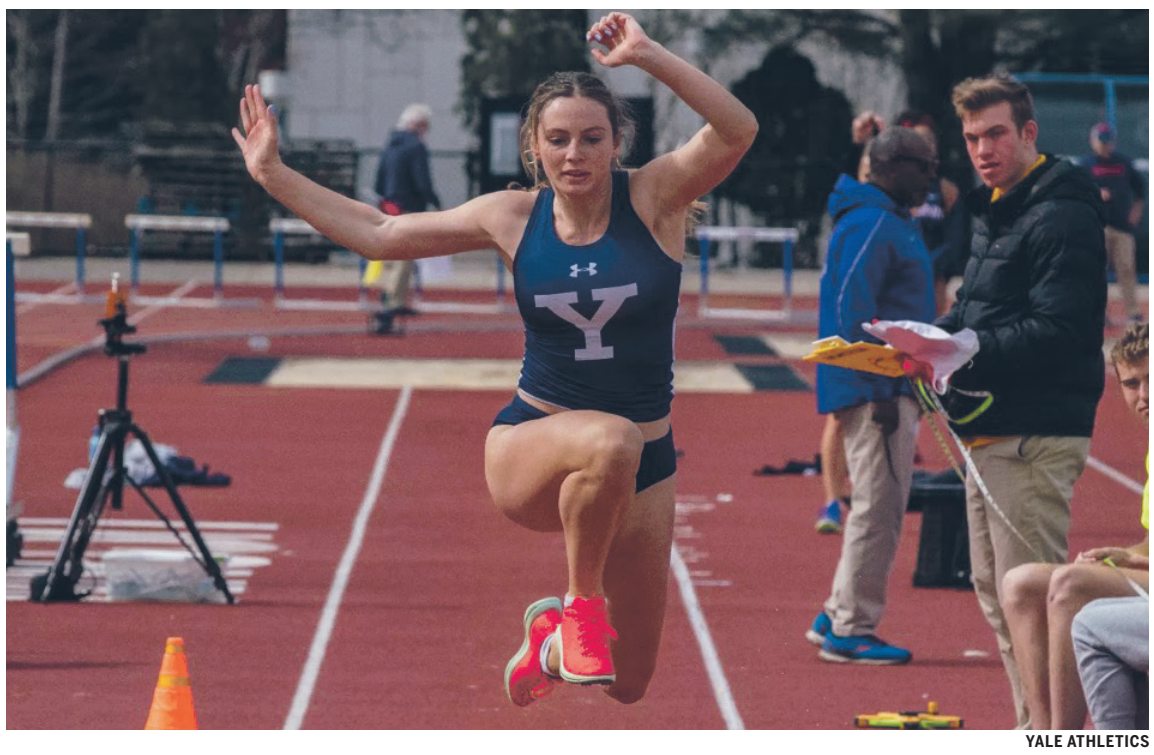
The warmer North Carolina climate should benefit the team, which has spent much of the spring battling New England's unpredictable weather.

"The New England weather's always a bit unpredictable this time of year," men's captain Andrew Farr '26 wrote to the News "But we've done a great job as a team focusing on the controllables and not letting it impact our mindset heading into competitions. Even in less-than-ideal conditions, we've already seen a number of PRs, school records and all-time top-10 performances this season."

On Friday, athletes not competing at Wake Forest will head up the road to Storrs to attend the University of Connecticut's Northeast Challenge, a meet that Yale has not previously attended. The competition will feature regional programs, including Northeastern University and St. John's University, while also allowing the Bulldogs to face familiar Ivy League opponents like Dartmouth.

The weekend concludes at home. Yale will host the Mark Young Invitational on Saturday at the Dewitt Cuyler Athletic Complex. After a meet last year that produced numerous personal bests, the Bulldogs will look to carry their momentum onto their home track.

The first competition of the week, the Wake Forest Invitational, will commence on Thursday. The first event, the women's 3000-meter race, will take place at 7 p.m.



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Members of the track and field team will compete at the Wake Forest Invitational, the University of Connecticut's Northeast Challenge and Yale's own Mark Young Invitational.

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Bulldogs pick up win over Hofstra, extending streak to four

MEN'S LACROSSE

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The No. 12 Yale men's lacrosse team (7–4, 3–2 Ivy) routed the Hofstra University Pride (3–9, 1–3 CAA) 16-9 in a Tuesday night matchup at James M. Shuart Stadium in Hempstead, New York.

The Bulldogs made the quick trip down to Long Island and returned to New Haven with their fourth straight victory, building on a 13-12 upset victory over Cornell (8–3, 3–1 Ivy), an 18-7 win over Dartmouth (4–7, 0–4 Ivy) and a 15-9 upset victory over Harvard (9–2, 3–1 Ivy).

"During this stretch what's been helping us the most is just being really intentional in every practice," attackman Connor Gately '28 wrote in a text message to the News. "Our coaches have done a great job of setting the game plan for each week and we've all been focused on making sure to work towards it. Now more than ever it is important to improve each week and our focus in practice has helped us do that."

Each of the Ivy victories was significant. Against the Big Red, the Elis took down the defending national champions. Beating the Big Green, the squad extended its win streak against Dartmouth to 15. And last weekend, the Bulldogs served the Crimson their first Ivy loss of the season and second overall loss, while also cementing Yale's dominance in the rivalry.

Following last weekend's victory over then-No. 5 Harvard, Yale jumped five spots in the Inside Lacrosse weekly media poll, and Harvard fell four spots to No. 9.

Touching down in Long Island, seven different Bulldogs scored in the 16-9 victory. Attackman Sean Grogan '29, midfielder William Sheehan '26 and midfielder Cole Cashion '27 each recorded hat tricks.

Gately, who ranks first in the conference and 15th nationally in assists per game and third in conference and 41st nationally in points per game, posted a six-point performance with two goals and four assists, in addition to four ground balls to lead the team in points.

Grogan also notched an assist to finish second in points with four. Dylan Blekicki '29 and Asher Ziv '29 each found the back of the net twice, and faceoff specialist Nick Wehmeyer '28 scored once.

Gately attributed his six-point night to Yale's ball movement and possession advantage.

"I think we just focused on sharing the ball tonight and fortunately I was on the receiving end of a lot of great ball movement from our offense," Gately said.

The Bulldogs dominated at the X, going 24-for-28 on faceoffs led by Wehmeyer's 18-for-21 and Ben Cuomo's '29 6-for-7 to control possession. Yale also won the hustle battle, picking up 43 ground balls compared to the Pride's 29.

Grogan similarly credited the offense's chemistry and teamwork in contributing to his second career hat trick and four-points.

"I honestly think the guys around me made it easiest," Grogan wrote in a text message to the News. "When we all work as a whole, everything's pretty free flowing and efficient."

Yale hit the gas from the opening faceoff and never hit the brakes, tallying eight goals in the first quarter. Sheehan opened the scoring at 13:08 with a behind-the-back shot. A minute later, Gately recorded his first assist of the night on Ziv's first goal to extend Yale's lead to 2-0. Although the Pride's Trevor Natalie clawed back to cut the deficit to 2-1 at 9:58, the Elis answered right back with two of their own. At 4:58, Grogan found an open Blekicki, and 30 seconds later, Grogan buried it unassisted to cushion Yale's lead 4-1.

Natalie scored his second of the quarter to put the game within two, but he was no match for the Bulldogs, who found the back of the net four more times in the final two minutes, including three in the final 30 seconds. At 2:12, Cashion potted the first unassisted, and then at the 27 second mark, the Gately to Ziv duo struck again to put Yale up 6-2. With 20 seconds left in the quarter, Wehmeyer won the faceoff and then drove to the cage. Even though there were only seconds left, the Bulldogs were not done yet. Midfielder Tristan Ghosh '27 assisted Gately to close out the eight-goal quarter for the Bulldogs.

Hofstra trailed Yale 8-2 heading into the second quarter, but after controlling possession and tightening up defensively, the Pride held the Elis scoreless. The Pride potted three unanswered to trim the deficit to 8-5 at the end of the first half.

The Bulldogs came out recharged in the third quarter, putting up six goals to Hofstra's one to seal the victory. Cashion struck early at 14:12 to extend Yale's lead to 9-5. Natalie responded a minute later for a hat trick, Hofstra's sole goal of the quarter. The Bulldogs followed up with five unanswered, as Gately, Grogan and Sheehan shined. Gately started the run, wrapping around the net to score unassisted, his second goal of the night. 49 seconds later at the eight-minute mark, Grogan tallied another to put Yale up 11-6. Then, in the final five minutes of the quarter, Gately and Sheehan were unstoppable. The two connected twice for Sheehan to score back-to-back for a hat trick. Grogan finished off the stretch with his second goal of the quarter to notch a hat trick of his own to close the quarter with Yale leading 14-6.

With Yale's eight-goal lead at the end of the third quarter, the Pride struggled to bring the game back within reach. Despite tallying two consecutive goals early in the fourth quarter, Yale still held a six-goal advantage. At 8:02, Blekicki buried his second of the game. Hofstra responded with one more of its own to cut the deficit to six, but a Cashion goal at 4:44 restored Yale's seven-goal lead and capped off scoring.

With Tuesday night's victory, head coach Andy Shay reached a career milestone, earning his 200th win at the Division I level.

Grogan noted the impact of Shay's experience on the program in his first season as a Bulldog.

"It's been a great experience working with Coach Shay this year," Grogan wrote. "You can also tell how much he cares about every guy on the entire roster, and it really makes guys respect him and work hard for him. I'm glad I got to be a part of his 200th win."

Back in New Haven, the Elis will now gear up to host the University of Albany (8–4, 5–0 AE). As the final home game of the season, it will also mark Senior Day. The team will honor its nine senior class members ahead of the game.

Faceoff is slated for 4 p.m. on Saturday at Reese Stadium.



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On Tuesday night, the No. 12 Yale men's lacrosse team defeated the Hofstra University Pride 16-9.

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YALE MEN'S LACROSSE JUMPS FIVE SPOTS IN THE INSIDE LACROSSE WEEKLY MEDIA POLL FOLLOWING HARVARD WIN