

# An Inside Look at

# LEHMAN ATHLETICS

## Lehman College Men's Cross Country Preview

The cross-country season has begun at Lehman College, and there is an unusual buzz around the Bronx campus. As the women's team has emerged as a perennial contender for the CUNY conference championship last season, the men's team has also focused in on the conference's top prize giving the Lightning an opportunity to capture both championships this season. After placing second in last year's CUNY championship, the men are determined to take the program to the next level.

The Lightning approach this cross country campaign with their most balanced team in recent history. With three returners from last seasons squad, and a host of newcomers, coach Lesleigh Hogg is excited about the opportunities for this year's team.

If the Lightning are going to compete for a title, it begins with senior runners Bill Agosto, Chris Yepez, and junior Daniel Gurdak. The trio are the lone returners from last season's second place team, and will provide both experience and leadership to the young Lightning squad.

"I think this will be a very exciting year for the men's cross country team," said Hogg. "Our guys have seen the success of the women's squad, and I think they are ready to accomplish the same for our men's program."

Lehman will receive a boost from freshman sensation Raul Sanchez. Sanchez, out of Walton High School, is a long distance specialist, who has already been named CUNY conference Runner of the Week this season. Lehman will

also depend on newcomers Patrick Colon, Joseph Bodden and Juan Perguero to bolster a formidable team. Coach Hogg is also expecting input from freshmen Renaldo Elvey, Patrick Thompson, Issa Tall, and Richard James.

For the Lightning to succeed this year, they will have a very competitive schedule to prepare them for the CUNY championship. The squad will compete in many of the top cross country meets, including NYU Invitational, CTC Championships, Bard College Invitational and a host of others.

"We have assembled a schedule to prepare our guys for the CUNY championships," said Hogg. "Our goal is to have the team gel, and be ready to compete towards the latter part of the season."

### 2005 CROSS COUNTRY SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	H/A	TIME
9/10/05	Vassar Invitational	A	TBA
9/17/05	New York University @VCP	A	TBA
9/24/05	Bard Invitational	A	Noon
10/08/05	Stevens Tech Invitational @Liberty Island	A	TBA
10/15/05	Albany Invitational	A	TBA
10/22/05	CTC Championships @DeSales	A	TBA
10/23/05	CUNYAC @VCP	A	10 AM
11/05/05	ECAC Championships	A	TBA
11/12/05	NCAA Regionals	A	TBA
11/19/05	NCAA Championships @Ohio Wesleyan University	A	TBA



### 2005 LIGHTNING MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY ROSTER

Player	Year	Height	High School	Hometown
Patrick Colon	Sr.	5-10	Brewster	Queens, NY
Renaldo Elvey	Fr.	5-8	Evander Childs	New York, NY
Daniel Gurdak	Jr.	6-2	Brooklyn Tech	Brooklyn, NY
Richard James	Fr.	5-11	William E. Grady	Bronx, NY
Juan Luis Peguero	Sr.	6-0	G.E.D.	Brooklyn, NY
Issa Tall	Fr.	5-10	Martin Luther King	Bronx, NY
Patrick Thompson	Fr.	5-7	Mt. St. Michael Acad.	Bronx, NY
Christian Yepez	Jr.	5-7	Bryant	Bronx, NY

Head Coach: Lesleigh Hogg  
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