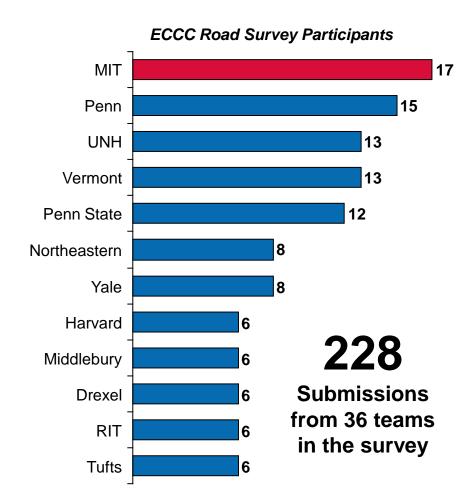


2011 ECCC ROAD SURVEY

The ECCC has spoken, with the good, the bad and the ugly. Thanks to everyone for a great season that will live on in memory!

MIT won with the most survey entries, followed closely by Penn, then New Hampshire and Vermont... Get ready for the results





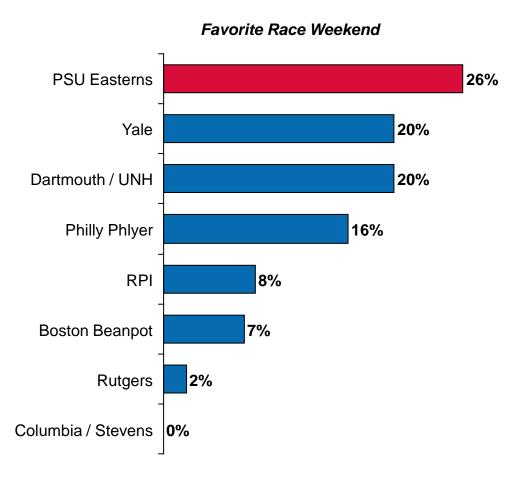
DISCLAIMERS: We tried to hold true to the ECCC's intent throughout the survey, but want to clarify a few key points first...





- **Unofficial and in good fun:** The road survey is completely unofficial. In fact, we don't even know how to spell official. There is no tie between the survey, which was open to conference participants, and either the ECCC or USAC. It is just for fun and laughs, so everyone needs to laugh at themselves (people rib us in here, too!).
- Names: If you screwed up the name or school in your comments, we (tried to) fix it
- **Grammar:** We fixed a LOT of your grammar (Seriously... how did you people pass the SATs?!?), although surely there's a lot more we missed, but we don't really care. We also tweaked some words to clarify context, and trimmed verbose quotes. This was a huge endeavor, and we still have plenty of typos of our own, but want to be done now.
- **Niceness:** Most of you were funny, but some were mean (especially to riders that kicked your asses a lot). We toned down a few comments slightly so that they are less hurtful, and usually funnier than your bitterness.
- **Anonymity:** We cited the school in most quotes. For a few, we left it off because either A) it would indicate the person too closely, or B) the idiot sending it in forgot to list their school. For sandbaggers and sketchy riders, we kindly edited out the last names.
- **Pictures:** Many pictures were sent in. Many were plundered from Facebook, either by our survey team or by your own friends who turned on you. We suspect that Chat (greatest guy ever!) took many of them. We don't hold any copyrights on them, and use them entirely in a satirical way to parody the ECCC season..

Gluttons for punishment, the ECCC loved Black Mo' and the Fraternity Row Crit, making PSU the favorite racing weekend



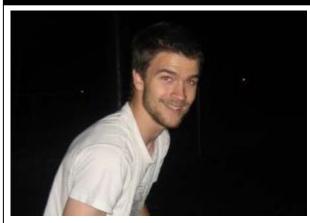
- "Let's race in some warm weather next year, okay guys?"
 - Penn
- "All weekends had toilet paper well stocked, which is one of the highest grading points within the ECCC...if people can't wipe their cheeks before getting on their seats...urghh grumpy roadies!"
 - Northeastern
- "Temple: how many train tracks can we cross in one rectangle?"
 - Northeastern
- "Bring back Army!"
 - MIT
- "Who would have thought that hosting a race in a WATERSHED carried with it the remote possibility of FLOODING during spring? Stevens basically ruined my life."
 - Pitt
- "Yale should take notes on how to fill potholes on a crit course before a race (its not like they don't have the money)."
 - Lehigh
- "I loved the gym at UNH! I didn't freeze in the rain." MIT

BEST RIDER: MALE

Which rider was the best of the best this year? Wyatt won the jersey, but who has your vote for ECCC Champion?

Evan Murphy was the clear fan favorite, while freshman Robin Carpenter joined 2010 champ Max Korus in earning fan accolades

Evan Murphy



- "He's from RISD and kicked ass...I thought art school/hipster kids only rode fixies?"
 - New Hampshire
- "A beast on the bike and a super nice guy off it. Was always willing to work and was a great wheel to follow. Plus that Mullet he had going on was epic."
 - Franklin & Marshall

Robin Carpenter
Swarthmore

- "He makes it look easy"
 - Top five ranked Men's A rider
- "For a freshman to enter two A races and win them both is pretty awesome."
- "Robin Carpenter. Wow."
 - Top ten ranked Men's A rider



Max Korus Penn

- "The dude makes me hurt...like a lot. Uphill, downhill, whatever. He's stinkin' fast, and he makes fields quiver with nervous energy."
 - Dartmouth
- "Best male rider...
 He can never be
 counted out in a
 race, has a solid



engine, and is a down to earth dude."

- One of the 2011 yellow jersey holders
- "No one owns a race like Korus owns a race. sure some guys got results sneakin' em in here and there but Korus was a marked man and stayed on the front the whole race. I don't know if he's the best, but he's the meanest, smartest and strongest."
 - Top five ranked Men's A rider

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Yellow jersey contenders Jeff Salvitti and Wyatt Stoup were also fan favorites, with many ECCC riders rooting for each of them

Jeff Salvitti Bucknell

- "He's just good."
 - New Hampshire
- "Salvitti is a class act, and very humble. I would have liked to see him in Yellow. He can climb, sprint and TT."
 - Top ten ranked Men's A rider
- "Dude... Call me... Why aren't you answering your phone?!?"
 - Penn A rider (Bucknell alum) drunk-dialing Salvitti during this survey review



Wyatt Stoup Penn State

- "Wyatt Stoup...yellow shoes...yellow bar tape...yellow jersey"
 - Penn State



More thoughts...

- "Jordan Diekema came out of nowhere to crush the Bs, and in the two weekends he raced as an A, gained enough points to rise to the 14th overall spot. And lets not forget the breakaway with Charlie at Yale and with Driscoll at Dartmouth."
 - Columbia
- "Macky Franklin (Middlebury), hands down.
 I didn't see any other A riders attacking the field and then stripping, did you?"
 - Yale
- "Charlie, the Temple rider that won the Yale race, is quite the mountain goat."
 - Millersville
- "Samson McHugh because he wore a long sleeved skinsuit with a broken zipper that was safety pinned closed the entire season. At the same time he rode a CAAD10 with full Campy Record 11."
 - Pitt

BEST RIDER: FEMALE

Which rider was the best of the best this year? Who was the fan favorite for ECCC Champion?

Vote totals for Katie Quinn and Anna McLoon were just as dominating as their cycling performances this season

1 Katie Quinn

- "I have 49 points. She has over 1000. Enough said."
- "Her right quad oozes strength, her left secretes domination."
- "For some reason she likes time trialing enough to do 2-3 every weekend."
- "Pretty undeniable show of domination"
 - Northeastern



Anna McLoon Harvard

- "She's faster than anyone on my team. She passed me after I got dropped from the men's A race."
 - RPI
- "I've never seen so many dudes questioning their manhood as they did when she took over on the climbs of the UNH road course."
 - Lehigh



More thoughts...

- "Kelly D. from Bucknell. Because she kicks her boyfriend's ass just about every race."
 - New Hampshire
- "Maggie Sullivan! Fierce, but also a complete sweetheart. She passed me going up the big hill during the Yale circuit race and cheered for me. And then passed a girl in her race. Pretty much a boss."
 - Middlebury
- "Rachel Yodis, for someone who JUST started racing a bike, she can throw down with the top dogs."
 - Millersville
- "Ashley Nichols, duh! Because she's a cutie and rides mountain bikes fast. So what if she races Bs on the road? She's fast on a mountain bike. Plus she's hilarious and super friendly."
 - Middlebury

Overall, Who was the best team in the ECCC this year? Penn State and MIT took the trophies, but who wins in your heart?

Most of you shamelessly voted for yourselves, so the category is DQ'd, but we love the highlights of why you think you're the best

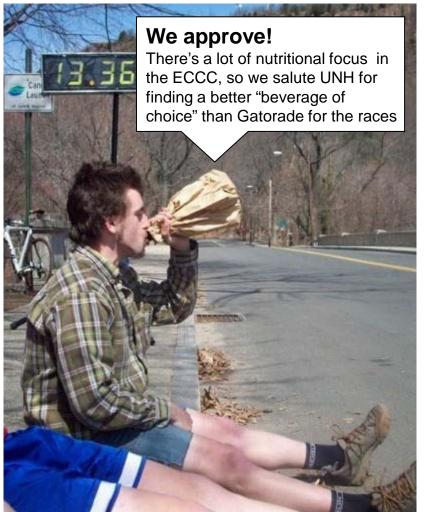
- "UVM and McGill. UVM because they traveled so damn far for every race and always brought out good numbers and great competition. And McGill because even though they couldn't even go to Nationals, they still would come out to nearly every race weekend! And God love them for it! (Stupid Canucks...)."
 - Drexel
- "Millersville, hot, fast, AWESOME girls. The guys, well, they don't bring anything good to the table."
 - Millersville
- "Bucknell More often than not than represented over 75% of the eye candy on a given race weekend."
 - Northeastern
- "UVM always brings the fun spirit even when they aren't dominating in their usual fashion. Yeah, they can be annoying at times, but we all secretly wish to be on this jean-short/tanktop adorning team"
 - Penn
- "Yale, of course. Why- because as a 39 year old on the team who was 4 months post knee surgery, they still cheered for me like I was Max Korus."





- "UVM, we didn't skip a single weekend. Ok, we weren't as strong as in years past, but we put the 'Legion' in 'collegiate' ...oh wait, that doesn't work...oh well, I only have a state school education."
- "Penn. 3 of the top 5 overall in men's, and not douchey like ."
 - Temple (Redacted, for Charlie's safety)
- "Pitt. we travel like 8 hours at least to every race and are the only team who has fun."
- "MIT. Data, data, data. They analyze the shit out of everything."
- "Northeastern. We have the most heart and definitely do the most mooning"
- "Middlebury. Sexy as all get out. Cute guy, I never got your number!"
 - Princeton
- "MIT, obviously. And the men even scored some points this year."

UNH thinks that the ECCC could learn a thing or two about making race weekends even more fun, and sent in pictures of how





BIGGEST SANDBAGGER

Which lowlife needs to upgrade? To quote Kopena, "There's no bigger glory than winning your first D race... and no bigger shame than winning your fourth."

The ECCC showered its scorn upon the sandbaggers, with an overwhelming glare at the collective New Hampshire team

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The Entire New Hampshire Team

(Overwhelming votes for the collective team)

- "Seriously dudes, you might have gotten 3rd in the ECCC standings but are you sending any riders to Nationals? NO. Upgrade your asses"
 - Vermont
- "I saw a Facebook status of a UNH rider who was like, "I'm going to win the Men's C Championship". There is no men's C championship. If you're winning in a category that isn't A, you're sandbagging."
- "If I was a race promoter, I would force UNH to upgrade every guy or else not enter."
- "Taylor had 15 top tens and 9 podiums in one season. Never upgraded out of Cs."
 - Northeastern
- "Without a doubt, the UNH guys in Cs. Considering they don't seem to have any racing history and lack the ability to block with even a modicum of subtlety, I'm going to assume they're all triathletes."
 - Vermont
- "Greg D. UNH."
 - 10 submissions, from many different schools)
- "I'll admit it, the UNH mens C team. Prolly should have moved up."
 - New Hampshire

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Ian B. Penn State

- "What's up lan, winning like six D races? Come on, man!."
 - Penn State (a teammate)
- "After I actually moved up to C's he swooped in and won the D overall.."
 - A New Hampshire rider, prominently featured to the left
- "He shamefully stayed D until the end. Did he even break a sweat winning at Easterns? Doubt it."
- "lan B."
 - Another Penn State teammate
- "lan's a really good guy... He is."
 - Survey editor, feeling badly for the call-outs of a nice guy, but reporting the votes as obligated by the committee

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Williams was also chastised for egregious sandbagging, and some of the Men's 'A' riders were jealous of the future pros in the races

3 Erik L. Williams

- "It's kinda hard to claim those point for your 7th place finish in the 'A' time trial...when you're in C's"
 - Lehigh
- "He rode D's most of last year while time trialing near the top of A's, and did the same thing this year in C's. (plus he's kind of a weenie in the pack).."
 - MIT
- "This kid had TTs that would have been top 10 in A's. Although he can't turn."
- "Holy shit that guy is a dirty sandbagger."
 - Yale



"A" Racers going Pro

- "Max can graduate out of the ECCC if he chooses."
 - RIT
- "Max did 6 races and still came in 3rd in the men's 'A' overall. Leave us alone already!"
 - Franklin & Marshall
- "Jamey Driscoll"
 - Vermont (from a teammate)

Maybe not sandbagging...

- "Everybody thought the guy from F&M sandbagged the B's, but then he got destroyed in every 'A' race, so maybe he wasn't a sandbagger, after all..."
- "Eran Preble, 4 straight wins... they shouldn't have rejected his upgrade to 'B"

More sandbaggers...

- "Jake Warshaw from UVM. I hate to elect one of my own, but that kid dropped the shit out of me. He is a cottage of wattage that was built in the middle of a watt farm."
 - Vermont
- "I gotta say.....myself."
 - Vermont
- "Jordan from Harvard. OK, so maybe he started the season with 2 starts to his name; big deal. Sandbagger."
 - Harvard (from a teammate)
- "That Delaware guy who won every 'C' race for the last 3 weekends."
 - Middlebury
- "I have no idea, apparently I don't stalk bike results enough to know these things."
 - Millersville

BIGGEST VICTIM

Who makes you grin, knowing you're gonna smoke them? Who comes up to the line, and then you know you'll score some points?

There's always somebody that you know you can beat in the race, and it's nice to see them in the line-up. A few favorite victims:

- "Anyone from Army at any road race. Those guys are always all over the front... until the end, at least."
 - Franklin & Marshall
- "Custom paint jobs can't create speed. But apparently they <u>can</u> create a year of post-graduation eligibility."
 - Middlebury
- "This Syracuse guy with an absurdly expensive bike and deep wheels, but can't seem to go faster than 20 mph even when doing downhill."
 - Columbia
- "Our field had an entire school of victims. I'll give you a hint: it rhymes with 'Shmermont."
 - Lehigh
- "UVM I love when a team does all sorts of disorganized work at the front just so I can Sprint by them whenever I please."
 - New Hampshire
- "Any kid from Carnegie Mellon or MIT that rolls up to the line with a gut, weak looking legs, and a Cervelo."
 - Lehigh





- "The entire U. Delaware gang in men's D"
 - Penn State
- "MIT in any corner. They don't have corners in the wind tunnel."
 - Vermont
- "Honestly, if I beat anyone, I'm happy."
 - Yale
- "Anyone who races with a saddle bag."
 - Bard
- "All the dudes that are bigger than me. :) But that's not very many. :("
 - Millersville
- "Sorry...but Hamlin. He makes up for it on the MTB, though."
 - Dartmouth
- "I don't have victims, just an audience for my joke racing abilities.."
 - Dartmouth

BIGGEST NEMESIS

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Every rider knows their nemesis when they roll up to the line, and knows that he/she is gonna smoke them. A few notables...

- "2 words: Max Korus."
 - Yale (Also: Dartmouth, New Hampshire, and Penn)
- "Anybody with a mustache or a horribly trimmed goatee. For some reason the ugliest facial hair always beat me. For reals! I'm only realizing this I'm typing it. But everyone with bad facial hair would beat me!"
 - Drexel
- "That UVM 'A' rider who smelled like he hasn't washed his kit since he was in the Ds. Getting stuck behind that guy made me contemplate pulling myself."
 - Boston University
- "Kevin Ordons of Pitt Which sucked, because he is the nicest dude ever. He would pull out a guitar and sing a heart rending version of "Kumbayah" on the first climb before launching his beastly attack."
 - Lehigh
- "Jamey Driscoll, who is better than us all. It pretty much sums up the moment he steps out of his Suburu. There is no chance of winning when you have a top 20 world ranked cyclist to go against."
 - Vermont



- "That Millersville girl is not only smoking hot, but I don't think she ever gets tired."
 - Bucknell
- "Bobbin' Robin'" (Carpenter)
 - Penn (Also: Penn State, RISD and several Penn)
- "Anybody I haven't seen before who shows up wearing a Penn State or U. of Penn kit."
 - Yale
- "All the New Hampshire kids."
 - Yale
- "All the little 130 pound little guys who climb like its nothing"
 - Millersville
- "Anna McLoon. Girl is a beast."
 - New Hampshire (Also: Yale and MIT)
- "ALEX WEILER. Go away!"
 - RIT **Ed. Note**: Awww... We love the ACCC!



SKETCHIEST RIDER

Who was so sketchy that he/she made your hair turn white in fear and blood boil up in rage? Who's the sketchiest rider in the ECCC?

Some riders drive the ECCC crazy with bad turns and complete sketchiness. A few of the more printable call-outs:

- "Dear Army,
 I like my bike. I like my life.
 I don't like my life on a bike near you.
 Sincerely, every other ECCC rider."
- Pictures omitted and specific names removed for the sake of kindness ...but you know who it is

- Franklin & Marshall
- "Middlebury stands every 12 seconds and shakes his bike around like mad, but he never crashes...so I'd have to go with the guy from Tufts. I saw him crash in every race he did, I think."
 - Vermont
- "MIT rider in B's. At UNH, I thought that he was auditioning for the US Olympic Slalom Ski Team."
 - Lehigh
- "Penn State downtube shifter guy trying to shift in the corners. So sketchy."
 - Yale
- "The Middlebury kid stands every twenty seconds and throws his bike around almost as bad as Max in a sprint. So annoying, but he somehow doesn't crash. So the sketchiest rider is probably the Tufts A rider and the whole West Point team."
 - Penn

- "Ian from BU's cornering made the Intro Men look like expert bike handlers."
 - Harvard
- "Tie between Nick and Garrett. Both are undeniably fast, but Nick can't ride in a straight line for a million dollars, and Garrett will chop you faster than salad shooter."
 - Dartmouth
- "Myself. (I think I'm going to remain anonymous though)"
 - Ed. Note: For their honesty, we'll let them stay anonymous
- "Kid in the Bs from Lehigh with the yellow bike makes me cry in fear every time I see him near me. The entire B field thinks they all have great skillz when in reality we all suck, straight up, no question."
 - Vermont
- "Garrett, without a doubt... dude made Mark Renshaw look nice. He almost killed us all at PSU."
 - Franklin & Marshall
- "Colby almost killed me... and that was on my way to class!"
 - Penn

BEST BIKE HANDLER

Whose cornering made you envious? Who looks more pro than a pro?

The ECCC was split on who handled their bike best, with lots of kudos to go around... Many of our top riders got shout outs

- "Robin Carpenter, until he crashed..."
 - Penn
- "Scott Igo, I was in North Carolina with this kid. We were descending a nasty switchback laden descent in the sleet and he dropped the shit out of me!"
 - Vermont
- "Evan Murphy can rail a corner pretty well. ."
 - Penn
- "Ivan Temnykh, Penn State. Vanya puts an irrational amount of trust in his bike, something he learned while riding a Japanese motorcycle from the 80's around the country."
 - Penn State
- "Rob from F&M for almost falling in the chicane, unclipping, riding one wheel up on the curb, and still keeping the bike upright."
 - Yale
- "Chris Hamlin. Plus as an added bonus, for following him through turns you get made famous on YouTube."
 - MIT





- "Charlie from Temple. Dude is rock solid."
 - Dartmouth
- "Bella Oleksy takes corners like a champ."
 - New Hampshire
- "Macky Franklin, in a paradoxical sort of way. He may look like he's about to crash at any given moment, but I'd wager a lot that he's in better control than almost any else in the field. Honorable mention: Raymond Junkins. It's a miracle he was ever able to stay upright at all given that he uses wheels deep enough to get blown across the road by a sneeze."
 - Middlebury
- "Anyone in an MIT uniform."
 - Millersville
- "Wyatt Stoup and Jeff Salvitti. They never crash (or when then do it's not their fault)."
 - Penn State

SEXIEST BIKE

Who has the single best bike by an individual racer? Which of your favorite ECCC bikes is worth more than most team's annual budgets? Whose bike do you just want to take home and cuddle with?

The ECCC voted for its love of Cervelo and Lynskey Helix bikes, naming riders from Penn and F&M as having the ECCC favorites

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Tony Altimore Penn – Cervelo R5

- "Cervelo R5, full SRAM Red, Mavic wheelsets... dripping with sex."
 - Vermont
 - Also votes from MIT, Columbia, Middlebury, PSU, Temple, New Hampshire & others
- "You can tell who's a Wharton MBA with an actual, paying job... And it's even better when insurance pays for the bike"
 - Penn (non-team observer)
- "Ridiculously hot bike"
 - Dartmouth
- "Cervelo with carbon clinchers dangling from his BMW convertible's trunk rack.
 I'll bet he lights cigars with \$20 bills too."
 - RIT
- "So Jealous. Asshole."
 - Northeastern
- "I love the guy! Really, I do. But who can help but hate the guy when he rolls up, top down, in his BMW blasting some God-awful music with a popped collar and a sweet Cervelo."
 - Drexel



Despite Tony's insistence that Garcia, Max, F&M and others had way nicer bikes, and that he didn't really buy it anyway, the committee didn't let him off the hook here

- Charlie Salzer & Drew Mitstifer
 Franklin & Marshall Lynskey Helix
 - "Lynskey Helix... As an engineer, it doesn't make sense, but it sparkles in the sun."
 - MIT
 - "Those twisted tubes get me torqued before every bike race."
 - Penn State
 - "Sleek, sexy, and makes me wanna get it on."
 - Franklin & Marshall



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- "TAYLOR SMITH'S BIKE IS THE SEXIEST. Oh my god I want to look at it all day long. Cannondale CAAD10. Doesn't hurt that the rider has a rockin bod."
 - New Hampshire
- "Hands down, Nick Garcia from Army has the best bike, with that sweet paint job on the S3. Max Korus (especially his old one) and the F&M guys have amazing bikes."
 - Tony Altimore, Penn (see prior page)
- "Sexiest bike was Rob Abramo's with its True Grit appeal. Ya he probably had more grease all over his bike than jiffy lube, but it hard character and he took trash beautiful to a whole new level."
 - Villanova
- "The dude in the B field who races an old steel bike with downtube shifters. Proving it's not about the bike. Wicked awesome."
 - Harvard





- "Stuart McManus's Hot Orange Pinarello Prince with ZigZag Seatstays. O.M.G. It gives me the tingles down there thinking about it.."
 - New Hampshire
- "This award goes to the McGill rider with a limited edition Colnago Carbonissimo frame with full Dura Ace group. This frame was a limited edition collaboration with Ferrari ,of which only 500 were made. Retail price for the frame alone was just under \$5,000. No doubt a beautiful bike, with only one SMALL issue. Surely such a beautiful, exotic, limited, exclusive bike must have belonged to an A rider.... Nope, he was in D's."
 - Harvard
- "Matt McAnear (Bucknell) has a nice Specialized Tarmac. It's not the sexiest bike in the ECCC, and not the most expensive. But he did name it Seabiscuit on the ride up Black Mo, and his trusty stead carried him to his first men's D finish that day."
 - Bucknell ...That's what the ECCC is all about!

FAVORITE ABSURD BIKE

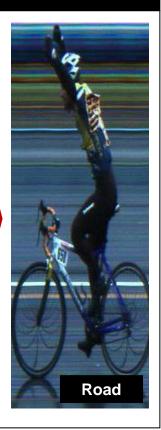
Who rolled with the most ridiculous bike? The Penn water polo guy trying to TT on a mountain bike? PSU winning with your great-grandpa's downtube shifters?

Scott Igo's converted mountain bike was the runaway winner for the ECCC's most absurd and preposterous bike this year

Scott Igo
Vermont – Haro Mountain Bike

- Riders loved that Scott Igo took his mountain bike frame and tweaked it for road races
- "That Haro MTB sure makes a sweet road bike."
 - Vermont
- "That thing was so sketchy. I was scared to be in the same pack as him. Is that UCI legal?"
 - Pitt
- "Scott Igo, you are so sketchy on that goofy ass mountain bike with the down tube/bar end shifters. Do everyone a favor and throw out that Frankenstein bike."
 - New Hampshire





- "Ivan Temnykh, Penn State. His steel framed, downtube shifting, bat-outta-hell Specialized Sirrus is older than many of the riders he races against. Check out Vanya as he pilots his legendary steed through crit corners: leaned further than Lil' Wayne in the middle of a sizzurp binge."
 - Penn State
- "I respect what Julia Kuder has been able to do on her ancient bike which is probably about 20lbs too heavy. I can only imagine what she could do with a better bike, and real training."
 - Columbia
- "If my plan hadn't been foiled by a miscommunication, I think I might have won by finishing the Boston Beanpot Men's 'A' crit on my Yeti 575 mountain bike."
 - Macky Franklin, Middlebury
- "Metallic purple spooky bike -- hipsta hustla. classy yet trendy. new yet vintage. Me likey."
 - Franklin & Marshall

BIGGEST GEAR INVESTMENT

It's not just the bikes that count... All of the other gear is worth the GDP of small Central Asian Countries. Who has the gear that we jealously drool over?

The ECCC enviously took note of F&M's seemingly endless collection of gear, and of Raymond Junkins' sweet wheel sets

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Franklin & Marshall Team

- "From the matching Lynskeys to the completely unnecessary Bontrager carbon stems, to the TT helmets, to the Audi Allroad, they have everything you'd expect from a school full of people whose parents have money to burn. But the most important item may in fact be worth the least, although, come to think of it, the pinneys are priceless. 'Care to ride, bro?'"
 - Middlebury
- "I feel like they go through carbon wheels like most people use toilet paper."
 - Millersville
- "Too bad most of that shit didn't even help them win anything..."
- "F&M, with the seemingly endless supply of carbon wheels (specifically Rob) and time trial helmets..."
 - RIT
- "How do all of the F&M bros and their families roll on Mercury wheels? Like...for serious."
 - Dartmouth



- "C' Rider from Columbia has a Power Tap with two head units so he doesn't have to switch between cadence and speed. The second head runs about \$180, but it's worth about \$5,000 in ridiculousness."
 - Penn State



Raymond Junkins Stevens

- "I heard he wanted to buy a helicopter but got those wheels because they were louder."
 - Delaware
- "Junkins had the most redic bike. Big Wheels always comes with all the goodies with his Stinger 9's and his new Cannondale six13."
 - Villanova
- "Making 80mm deep wheels look good in D's since 2010."
 - Northeastern

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The ECCC looked on with hidden jealousy at everyone's fun gear, and was happy to call out the good, the silly, and the truly absurd

- "The entire MIT team, which appears to be sponsored by cervelo and cycleops (powertaps), which is only partially true..."
 - MIT (reflections on their own team)
- "Army's trailer was pretty impressive. I joked to my teammates that our tax dollars funded all their gear. Still don't understand why so many army riders rode Cervelos? It's like they don't love America or something..."
 - Harvard
- "The Boston University Triathlon Team who showed up for the D's TTT at Beanpot wearing matching aero helmets."
 - New Hampshire
- "Well, we all pay for Army's team gear (since we pay for everything at Army) so I'm going to go ahead and say that AMERICA has the biggest gear collection that is brought to us each week by our friends at West Point."
 - Vermont





- "UVM please put that tandem away, and enough with the stupid vuvuzelas. Yes we know you're here, and no we don't care about you or your antics."
 - New Hampshire
- "The green Rudy project TT helmets.. Come on Rob... Really!?"
 - Syracuse
- "Not only does Tony's Cervelo R-something retail for 4 or 5 times what my car is worth, but he pairs it with a convertible! BLING! Add to that a couple of sweet pairs of wheels and a nice sound system and you've got quite the setup. And his white gloves and matching Sidi shoes really add to the pro euro style..."
 - Middlebury
- "Columbia showing up with their Norma-tec recovery boots. Wish we had enough budget to drop 3 grand on recovery practices."
 - Millersville

BIGGEST STUD

Which good-looking demon of the ECCC is enough of a John-Wayne-meets-Lance-Armstrong-meets-Brad-Pitt stud that you're not letting your girlfriend anywhere near him?

The ECCC clearly thinks more about Evan Murphy and Charlie Salzer than any straight men should think about other men

Evan Murphy

- "He's got the whole package. Good, strong looks. Awesome smile. Good clothes. Probably has a car. Has that "Art School" thing going for him and a bunch of other stuff, I'm sure."
 Drexel
- "Remember in Animal House...the guy at the party with the acoustic guitar, surrounded by swooning chicks? That's Evan Murphy."
 - Lehigh



Actual painting of Evan

- "The guy comes out weekend after weekend by himself and beats up on everyone while wearing a pink kit. His long hair makes you think...hmmm: mommy would disapprove. And his incriminating ER pictures make.
 - incriminating FB pictures make me want to know more."
 - Dartmouth
- "Evan has the best hair ever, and he's also super strong."
 - Temple



Charlie Salzer Franklin & Marshall



- "Charlie looks like something out of a skeezy "Men of the Mediterranean" calendar with his caramel skin and chain necklace."
 - Dartmouth
- "Races by day, goes to poundtown by night.
 - Anonymous
- "Charlie from F&M is ESPECIALLY a stud, but I think he knows it, which is always a bit of a letdown."
 - Millersville

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The ECCC is full of guys who should probably be spending more time with girls than with other guys in spandex. A few highlights:

- "Steven Charles Zamastil (Temple). Where do I begin? His calves look to be chiseled from the finest marble and his facial hair straight out of Martin Van Buren's finest collection. Also, he weighs less than probably 98% of the entire ECCC women's population."
 - Penn
- "Matt Mainer. Confident and cocky. I'm actually ok with girls thinking about him during sex because I am, too."
 - Vermont
- "Mainers. when i stare into his eyes i feel lost... the galaxies whirl."
 - Vermont
- "Tim Manzella sets my loins ablaze. Yowzaaaaa"
 - Penn
- "Kutztown's Ryan Smolko is the closest thing to Mario Cippolini that currently exists in this dimension. As we all know Cippolini gets girls pregnant by looking at them so every chick in the ECCC is most likely gonna pregnant in about 9 months."
 - Penn State





- "Ross Marklein. That hair would make Lars Boom jealous."
 - RIT
- "I often find myself lost in Salvitti's eyes ...and I'm a dude."
 - Temple
- "Hunter Resek...have you seen that kid's calves?! ...and ladies, he's only 18!"
 - New Hampshire
- "Jamie Wolf because he wears these really cute blue pansy shorts that go up his ass crack and they blow in the wind and he just looks so good."
 - Franklin & Marshall
- "Hamlin. Have you seen those calves? He's my man-crush. I can't help it."
 - Middlebury
- "Ben Grass (Dartmouth)"
 - MIT

HOTTEST VIXEN

Which ECCC gal is so amazing that your knees get weak, and the mere sight of her makes you crash into the nearest curb in distraction of beauty? Who would you skip a race just to ask out?

Becca and the ladies of Bucknell collectively captured the dreams of all the men (and some of the women) in the ECCC this year

1 Rebekah Morris & the Ladies of Bucknell



- "All of the Bucknell girls... Why didn't I go there?!?"
 - Tufts ...and pretty much every school in the ECCC voted for them

Rachel Yodis Millersville

- ""The blond girl from Millersville is a straight fox. Period."
 - Bard
 - Also votes from PSU, Bucknell, Vermont, RPI





Editor's Note: The lack of creative comments as you overwhelmingly voted for Bucknell and Millersville is an effective proxy for the drool of the ECCC guys over these amazing racers, who are also faster on their bikes than most of the guys voting for them

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The boys of Bucknell win "Best Rap" for their ode to Katie from Villanova, which they submitted to the tune of "Baby Got Back"









Katie from Villanova: "'Nova Got Back" - Bucknell's Rap

- I like 'Nova girls and cannot lie You other brothers can't deny That when a girl walks in with an Villanova kit Got it goin' like a turbo 'Vette And her helmet with a tilt You get sprung, Wanna pull out your tough 'Cause you notice that butt was stuffed Deep in the kit she's wearing I'm hooked and I can't stop staring Oh baby, I wanna get with you And take your picture Garret Olsen tried to warn me But that bike you got makes me so horny Ooh, 'Nova babe! You say you wanna get on my Trek? Well, ride me, ride me 'Cause you ain't that average cutie I've seen you pacin'
- To hell with bike racin' She's sweat, wet, I'm tired of surveys Sayin' Bucknell girls are the thing Take the average man and ask him that She's gotta be from 'Nova! So, fellas! (Yeah!) Fellas! (Yeah!) Your girlfriend is not this hot? (Hell no!) Villanova, Shake it! (Shake it!) Shake it! (Shake it!) Shake that healthy butt! Baby you hott!
 - Sent in (unsolicited) by Bucknell

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Katie Quinn and many of the other ECCC ladies were held high on a pedestal by the ECCC men, who were quick to sing praises

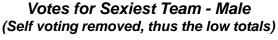
- "That blond from MIT... holy shit. I need to take the T a few stops down and find her."
 - Tufts
- "Carolyn from RPI someone yelled "looking cute!" at her while executing a downhill pass in Philly at 40mph. Finding out she had a boyfriend scarred my soul."
 - Northeastern
- "Katie Q. can lap me all night long if she wants to."
 - Yale
- "Rachel Lucia, since Rebekah from Bucknell is probably getting tired of being the hottest vixen in the ECCC every year."
 - Penn State
- "Villanova Girl: We don't know her name, the guys on our team have been checking her out. They're just too shy and bashful to congratulate her on a race, or try and make a move."
 - Bucknell **Ed Note**: See the song they wrote on the last page
- "BUFFALO!!! Where are you Buffalo?!"
 - Penr

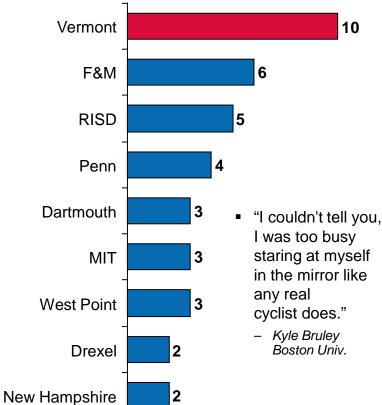


- "Katie Quinn breaks hearts and souls everywhere she goes."
 - Columbia
- "Those sexy MIT girls.... ALL OF THEM"
 - Delaware
- Penn State girl with braids: please wear your skinsuit all the time."
 - RIT
- "Ashley Nichols (UVM). She's hot and fast. But then she didn't show up at any of the later races, and I'd prepared all sorts of ridiculousness to show off for her. Sad."
 - Kutztown
- "Katie Quinn has been racing through my mind since PSU weekend (first sighting) So hot in green, so hot in yellow, so devoted (to me in my dreams)!"
 - Delaware

Even after factoring their universal self voting (and everyone

else's), Vermont's guys were voted as the sexiest men of the ECCC





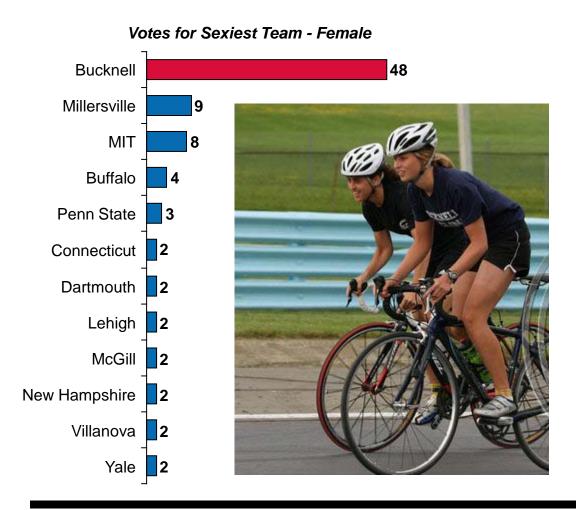
Vermont

- "Chris Hamlin. Enough said."
 - New Hampshire
- "There is something sexy about those rugged woodsmen and crunchy hippies. I like their short shorts too. mmmm."
 - New Hampshire
- "Only with this team can you see ridiculous tan lines in March, even though their legs haven't seen the sun since last fall."
 - Penn

Franklin & Marshall

- "They're serious bros, and they're all good looking. You've got Rob Burnett, who's just hot and a nice guy, which makes him even hotter. Charlie looks like something out of a skeezy "Men of the Mediterranean" calendar with his caramel skin and chain necklace. And then there's the preppy guy who won't shut up.
 - Dartmouth
- "It's made up of rich frat boys, What's hotter?"
 - Harvard
- "The F&M boys look good at every race, and that comes from someone that thinks biking spandex is the most unflattering thing a person can wear.
 - Millersville
- "Those F&M 'A' riders know how to shave their legs better than most women"
 - New Hampshire

Bucknell dominated the dreams of the ECCC men in such a more complete way than any team was able to achieve on their bikes



1 Bucknell

- "BUCKNELL GIRLS....Why else do would you watch the women's A/B race?"
 - Tufts
- "We all get mid race boners think about them."
 - New Hampshire
- "Hot girls+ cycling = a girl I could take home to mom and dad."
 - McGill
- "All I know is that one Bucknell blonde girl is fine."
 - RISD

2 Millersville

- "Blondes get me torqued."
 - Penn State
- "She's got like, a slender fit figure. Gorgeous blue eyes. Long blond hair. Two inches on every guy in the conference. And legs for miles!"
 - Drexel
- "It's really hard to judge because there are literally only two attractive people on the entire circuit. The chick from Yale is spoken for so...congrats"
 - Lehigh

SEXIEST TEAMS

Which team was hot enough to make you turn your head and crash? Whose tent camp made you slow down to show off in front of?

The ECCC riders apparently spent lots of time cruising the cuties, with a wide variety of the hottest gals & guys getting shout-outs

- "There are single hotties from UVM & Buffalo that are vastly superior to Bucknell, but they're more like oases"
 - Penn
- "I've said it once, I'll say it again Middlebury. The entire team can ride on the beauty of one guy..."
 - Princeton
 Ed. Note: We'll defer to Macky, Nate & Alex to decide whom
- "R.I.S.D. has Evan. And damn, that man has got it going on!"
 - Drexel
- "There's something about Princeton men's team duality. On one side is the uber pro and sleek Roach/Avis combo, and then the other more granola crunch duo of David and Anthony. Their stubbornly refusing to shave their legs just makes them all the more appealing to me, I guess."
 - RISD
- "I'm gay- cycling chicks apparently are not... Damn me for being born this way (as Lady Gaga would say)"
 - Ivy League girl (Since the guys have Grindr phone apps)





- "If you combine the men of Dartmouth and the women of Villanova, you might have some good looking offspring."
 - Columbia
- "UVM humped me at the Easterns banquet. It was NOT A GOOD TOUCH."
 - Northeastern
- BU: Straight up, they got the whole package! Women and men! And Preston! He's a girl with gorgeous hair or a guy with an awesome physique! So, my final answer is Preston!"
 - Drexel
- "Lehigh.. Has that cute C girl... A perfect reason to have more crits!"
 - Syracuse
- "Penn: If you look up sexy in the dictionary you will find a picture of Ross's facial hair."
 - Franklin & Marshall

ECCC riders will always remember the crashing carnage of the 'A' crits at Penn State / Easterns as the low point of the 2011 season









The overwhelming winner for best crash was the collective debacle in the Men's A field during the Fraternity Row Crit

Entire Men's A Field PSU Easterns Crit

"The whole race felt like a slip-and-slide gone terribly wrong."
 MIT



- "Saying you don't enjoy the occasional crash, is like saying you go to Nascar just for the driving. I tend to enjoy the uphill men's D crashes, but my favorite of the season was at Easterns around the chicane, I think just about every Men's A rider went down. That corner deserves an award."
 - New Hampshire

- "Best crash? Me...hungover...trying to announce the Beanpot."
 - Kyle Bruley, Boston University

2 Tony Altimore at PSU

- "Classic. He ate shit into the grass, right in front of everybody, and then springs up afterwards as if everything is ok! True champion."
 - Penn
- "Tony at Black Mo. Crashing into the hay bale without a scratch on his beautiful bike."
 - Drexel
- "Tony's epic takedown of the nearest parked Hyundai at Black Mo. That car will respect cyclists from now on!"
 - Drexel
 - Committee Note: We rejected his pleas to forget that this entertaining event happened

More thoughts on crashes...

- "Evan Cooper at Philly, thought he was gonna die."
 - Northeastern
- "That Harvard kid who won all those TT's. At the Tuft's crit, he was one of only two people to crash in the men's A race...typical triathlete. Go back to your non-aggressive aerobars and seat mounted bottle cages."
 - Vermont
- "Katie Quinn's SuperWoman flying dive into the curb at Easterns. We thought she was out until she beat her fists on the ground, screamed, jumped up and ran off to the pit"
 - Yale
- "Hughes' crash at Philly. 20 yards before the finish. He got up and ran his bike across the finish line XC style. That is baller status.."
 - Vermont

Dartmouth: "Why, oh why, MIT?!?"

Anatomy of a great crash - Footage courtesy of UVM







Still bitter... and desperate for answers... Dartmouth sent us some UVM Go Pro footage of a crash with a simple question: "WHY?"

This crash may violate laws against targeted assassinations... See for yourself (~7:00 mark) at:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gnqqTVcKcCg





BEST VICTORY SALUTE

It is one of the most emphatic and euphoric gestures that a bike racer can make. People dream of what they would or will do. The great ones are poetic end of a glorious race.

The victory salute is a time-honored tradition for the cameras, and none did it better than "King of the Mountain" Charlie Zamastil

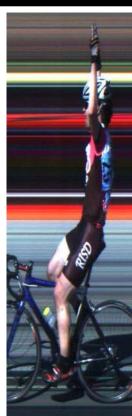
Charlie Zamastil Temple – at Yale circuit

- "Awesome victory pendant kiss."
 - Penn
- "Won, then kissed his pastafarian pendant."
 - Vermont
- "Giving Breakaway Bikes some good sponsor time! Woooooooo!"
 - Penn
- "Gratuitous necklace-hangingout-of-jersey douchebaggery.
 And just being loud and obnoxious."
 - Harvard, a little jealousy & bitter after losing the race



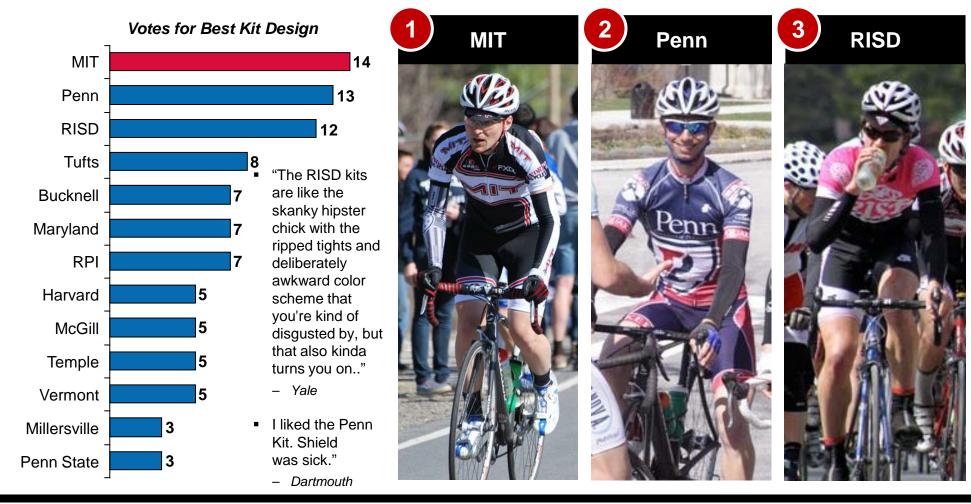
Evan Murphy RISD – at Tufts crit

- "When he was in the middle of the pack at Tufts (after lapping the field) and threw his hands up after popping his head around looking for second place. When he didn't see Ross behind him -- and from the middle of the pack sprint finish -- he threw up his hands up as though he was surprised..'
 - Drexel
 - Similar votes from Northeastern, RIT, RISD & Penn

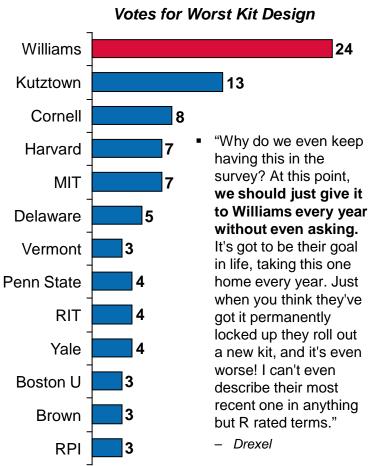


- "PSU, at Yale: Rodney & Arnaud go 1-3 and throw up four arms in an impeccable imitation of Cav-Renshaw. Poetry in motion."
 - Penn State
- ""The intro rider who got owned by the HS kids at Dartmouth but still threw up the most absurd victory scream."
 - Yale
- "UNH 'D' rider on his cool down lap skidded to a stop in front of his teams tent & dropped his bike before bear hugging his coach. Though not really a salute, it was badass."
 - RISD
- "When our teammate won intro and almost crashed when trying to do the two handed victory gesture."
 - Northeastern
- "Macky's shirtless finish at the Yale crit. Girls love muscles."
 - Middlebury

MIT was voted as the best kit, followed by Penn and RISD, helping keep the ECCC the classiest looking cycling conference



ECCC riders were concerned about lasting retinal damage after exposing their eyes to the heinous Williams and Kutztown kits









Even if you can't ride fast, you can still look good! ... or, for some of you... maybe not...

Delaware continues to earn the title of "Most Improved Kits," especially among anyone who remembers the "zebra" days at U.D.

Delaware Blue Hens Most Improved Kit Design

- "Delaware's move away from zebra print was huge."Temple
- "Long live the zebra!"
 - Delaware



- Worst kit: "Cornell. The 'Cat 5 tattoos' all over are pretty gross."
 - RIT
- Worst kit: "RIT. They have WHITE PANELS on their shorts. I sat in a paceline behind one of these guys in the UNH RR. So much ass-hair...:'("
 - Princeton
- Worst kit: "Williams. it looks like a cow swallowed some gak and diarrhea dumped all over the place"
 - Penn
- Worst kit: "Boston University enough is enough already with the red. It looks like Santa took a big malicious Christmas poo on you."
 - Franklin & Marshall
- Worst kit: "U Maine, holy shit. Your uniforms look like they're from Walmart, in 1997. To be fair, that's probably still in style in Maine."
 - McGill
- Improved: "McGill. I'm ashamed to wear my old one... only for rainy days".
 - McGill
- Best kit: "RISD Can spot that pink anywhere. They totally own the 'Yeah I'm in pink spandex and blowin` up the field' look."
 - Tufts
- Best kit: "U. Penn's kits were boss this year."
 - Penn State

Everyone loves the antics of the ECCC...

...and we love when you send in your favorite pictures



...We guess this wheel pit plea is marginally less pathetic than a Craigslist personals ad... Call (603) 897-5310. They're nice pit wheels, so he can probably afford to buy a round of drinks...



BEST ECCC COUPLE

Clearly, Joe & Caitlin are the ECCC's First Family, but which other couples (or folks who SHOULD be couples) do you see on race weekends?

After Joe & Caitlin (of course!) the ECCC was nearly unanimous in naming its Bucknell-UNH couple as the conference's best

- 1 Kelly Desharnais & Sheldon McKinley

 Bucknell New Hampshire
 - "The Bucknell girl and the UNH guy are a pretty cute couple."
 - Drexel





Honorable Mention: Who the ECCC thinks should be couples:

- Well, for a long time I thought Sully and Maggie were a couple. Then I figured out they were siblings and that made a lot more sense because if they were a couple they would have had to have been married for about 30 years to interact the way they do."
 - Middlebury
- "Tristan Baldwin and Derek Harnden"
 - Middlebury, Penn, & Northeastern
- "Wyatt Stoup and F&M Cycling. It was a match made it heaven, if only we could make this thing official...."
 - Franklin & Marshall

BEST PICK-UP LINE

Y'all spend too much time in sweaty spandex and need to get out and date more... Help your buddies out with the best cycling pick-up lines.

With bad pick-up lines like these, it's no wonder the ECCC only has two known couples... It's time to step up our game next year

- "Want to lube my chain?"
 - RIT
- "Ever gotten a 'Paris-Roubaix Facial?"
 - Credit: Swarthmore
- "Hey how about we go out for a bike ride and have sex? ...then, once she turns you down... What, you don't want to go for a bike ride?"
 - Delaware
- "Hey baby, wanna pin my numbers?"
 - MIT
- "Yes, I ride bicycles, and yes I do go for hours...."
 - Delaware
- "Your face is like a wrench, every time I see it my nuts tighten"
 - Vermont



- "All Kevin needs to do is zip up the green jersey and flex his muscles, and then he goes to poundtown. I saw that first hand last Sunday."
 - Penn State
- "Want me to feed you in the zone?"
- "I lost my bike. Mind if I ride you?"
 - New Hampshire
- "How do my calves look from behind?"
 - Pitt
- "Ever slept with an endurance athlete?"
 - Temple & Penn
- "Wanna see my tan lines?"
 - Middlebury
- "Trust me, I'm an 'A' racer."
 - Villanova

BEST RACE CONVERSATION

You guys are a riot yapping at each other during the races. What was your favorite conversation that you overheard?

Races are full of laughs from within the pack. Some highlights:

- "I posted on my Facebook wall that I "Beat the Shit out of Black Mo today" after I rode, and my mom called me later that day and asked me if I had committed a hate crime."
 - Penn State
- "Anna McLoon always yells at us for not knowing how to ride our bikes in Men's B."
 - RPI
- "One Bucknell to another: 'Did you just see Katie Quinn crash in the last lap?!?"Followed two seconds later by the two Bucknell girls crashing each other out"
 - Drexel
- "Don't tell people I won! I don't want them to know! I want to be able to attack again tomorrow too!"
 - Princeton
- "Someone yelling "No Hamlin, No!" when he went to chase his own teammates' break."
 - Vermont
- "CAR BACK!! ...wait, never mind... its just Junkins"
 - Delaware



- "At the UNH road race: "I am going to be treating this road race like an easy group ride, so any other fat kids can stay back with me."
 - Tufts
- "The one time I raced the men's B race this guy from UPenn rode over to me and said that I was his girlfriend's hero. I pointed out to him that I was not actually Anna McLoon, and asked him if he had mistaken me for her. He had."
 - MIT
- "When McGill attacked during the UNH Road Race in the Men's A and there was spontaneous heckling and chants of 'USA! USA! USA!"
 - Franklin & Marshall
- "UPenn girl to F&M girl can I join your team? You guys play the best music and have the hottest boys."
 - Franklin & Marshall
 - Ed. Note: Ummm... Penn doesn't have any girl racers this year.
 Are you sure that wasn't just Ross Marklein with a mullet?
- "The conversation I was having with myself over Black Mo with one lap to go, "I hope they pull me." They did."
 - Bucknell

BEST EXTERNAL TEAM FRATERNIZATION

Tell us the shenanigans... What REALLY happened in those hotel rooms?

"Story Time" with UVM, Penn and Temple was an epically absurd night for all involved, and cemented a new inter-team bond"



"Story Time" at Easterns

Vermont, Penn, & Temple

- "35 UVM, UPenn, & Temple riders swapping V-card stories in a hotel room meant for 5 people.
 - Vermont
- "I heard Ross M. totally lost the green jersey because UPenn, UVM, and who



knows who else had too much of a good time bonding over some liquid carboloading in the hotel the night beforehand."

- Drexel
- "Hot tubbing and story time with Temple, Penn & UVM at Easterns' Comfort Suites."
 - Temple
- "Story time, where a former yellow-jersey wearer showed us his cards--well, one card in particular..."
 - Vermont

- "We're the owners of some Harvard kits (and we're not Harvard).
 Just wait and see..."
 - Left anonymous, on condition that we all get the full story later...
- "Leaving pee jugs in other teams' vans!."
 - RIT
- "I stayed with F\$M for the Dartmouth/UNH weekend and I have never seen so many dudes flashing their junk at each other in my life. P.S. Dan Rossi is big... trust me, I've seen it"
 - Penn State
- "Van wars: On the drive back from PSU on I-80, Brown, Dartmouth, and Northeastern had no idea what they were up against."
 - Vermont
- "Like every year, there are a lot of butt prints on windows every Sunday night for two months."
 - Boston University
- "Probably my teammate Nik Reinert and his unending love affair with every dude on the Penn State team.."
 - Pitt

BEST INTERNAL TEAM FRATERNIZATION

What are the best or funniest internal team fraternization moments you've seen (or heard) this year?

From antics on vans and buses, to shenanigans in sketchy motel rooms throughout the East Coast, our teams had a blast together

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Unspeakable Acts in Vans ...Pretty much every ECCC team

- "I not gonna go into much detail but I will say this...
 Dildo + F\$M + Bus ride to New Hampshire"
 - Penn State
- "When James Kennedy was dared to lick Sheldon McKinley's leg from ankle to knee in the vans on the way down to Yale."
 - New Hampshire
- "Mooning street protestors from the UNH vans"
 - New Hampshire
- "Mooning RPI on I-90 coming back from Boston."
 - RIT



- "From Chris Gilbert's own race report: "Arriving at the hotel just shy of 11, I crawled into bed with one of my new teammates. By way of warm welcome to collegiate racing I warned him, 'I just went through a breakup and am newly single so, don't roll over in the middle of the night unless you want to be spooned."
 - Harvard
- "UVM, as much as I wish you were all mute, it entertains us"
 - Delaware
- "Bromance in the bike room."
 - Columbia
- "Macky + multiple girls + air mattresses every weekend = Middlebury team is awesome."
 - Middlebury



"What? Attack?!? Where?!? Who's attacking? I don't see anybody!"



COOLEST PERSON FROM ANOTHER TEAM

The ECCC is all about making friends from all over. Who is the coolest person you met this year?

Maggie and Brett, two beloved and fun characters in the ECCC community, were voted as your favorite folks from other teams

Maggie Sullivan Northeastern

- "Maggie, hands down, is the best person from another team."
 - Millersville
- "She's awesome and supersupportive of all of the women's racers. This makes a HUGE difference for



girls like me who are the only females on our teams and feel left out by the boys all the frickin time."

- "I LOVE MAGGIE!!"
 - New Hampshire
 - Similar votes from Millersville, Bucknell, Penn, F&M, Drexel, RPI, & Penn State

Brett Houser Drexel

- "One of the nicest dudes in the conference and always bringing it back down to earth with capes, red undies, and action figure feeds."
 - Yale
- "The only man who can throw suicide attacks off the front while wearing Underoos."
 - Northeastern
- "Brett Houser just drools awesomeness.
 Just outright great guy to race, ride and chill with."
 - Columbia
 - Similar votes from Vermont, Penn,
 Northeastern, Boston U, PSU, & Tufts

- "Ross. Fucking. Marklein."
 - Temple & Vermont (multiple votes from both)
- "Eric Fischer for sure. Not only is he FAST but he has fun. We had such a blast making fun of everyone who took collegiate road racing too seriously (meaning seriously at all). And we did it during the race!"
 - Middlebury
- "If I had to name one, it would have to be Joe Kopena, while not a racer, he literally is the ECCC and unlike any of the rest of us actually knows the line between responsible fun and out of hand rowdy."
 - Vermont
- "Elle Anderson. Fearless racer, but always fun to talk to afterwards"
 - MIT
- "Most kids from Army"
 - Stevens



Who is the most "college" bike racer? The kid who just exudes collegiate cycling from every facet of their spandex clad figure

For their antics both on the course and off, UVM's Chris Hamlin and Middlebury's Macky Franklin were named the most "college"

Chris Hamlin Vermont

- "Chris Hamlin. Hands down."
 - Vermont...and too many other votes from around the ECCC to bother counting



Macky Franklin Middlebury

"Macky: John Belushi resurrected."Penn



- "F&M. Sick pinnies, brah."
 - Penn State
- "Scott Igo, Classic college-frugality, often unkempt appearance, ALWAYS willing to party and still kill it the next day (think UNH RR)"
 - Vermont
- "Maggie Sullivan defines collegiate cycling."
 - Vermont
- "Sadly abroad this year, but Chris Rodgers from Penn State. No matter what day of the week it is, or what time of year, he sweats Natty Light."
 - Middlebury
- "Jeff Salvitti, even though yellow wasn't meant to be, this guy's been around for a while and he definitely displays a sense of modesty that should be envied by every other racer."
 - Penn

BIGGEST TRASH TALKER

Some people just have to be competitive with their mouths as well as with their legs, even when their eyes are crossed eyed and they're deep in the pain cave...

There was some not-so-well-concealed rage within the trash talking votes, but the ECCC voted UVM & Temple into top spots

Tristan Baldwin Vermont

- "That dude is offensive."
 - Vermont
- "Your a douche."
 - Penn State
 - Ed Note: "Your not a gud spellar"
- "We always talk a lot of shit, but this year we did not do much of the delivery portion."







Joe DiBerardinis Temple

- "Give this kid a mic full-time next year!"
 Penn
- "No Question."
 - Temple





- "Anna McLoon. That lady is going to make some nice young man very miserable some day... after all, she gotten a lot of practice on the Men's B field."
 - Lehigh
- "Kelly from Bucknell. She told those MIT girls like it is."
- New Hampshire
- "Sully. And he doesn't even race."
 - Princeton
- "Derek Harnden represents the most smack talk with the littlest amount of backing up I've ever encountered.."
 - Temple
- "S Charles Zamastil, on the Yale circuit."
 - Harvard (Ed. Note: After losing to him, a couple of Harvard respondents missed no chance to bring this up. Watch out, Charlie!)
- "Preppy F&M dude, no question."
 - Dartmouth

BEST RIDE

The ECCC teams roll in buses, vans, trucks, trailers and (of course) the beloved Prius. What's your favorite team ride? Who's got the funniest ride? Tell us who deserves a salute, or a laugh...

The ECCC loved Yale's giant bus, as well as the ultra-suave, wifienabled Mercedes NYU brought, rolling in true New York style

1 Yale's Coach Bus

- "Yale's bus is PRO"
 - Penn
- "Yale and their huge bus for the PSU weekend.... It's not that far of a drive"
 Penn State Ed. Note: Maybe not for YOU
- "Best rides: Yale's tour bus & UVM's van of shame."
 - Temple



NYU's Mercedes Bus



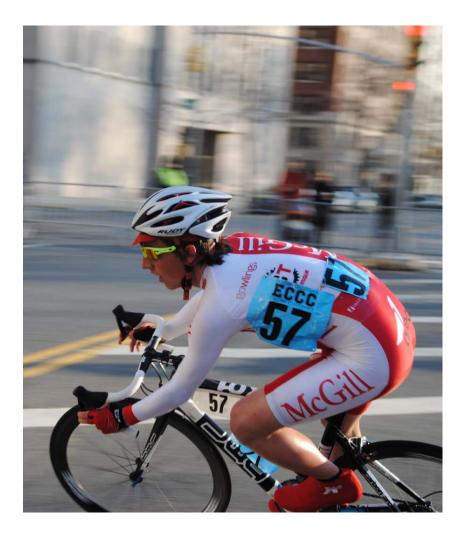
- "NYU rolling up to the Beanpot races in a Benz Euro van with trailer in tow and wifi on board was definitely the most pro transport moment of the season. Rumor has it they had a massage table in there."
 - Yale
- "NYU's van with wifi. Really?"
 - Middlebury
- "5 dudes in a Mercedes bus. Classy."
 - Yale

- "Any of the teams with the bigggg vans and the millions of bike racks on top, I'm jealous"
 - MIT
- "UDel has a big-ass truck, not sure if I love it or hate it. Love the stickers on Joe's Prius"
 - Vermont
- "Lehigh has the only Festiva in the lot."
 - Lehigh
- "Army's got that sweet trailer...unless you get stuck behind it, 'cuz then you gotta do 20 mph for 6 hours."
 - Penn
- "The BMW convertible with the hitch rack from UPenn. Um, really?"
 - Middlebury
- "Columbia in their white vans with the bikes on top. Just waiting for them to try to drive into a parking garage... Also, Army's got a pretty sweet setup. Jealousy...."
 - Princeton

RECRUITING TIPS

You've gotta find new racers, and nobody (other than Bucknell) can rely on attractiveness of its team members to help. Things that might make you the next power house of the ECCC:

Teams had some advice on how to recruit more members next year



- "People are generally attracted by riders on rollers at club fairs. You have to have social events, too...parties get people in the club and talking, from there you can get them on the road and racing."
 - Penn
- "Katie Quinn did a really good job inviting me out on rides, helping me pick a bike, and /encouraging me to try racing. It's obvious Katie's a serious racer, but she still managed to call me between races and talk to me after each event and she's definitely the reason I became addicted to cycling. (And then there's also that inspiration factor watching her lap the field every once and awhile;) Note: I showed up to the first club ride with flat pedals, on a bike that's older than I am and no idea that you needed to shift to go uphill."
 - MIT (**Ed. Note:** Exact same for us, but sub in Korus, Feldman, Furlow & Marklein)
- "Get the triathletes, swimmers and rowers to try one bike race. It's such a superior sport that they'll be hooked!"
 - MIT and Harvard
- "Find a bunch of freshman and tell them that if they race bikes you'll buy them beer."
 - New Hampshire
- "Our team has suggested recruiting pretty girls and then guys will join"
 - Millersville

There were a few low points during the season that we won't miss



- "MIT attacking the nature break at Black Mo on the start of lap 3 was stupid on so many fronts. He was caught and dropped without the field even trying to chase him down. Clearly he is a legacy at MIT, because he isn't smart enough to study there.."
 - Penn (same event submitted in a dozen different survey entries from various schools)
- Biggest Jackass Move: "Me :("
 - MIT (actual answer, as submitted... Most of the Men's 'A' seemed to agree in their submissions)
- "UNH un-marshalling the women's C field and sending a lead group off course. Shame!."
 - Northeastern
- "We kept finding bottles full of pee in our vans every weekend!"
 - RIT
- Biggest Jackass Move: "UVM. Just, in general."
 - Princeton
- "Caroline Hampson- Yelling "I WON" over the finish line not realizing there was a two person break off the front"
 - New Hampshire
- Biggest Jackass Move: "All the MIT girls dangerously blocking for Katie nearly causing crashes and mental break downs. Every race!"
 - Bucknell

ECCC teams keep it fun with nicknames and pranks on each other

Best Pranks

- "Eric Poeltl (Penn) unknowingly ripped the longest fart ever directly onto an Army rider after a race. I've never seen such a flabbergasted individual in my life."
 - Penn
- "UVM locking a Northeastern rider inside the trailer after he tried to steal their license plates."
 - Vermont
- "UPenn mooned an F&M car on the ride home from the Boston Beanpot but F&M quickly retaliated by catching up to Penn and had one of their F&M riders stick his manpiece out the window for a lovely comeback."
 - Franklin & Marshall
- "Filling various plastic containers with urine and discretely depositing them in UVM vehicles."
 - RIT
- "Convincing some McGill 'B' rider that he missed his ITT at Dartmouth."
 - Columbia

Best Nicknames

- The Douche Unknown MIT rider attacking in a pee break
- The Dynamic Frenchman Arnaud Borner (*Penn State*)
- Hebrew Hammer Jake Warshaw (Vermont)
- Baby Monster Wyatt Stoup (Penn State)
- G.I. Joe Joe DiBerardinis (Temple)
- **Speedbump** Charles Hanlon (Kutztown)
- Booblegs Chris Hamlin (Vermont)
- Gooch Stuart McManus (Harvard)
- Grundle Bear Brian Tino (Bucknell)
- **DeShark** Kelly Desharnais (Bucknell)
- **Big Wheels** Raymond Junkins (Stevens)

The glory of cycling... and the sketchiness of college ...two similar -but very different- acronyms in one victory shot



DO IT FOR LOVE

We are here because we love it... Tell us your best story about the absurdness of collegiate racing and the trials we go through to make it happen.

We're all out there because we love to ride with our friends...

- "Bringing my roommates fake ID who I don't even resemble so that we could get a hotel room instead of having to sleep in the van for another night after getting soaked."
 - Princeton
- "I went to Columbia/Stevens with dreams of a strong road race and two papers consisting of 15 pages each to write by Tuesday... my legs felt like shit during the crit and the road race didn't happen, similarly neither did any work happen for the papers. Result: getting dropped in the crit and the single lowest mark on a paper though three years of university."
 - McGill
- "I dropped over a grand this season because my shanty-ass, hipster-mecca, wannabe institution gave me no funding, even though I am the single most talented, good looking, successful athlete and all around individual to ever emerge from the murky doom-land that haunts the Hudson Valley region."
 - Bard
- "Joe Kopena. Every time I hear about his travels to and from race weekends I can't help but think, "What the Hell is he thinking?!" Between his job, school, wife, house and friends, how does he think he can manage all that? And yet, every weekend there he is. Doing it all. And hanging out with Drexel all the while!"
 - Drexel

- "I have never been as cold as I was at the start of the RPI ITT. It was inhumane."
 - Columbia
- "I tore My ACL in Oct. The doc said I wouldn't be ready to race, so I got a second opinion. Four months of PT plus countless hours on the trainer in my kitchen all winter long. Wore my cycling t-shirts to PT to remind myself what I was suffering for. Despite only riding outside 3 times before Rutgers, I was cleared. All this so I could spend my weekends in far away towns, stay in semi-sketchy motels, eat at roadside diners, freeze my @%% off in brutally cold weather, laugh my @%% off with my teammates, lose my voice screaming during the races, and show up for classes every Monday having had more fun than anyone else in my classes. Life is Good. (And Absurd because I am 39 years old. College (grad school) is much better the second time around."
 - Yale
- "During a men's B race I cheered for my teammate, Bjorn, while walking past a group of guys from another school. Their response? "Dude! There's a BJORN? We're cheering for him!" And they did, and he did pretty well."
 - Middlebury

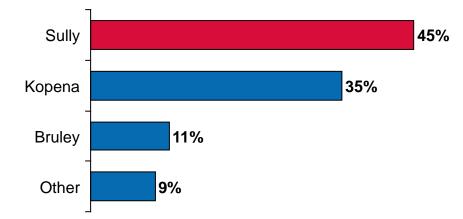
While Sully and Joe continued to dominate the votes for best MC, Kyle's legendary hungover performance at Tufts was applauded







Best MC Commentary



- "I mean, did you see Bruley at Tufts so hungover?"
 - Columbia
- "Bruley at tufts...magical"
 - Penn
- "It's Sully, does he really need an explanation?"
 - Millersville
- "I vote for Maggie...a girls perspective"
 - Penn State
- "Actually, I enjoyed anyone that knew my name when they made fun of me over the loudspeaker.."
 - Drexel
- "I think we need to get Alan Atwood on the mic"
 - RIT
- "Kopena- says funny, original (and thus, not lame) shit!"
 - Delaware

WORST MOMENT OF THE SEASON

Not all racing is Champange, Podiums and Glory, there are bad and terrible moments to be sure. What will you remember with sadness?

The nightmare crashes at PSU were everyone's low... a few more:

- "Getting lost. And getting even more lost. And more lost. Fuck you, Google maps."
 - Princeton
- "Realizing that I had to pee two mins into the Black Mo race."
 - Penn State
- "One Bucknell to another: 'Did you just see Katie Quinn crash in the last lap?!?' ...Followed two seconds later by the two Bucknell girls crashing each other out"
 - Drexel
- "RPI weekend, since when is New York in Antarctica??"
 - Penn State
- "Any of the foggy descents at the Eastern's road race. We're lucky no one died."
 - Columbia
- "Realizing the breakaway, which we could have caught, is going to stick in the final lap."
 - Harvard
- "Getting pulled on my last race of the season......"
 - Delaware

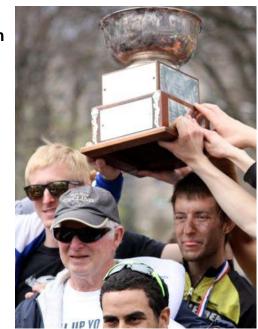
- "Laying in the Super 8 motel before Yale, listening to the couple in the next room having very loud sex ...and then her faking it."
 - Northeastern
- "Rutgers, we were really bad, like REALLY bad that weekend. It was shameful."
 - Vermont
- "Our captain and our President both had a crush on Maggie from Northeastern. And she didn't know our President's name. Boy, was HE crushed! Hahaha!."
 - Anonymous
- "Black Mo... the second time around"
 - Franklin & Marshall
- "When University of Connecticut stole our guy's stuff at R.P.I. and we had to drive over to Connecticut to get it back from their President, who wasn't even a road racer. ...And the moment I realized I was racing a bunch of guys who were 8 years younger than me. Dang."
 - Drexel
- "Bruley announcing that I was wearing a women's XS skinsuit on my home campus crit. It's not true, damnit."
 - Penn

BEST MOMENT OF THE SEASON

We all come out because it's a blast. What will you remember most?

Everyone had their own highlights of the ECCC season...

- "Holding the ECCC Cup over Penn State cycling legend Jim Young. Just like Joe Paterno is Penn State football, Coach Young is Penn State cycling. Bringing home the hardware for him was definitely the highlight of my season."
 - Penn State
- "Going off the front for a prime in the RPI crit. Just such a fun, technical crit. Little moments make you remember why bike racing is so amazing.
 - Dartmouth



- "Kind of sappy, but... Just after staging before the Frat Row Crit at Penn State I yelled out, "Thanks for a great season everyone!" And everyone yelled back, "Thank you, Brett!" I felt really honored to know and race with such a great group of guys.
 - Drexel
- "Climbing Black Mo solo in the complete fog and not knowing where anyone else was."
 - Rochester

- "At the Tuft's crit, watching Evan, Ross, Charlie and Matt lap the Men's A field."
 - Columbia
- "Penn State frat row crit, 830am. This girl, maybe 5'3" artificial tan, still possibly drunk, walks out of a frat, and looks around in total confusion. She turns to me and says this is awkward, and precedes to walk straight cross the street, into the Planned Parenthood clinic right across from us.
 - New Hampshire
- "I'll remember most the end of the race at Easterns. I didn't want to race going into it but had a lot of fun after all.
 - Millersville
- "Seeing the Beanpot TTT standings and finding that the Harvard Men's A TTT squad beat UPenn by 0.5 seconds.
 - Harvard
- "I'll never forget solo-ing off the front of the Yale crit in Hamlin's striped shorts and a TT helmet. Then getting disqualified for taking my jersey off and waving it around my head as I finished. Best year ever."
 - Middlebury

The ECCC riders showed an unnatural worship of RISD star Evan Murphy throughout the survey, and they sent us pictures of why







To provide insight on why so many ECCC straight guys have such a "man crush" on Evan, we summoned our most reliable Philly gay crew .There was no conclusive answer, and then they got distracted by all the pictures that you sent in of Salzer and Mainer, and they lost focus on the task at hand. So we gave up.

In the end, we suggest that someone re-write the famous Lady Gaga anthem as a tribute to Evan and his adoring ECCC faithful. It should be called "Rad Bromance"



ECCC riders had a blast, and appreciate everyone who helped out

- "The ECCC is amazing! I'm so glad I started cycling, especially in such a fun and supportive environment. I can't wait to ride all summer (and fall and winter) and come back fiercer and fitter next spring. Thanks so much for putting it together and organizing it!"
 - Middlebury
- "Thanks for four great years of sub 6am wake ups, one broken arm, and one totaled bike. I wouldn't trade it for anything in the world."
 - New Hampshire
- "I'd like to salute my team, all of UNH. we truly learned how to work as a team and everyone did there share to help teammates on and off the bike. We had so much success because we worked together and toward the end of the season we really started racing as a team, not just teammates in the same pack, and that was a blast."
 - New Hampshire
- "See Wyatt Stoup (ECCC yellow jersey winner) in a funny video: back seat with the bicycling cap: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b4LQJghXJ6Q"
 - Penn State
- "Thank you Joe for many years of amazing races and great company. The experience wouldn't be the same or nearly as great if it wasn't for you."
 - Vermont
- "At this time of year we turn the page and start racing in USCF races. It's a real let down. For all the things that go wrong in the ECCC, it's freaking sublime."
 - Columbia

Survey Editor's Thanks

As an old grad student, I would never have dreamed I would end up racing my bike, but the fluke that brought me to race was the luckiest thing that happened in grad school. You guys on the team are amazing, and helped keep me sane through two years of B-school insanity.

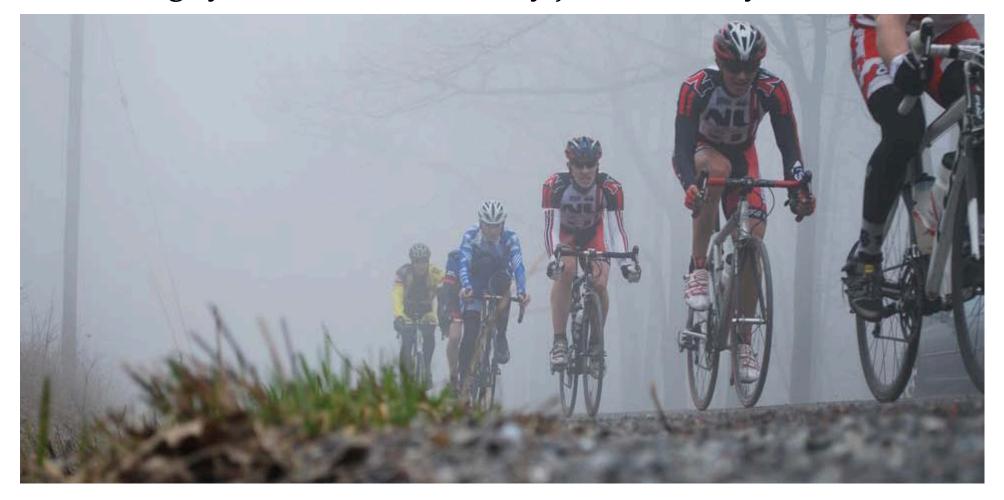
A special thanks to Max Korus, and Max Feldman, who patiently taught me everything I needed to know, as well as Lenny, Ross, Matt, Charlie, Tyler, Eric, John, Ian, Virginia, Colby, and everyone else who made it so fun.

The best part of the ECCC is getting to know other teams, and everyone from the conference has been a blast to meet.

Joe, Sully, Alan, John, all the promoters, and everyone behind the scenes of the ECCC are amazing. We are forever in your debt for this amazing experience.

Good luck next year, and let's go ride along the Potomac sometime next year!

Graduating cyclists never die... they just ride away into the mist...



On behalf of your survey editors and review committee, thank you for a great year and a ton of laughs. We hope to ride together again soon.