

Our daughter D'Ana McCarty, 6-times track & field NCAA Division 1 All-American, & 1 time USATF All-American, on this past weekend helped lead the University of Louisville Women's Track and Field Team another BIG EAST Outdoor Championships (4) by capturing the team title over West Virginia on Sunday afternoon at Jumbo Elliott Track at Villanova Stadium, the Cardinal women became just the second team in BIG EAST Conference history to win four-straight outdoor titles and the first to capture indoor and outdoor league titles in the same year since Pittsburgh managed to achieve the feat in 2005.

The Cardinals totaled 117 points to top second-place West Virginia by 10 points on the women's side.



Louisville did its damage in the field events, claiming four individual titles. Senior D'Ana McCarty led the Cardinals with three event wins to become the 2011 BIG EAST Women's Most Outstanding Field Performer. After winning the hammer throw on Friday and setting a meet record to win the shot put on Saturday, then the senior won the discus on Sunday with a toss of 52.72 meters.

McCarty helped the Cardinals score 62 points in the hammer throw, shot put and discus combined. Senior D'Ana McCarty, was just one component that led Louisville to the team victory.

She became only the fourth athlete in BIG EAST History to win three field event titles in one meet. McCarty, who captured the discus throw on a toss of 52.72m/ 172-11, also won the shot put and hammer throw titles during the first two days of competition. Of the team's 117 points, its second most in the four-title run, McCarty's three titles made up a combined 30 points.

D'Ana ends her college outdoor regular track & field season with other earned honors this 2011 season: Two-Times Big East Women's Outdoor Weekly Athlete; The Louisville Female Spring Sport Athlete Award; Kentucky Male/Female Athlete of the Year and The Adidas High Performance Athlete of the Year Award.

Louisville Head Track & Field Coach Ron Mann stated "..... We scored a ton of points in the field events, and that really carried us. To win the BIG EAST title, ever, is an accomplishment. To win two in a row or four in a row is virtually unheard of. Of the teams in the BIG EAST, no one has done that. I'm so humbled and proud of the athletes, the coaching staff, and all the props in the world to the city of Louisville, our athletic administration and our President, Dr. James Ramsey. I think it's fitting she has a billboard on the way from Indianapolis to Columbus, with her picture on it," Mann adds on McCarty, who now has six BIG EAST titles. "It's well deserved, and she deserves all the credit in the world. She has led this team for four years, and she's done a great job."



The billboard that Head Coach Mann talked about has been put up by CBS Sports along Interstate highway 65, located in Columbus, Indiana.

## D'Ana McCarty

Here is a photo of the large billboard that the University of Louisville has put-up in honor of D'Ana, with her picture on it along Interstate 65. The billboard is located near mile marker 52, on Interstate 65 south near Seymour, Indiana. She has now also been honored with photo billboards along side Interstates 64 & 65, in Kentucky, thanking her.

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D'Ana has brought honor & pride to both Indiana & Kentucky on both the National & International athletic stages as a National Champion(s), All-American(s) and as a Junior Olympian on the 2007 Track & Field Team USA, who took on the Top under 18 years old women of 167 World Nations in Poland. Then to top off getting a Thank You from Formal U.S. President George W. Bush who took time out of his schedule to honor her.

Terry & Clara McCarty

