



# PROFILES



**Rob Olechna, 5-11, Senior, Scranton, Pa./Scranton High School...**Three-year letterman...has participated in 15 meets in his career...has nine top 50 and two top 10 career finishes...one of two seniors--Andrew Merget is the other--on the roster...spent the spring semester of 2007 studying abroad in Germany...will be challenged by sophomore

Marcos Taboas and incoming freshman Chris Wanetsky for the number one position in the Royal lineup...majoring in history...**2006 (Junior Year):** came back after an injury-filled sophomore season to be the number one Royal harrier across the finish line in four of the six meets...opened the season by being the only Royal harrier to break the 16-minute barrier (15:46) at the Bison Open (Bucknell University) in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, on September 1...posted the highest finish of his career by placing fourth in a time of 27:44.42 for 8000 meters at the Lebanon Valley Invitational in Annville, Pennsylvania, on September 9...was also the Royals' top finisher at the DeSales Invitational, placing 33rd overall in 28:13.69 on October 14, and two weeks later at the Middle Atlantic Conference championships, finishing 32nd in 29:20 for 8000 meters on a muddy and rain-soaked course again at DeSales University...broke the 28-minute barrier again for 8000 meters by finishing 28th in 27:44.43 at the Dickinson Invitational in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, on October 7...was the third Scranton harrier across the finish line at the season-ending NCAA Mideast regional in 29:27 for 8000 meters at the Greene County Airport in Waynesburg, Pennsylvania, on November 11... **2005 (Sophomore Year):** an injury limited him to only two meets...did alternate types of workouts and came back to deliver two impressive performances: in his first race in 11 months, finished 49th in a time of 28:40.56 over an 8000-meter course at the Middle Atlantic Conference championships at Juniata College in Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, which helped the Royals to a fifth-place finish in the 12-team event...two weeks later, was the fourth Royal harrier across the finish line in a time of 28:07.8 for 8000 meters to place a very respectable 57th at the NCAA Mid-East regional at Carlisle High School in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, as Scranton finished ninth in the 41-team field, its best finish since 1999...**2004 (Freshman Year):** competed in all seven meets...came though in the clutch with a 28th-place finish in 27:55 for 8000 meters at the Middle Atlantic Conference championships as the Royals placed fourth in the 13-team field, their best finish since 1997...ran a personal-best of 27:30 for 8000 meters and finished 36th in the LaSalle Invitational at the historic Belmont Plateau on October 2...was the second Royal across the finish line at the Allegheny Classic on September 25, covering the 8000-meter course in 27:34...opened the season with a 10th-place finish in a time of 30:08 over an 8000-meter course at the Marywood Invitational.

## Career Highlights (Olechna)

### **Top 50 Finishes**

27th (27:34, 8000 meters, Allegheny Classic, Sept. 25, 2004)  
28th (27:55, 8000 meters, Middle Atlantic Conference championships, Belmont Park, Philadelphia, Pa., Oct. 30, 2004)  
28th (27:44.43, 8000 meters, Dickinson Invitational, Oct. 7, 2006)  
31st (15:46, 3 miles, Bison Open {Bucknell University}, Sept. 1, 2006)  
32nd (29:20, 8000 meters, Middle Atlantic Conference championships, DeSales University, Center Valley, Pa., Oct. 28, 2006)  
33rd (28:13.69, 8000 meters, DeSales Invitational, Oct. 14, 2006)  
36th (27:30, 8000 meters, LaSalle Invitational, Oct. 2, 2004)  
36th (28:07.7, 8000 meters, DeSales Invitational, Oct. 16, 2004)  
49th (28:40.56, 8000 meters, Middle Atlantic Conference championships, Juniata College, Huntingdon, Pa., Oct. 29, 2005)

### **Top 10 Finishes**

4th (27:44.42, 8000 meters, Lebanon Valley Invitational (Sept. 9, 2006)  
10th (30:08, 8000 meters, Marywood Invitational, Sept. 4, 2004)

### **Conference Championship Finishes**

28th (27:55, 8000 meters, Middle Atlantic Conference championships, Belmont Park, Philadelphia, Pa., Host: Widener University, Oct. 30, 2004)  
32nd (29:20, 8000 meters, Middle Atlantic Conference championships, DeSales University, Center Valley, Pa., Oct. 28, 2006)  
49th (28:40.56, 8000 meters, Middle Atlantic Conference championships, Juniata College, Huntingdon, Pa., Oct. 29, 2005)

### **NCAA Mideast Regional Finishes**

57th (28:07.8, 8000 meters, Carlisle High School, Carlisle, Pa., Host: Dickinson College, Nov. 12, 2005)  
124th (28:34, 8000 meters, Allegheny College, Meadville, Pa., Nov. 13, 2004)  
126th (29:27, 8000 meters, Greene County Airport, Waynesburg, Pa., Host: Waynesburg College, Nov. 11, 2006)

### **Awards & Honors**

Middle Atlantic Conference Academic Honor Roll (2005, 2006)