



Barringer collects another school record on track

Buff senior prepping for worlds

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Jenny Barringer continues to push herself as she prepares for the IAAF World Championships.

The University of Colorado senior set yet another school record -- her seventh in the last 12 months -- at a track meet in Germany on Saturday.

Barringer broke Lee Ballenger's CU mark in the 800 meter by finishing in 2 minutes, 2.56 seconds. Ballenger's time of 2:03.70 had stood since 1978.

Ballenger owned the top five marks in the race when the 2009 season started, but Barringer's name now stands next to two of the top three. Her former personal record of 2:05.43 was the second best in school history (now third) and had been the fastest time clocked by a Buff in the last 30 years in the event.

In Saturday's race, Barringer finished third overall, .65 seconds behind the winner, Poland's Sylwaj Ejdys (2:01.91). Columbia's Rosibel Garcia took second, just .31 seconds ahead of Barringer (2:02.25).

Barringer, who is more of a distance specialist, decided to run a few shorter races to work on her closing speed as she prepares for worlds. She will race in her specialty, the 3,000-meter steeplechase, at championships in Berlin next week. The prelims are Saturday and the finals will be contested on Aug. 17.

Barringer is the American record holder in the event at 9:22.26.



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