

CU's Coburn beats Barringer's Big 12 record

Buff sophomore sets new mark in steeplechase

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COLUMBIA, Mo. -- Emma Coburn didn't just follow in Jenny Barringer's footsteps on Sunday.

Coburn outpaced them.

The Colorado sophomore beat former Buff Barringer's record at the Big 12 outdoor track and field championship to win the steeplechase in a meet record time of nine minutes, 56.53 seconds.

It was the third steeplechase title for CU in four years.

"I was really surprised," Coburn said. "It is really nice to have something because (Barringer's) American and collegiate records are going to last for a long time. So for me to get something that can get put down in the books for a couple of years is really nice. It's nice to have something of my own."

Coburn didn't slow down after the 3,000-meter steeplechase, either.

About 90 minutes after finishing the steeplechase, Coburn raced to sixth place in the 800-meter run to earn 13 points for the CU women's track team.

"It was Emma's idea to do the dou-ble," Colorado coach Mark Wetmore said. "She came back in the 800 and picked up some points there. She (was) our high points scorer for the meet and is really coming into her own."

Said Coburn, "I don't think there are many 800 steeplechasers out there, so I probably surprised a couple of people by being in (the 800). I felt good but I just didn't have any snap in my legs. ... I was still glad that I was able to go in and be competitive and score some more points for my team."

Coburn's steeplechase time broke Barringer's mark of 9:58.14, which Barringer ran in 2009 in Lubbock, Texas (which was at altitude).

The time was just off Coburn's personal best of 9:56.29 that she set earlier in the season.

She became the third female Buff to win a steeplechase title. Barringer won a pair in 2007 and 2009 and Lesley Higgins won the crown in 2002.

Coburn improved from a fourth-place finish in 2009 as a freshman.

The weather conditions may not have been perfect, but the race played out in favor of the young Buff.

She started the race in the front with Kansas State's Martina Tresch and Baylor's Erin Bedell.

After the first half of the race, Coburn made her move to the front and did not relinquish her position.

With about 700 meters left in the race, Coburn started putting more distance between her and Bedell and she was able to cruise easily to the finish.

"The rainy and cold weather was really nice, actually," Coburn said. "I wanted to go out in a 10:05 pace to get out of traffic but not go too hard. After 2k Mark (Wetmore) and Heather (Burroughs) started to say that I could go, so I accelerated and started to pick it up. It was a meet record and I'm very happy about that. I don't feel like I was pushing it too hard. It was

fun and I'm really happy that I won (this title)."

Coburn was not the only Buff to pick up points in the steeplechase. Shalaya Kipp, running in just the second steeplechase of her career, picked up a fourth-place finish. She crossed the finish in 10:10.48.

Medina 2nd

Colorado's Richard Medina went from being among the top 10 in the men's 5,000-meter run with about 400 meters to go, to taking the lead with about 200 meters remaining.

But Oklahoma State's John Kosgei surged past Medina for the win. Medina finished in 14:07.23.

"I was just trying to stay as relaxed as possible, but once I got the lead I got excited and tried to hang on," Medina said.

Also for CU, Matt Tebo and Andy Wacker took seventh and eighth, respectively.

Dodson claims two thirds

Buff Jeremy Dodson concluded his Big 12 career with a pair of third-place finishes in the 100- and 200-meter dashes. Both of Dodson's times were season bests. He clocked a mark of 10.35 in the 100 and 20.63 in the 200.

A&M women, Nebraska

men win team titles

Texas A&M won its fourth consecutive Big 12 women's outdoor title, while Nebraska claimed the men's title.

Nebraska was second in the women's meet, while the Colorado women's team was 11th.

In the men's meet, Oklahoma was second, while Colorado was sixth.

"We were 12th of 12 indoors and no one on the staff was happy with that," Wetmore said. "We had some good improvements and are more satisfied with this outcome."

Colorado returns to the track for the NCAA West preliminary championship on May 27-29 in Austin, Texas.

Big 12 championships

Men's Team Scores -- 1. Nebraska, 118; 2. Oklahoma, 114; 3. Texas A&M, 110; 4. Texas Tech, 77; 5. Baylor, 63; 6. Colorado, 57; 7. Texas, 56; 8. Kansas, 53; 9. Oklahoma State, 47; 10. Missouri, 44; 11. Kansas State, 40; 12. Iowa State, 39.

Women's Team Scores -- 1. Texas A&M, 157; 2. Nebraska, 102; 3. Texas, 93; 4. Iowa State, 89; 5. Texas Tech, 81.50; 6. Oklahoma, 76.50; 7. Kansas, 71; 8. Baylor, 62; 9. Kansas State, 30; 10. Missouri, 24; 11. Colorado, 20; 12. Oklahoma State, 11.

(winners, plus CU finishers)

Track Events

Men's 4x100-Meter Relay: 1. TAMU, 39.36; 5. A.J. Whitaker/Q. Dodson/K. MacIntosh/J. Dodson, 40.46

Women's 3,000-Meter Steeplechase: 1. Emma Coburn, 9:56.53; 4. Shalaya Kipp, 10:10.48; 10. Emily Hanenburg, 10:57.37.

Men's 3,000-Meter Steeplechase: 1. Hillary Bor, ISU, 8:47.82; 7. Christian Thompson, 9:08.18; 10. Aric Van Halen,

9:12.42; 15. Cameron Clayton, 9:32.80

Men`s 100-Meters: 1. Gerald Phiri, TAMU, 10.13; 3. Jeremy Dodson, 10.35

Women`s 800-Meters: 1. Sara Stoakes, KSU, 2:07.16; 6. Emma Coburn, 2:12.44

Men`s 800-Meters: 1. Blake Irwin, MU, 1:48.40; 7. Steve Kasica, 1:51.99

Men`s 200-Meters: 1. Curtis Mitchell, TAMU, 20.46; 3. Jeremy Dodson, 20.63

Women`s 5000-Meter Run: 1. Lisa Koll, ISU, 15:22.42; 17. Laura Thweatt, 16:55.12; 20. Kristin Johansen, 17:09.04; 24. Camille Logan, 17:25.12

Men`s 5,000-Meter Run: 1. John Kosgei, OSU, 14:05.96; 2. Richard Medina, 14:07.23; 7. Matt Tebo, 14:10.75; 8. Andy Wacker, 14:13.10; 9. Joe Bosshard, 14:14.15; 12. Aldo Vega, 14:18.97; 26. Aric Van Halen, 14:50.36
Women`s 4x400-Meter Run: (1. TAMU, 3:31.79) 9. J. Windham/Regan/Beemer/Tremblay, 3:53.25

Men`s 4x400-Meter Run: 1. TAMU, 3:04.45; 11. Salzmänn/Q.Dodson/MacIntosh/Biegner, 3:16.20

Field Events

Women`s Triple Jump: 1. Ashika Charan, TAMU, 49-09.50; 15. Katie Dreher, 35-05.75

Men`s Discus: 1. Mason Finley, KU, 197-05; 12. Dane Chobanian, 158-05; 14. Trey Mullen, 157-09

Women`s Javelin: 1. Amy Backel, OU, 182-05; 9. Sally Page, 121-05; 12. Max Van Dyke, 99-02

Women`s Shot Put: 1. Karen Shump, OU, 54-08.75; 17. Kaity Kark, 44-10.25

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