Buffs' Tremblay eyes redemption

Harrier struggled at 2009 NCAA championships

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The future star of Colorado cross country was closing well on Jenny Barringer at last year's Rocky Mountain Shootout.

Barringer won the event on the Buffs' home course with a record time of 19 minutes, 25 seconds. True freshman Allie McLaughlin was an impressive runner up (20:22) in her pursuit of the CU legend.

Last Saturday another promising young talent from McLaughlin's impressive recruiting class put together a great race at the 2010 Rocky Mountain Shootout. Sophomore Laura Tremblay beat her old personal record by 36 seconds and outsprinted teammate Emma Coburn to win the event with a time of 20:29.

"I've really been itching to race," Tremblay said. "I ended up redshirting outdoor track, so it was really exciting to finally race."

Tremblay quietly finished 15th at the Big 12 Championships last fall and was ninth at the NCAA Mountain Regional Championships.

"It was kind of a bummer because after my regional race, which was probably my best race all season, nationals came around and I wasn't feeling that great," said Tremblay, who finished 199th at the NCAA Championships. "Really, I kind of want to redeem myself."

An injury slowed Tremblay down over the winter, but the former Thompson Valley High School standout still participated in the IAAF World Championships in Poland after qualifying with a top-five finish in the USA Cross Country Championships junior race.

Tremblay was named the Big 12's runner of the week after winning the Rocky Mountain Shootout. The CU women, who had the top-four finishers in their meet, are ranked ninth in this latest USTFCCCA poll.

"I really want our team to be top 10 at nationals, if not better," Tremblay said. "That would be the main goal. ... People realize we have a really good team, and as the year goes on we're going to get better and better."

The CU men are ranked fourth nationally. Mark Wetmore's teams return to action at the NCAA Pre-Nationals in Terre Haute, Ind., on Oct. 16.

Heather Farr Memorial

After a strong performance at the Missouri Invitational, where the Buffs finished second behind Oklahoma State, the CU women's golf team will have a quick turnaround before hosting its own tournament.

The 13th Heather Farr Memorial will be played Friday and Saturday at the Colorado National Golf Club in Erie.

"We have played a lot of golf this past month, but coming home and playing at home is important," coach Anne Kelly said. "We'll give it our all and then get some well deserved time off."

Jessica Wallace (213) led the Buffs with a third-place finish in Columbia, Mo. Emily Talley (seventh, 217) and Kristin Coleman (ninth, 220) were also in the top 10 individually.

Not so golden

CU's soccer team hasn't found the back of the net since Lizzy Herzl's golden goal in the Buffs' upset victory at Texas A&M

on Sept. 24.

Bill Hempen's inconsistent squad has tied Texas (0-0) at home and been shut out on the road at Texas Tech (1-0) and Baylor (1-0) since that historic win in College Station.

"We have to score goals and we're not doing that right now," Hempen said. "We have to find a way to do that before next weekend."

CU hosts Missouri at 4 p.m. on Friday and Iowa State at 1 p.m. on Sunday at Prentup Field.

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Buff named Big 12 Golfer of the Month

Junior awarded after record-setting opening

By Esteban L. Hernandez on October 7, 2010



Her performance at the Ptarmigan Ram Fall Classic in Fort Collins, Colo., helped her place second individually to help the Buffaloes earn their fifth tournament win in program history. Finishing 7-under par (209) at the tournament was enough to tie a CU record accomplished by only three other athletes in CU women's golf history.

During the same tournament, Talley was under par in all three rounds, making her only the second golfer in program history to carry out such performance.

Taking eighth place at the Dick McGuire Invitational in Albuquerque, N.M., just days after her performance in the Centennial State, her play was key in helping the Buffs finish third overall.

With a sixth place finish after two rounds, Talley's 6-under par 67 in the final round added a 4-under par team performance that catapulted the Buffs to their final third place standing.

Talley's 6-under 67 finish is only the fourth such finish in school history, and her on par-73 course made her the first Buffalo in program history to reach 6-under par in a round.

She finished out with two top 10 finishes in September to give her three straight, tying a CU record, although her seventh place finish at the Johnie Imes Invitational early this week saw her break this record.

Ranked 30th in the nation by GolfStat and No. 38 by Golfweek/Sagarin thanks to a 71.50 stroke average, the California native currently enjoys the highest standing by any Big 12 golfer. As a squad, the Buffs are ranked No. 13 nationally by Golfweek, No. 15 by GolfStat and No. 21 by GolfWorld/NCGA Golf Coaches Poll.

Up next for Talley and company is the 13th Annual University of Colorado/Heather Farr Memorial Invitational at the Colorado National Golf Club in Erie, Colo.

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