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## Eliska Hajkova

5-5 ❁ Women's Nordic ❁ Jablonec nad Nisou, Czech Republic (Gymnasium Vseobecne/Masaryko)  
3 Letters, 2010 as a freshman, 2011 as a sophomore, 2012 as a junior

**Career at Colorado**—Hajkova is entering her senior and fourth season after being afforded an additional season of eligibility from the NCAA, and she's looking to cement herself as one of the top Nordic skiers in CU history. She is a five-time All-American for the Buffaloes, including three first-team awards, and has one individual NCAA Championship to her credit. In 36 career races, she has finished in the top 10 in 35 of those races. She has hit the podium (top three) in 25 of those 36 races with seven race victories, 14 runner-ups and four third place finishes. In 18 classical races, she has won five with 11 total podium appearances and has never finished outside of the top 10. In 18 freestyle races, she has 17 top 10 finishes and 14 top five finishes. She has won two freestyle races, finished as a runner-up 10 times and has 15 total podium appearances.

### SEASON BY SEASON RESULTS

| 2010                          | CL | FS |
|-------------------------------|----|----|
| Montana State Invitational    | 2  | 2  |
| Utah Invitational             | 1  | 2  |
| New Mexico Invitational       | 7  | 9  |
| Nevada Invitational           | 3  | 2  |
| RMISA Championships           | 7  | 6  |
| NCAA Championships            | 7  | 3  |
| 2011                          | CL | FS |
| Montana State Invitational    | 2  | 2  |
| Utah Invitational             | 2  | 2  |
| New Mexico Invitational       | 4  | 3  |
| Denver Invitational           | 3  | 2  |
| RMISA Championships           | 1  | 1  |
| NCAA Championships            | 1  | 2  |
| 2012                          | CL | FS |
| Colorado Invitational         | 4  | 7  |
| Denver Invitational           | 10 | 2  |
| Alaska Anchorage Invitational | 1  | 2  |
| Seawolf Invitational          | 1  | 1  |
| RMISA Championships           | 2  | 2  |
| NCAA Championships            | 10 | 14 |

**2012 (Junior)**—Proving again to be one of the top Nordic skiers in the NCAA, she raced in all 12 races for the Buffaloes and brought home 11 top 10 finishes, and hit the podium seven times with three victories and four runner-up performances on the season. She opened the season with a seventh place freestyle and fourth place classical finish at the University of Colorado Spencer Nelson Memorial Invitational and then after a 10th place classical finish at the Denver Invitational, she found her stride with seven consecutive top two finishes, starting with the freestyle race at the DU Invitational. In four races in Alaska as part of the Alaska Anchorage and Seawolf Invitationals, she won three and took second in the other by winning both classical races. She then finished second in both the freestyle and classical races at the RMISA Championships. Perhaps peaking a little early, by her standards she struggled at the NCAA Championships with a 10th place finish in the classical race and 14th place finish in the freestyle race. Her 10th place finish did afford her a fifth All-America honor, earning second-team honors in the classical race. She was the top female Nordic qualifier out of the RMISA and named first-team All-RMISA. She was the RMISA Skier of the

Week for the Alaska Anchorage Invitational and was three times the CU Athlete of the Week. She also won the CollegeSports360.com Prime Time Performer of the Week for her performance in Alaska.

**2011 (Sophomore)**—On the heels of one of the more impressive seasons as a freshman, she improved upon her performances as a junior putting in the books one of the most dominant seasons in CU history. She was at her best as the season culminated in the Buffaloes winning the NCAA Championship. In the postseason, she won three of the four races and finished second in the other. She took home race victories in both races at the RMISA Championships, winning the first freestyle race of her career. At NCAA Championships, she won the individual championship in the classical race and was the runner-up in the freestyle race. In 12 races, she hit the podium 11 times with a fourth place finish in the other race. She was the runner-up six times and won three races. On top of her NCAA individual championship, she earned two first-team All-America honors and was first-team All-RMISA. She was twice the CU Athlete of the Week and earned RMISA Skier of the Week honors the second meet of the season. FasterSkier named her honorable mention for their Female Collegiate Skier of the Year. She was also named to the Division I All-Academic Ski Team for maintaining above a 3.5 grade point average and the inaugural first team Academic All-Big 12 At-Large team.





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**2010 (Freshman)**—Hajkova had one of the more successful seasons in CU history as a sophomore, her first in Boulder, racing 12 times, all 12 races coming in the top nine. She took over from Maria Grevsgaard as CU's top women's Nordic racer and didn't disappoint with seven podium appearances which included two third place and four runner-up performances with one race victory. She began her career in style as in her first four races, she finished second three times and won the classical race at the 2010 Utah Invitational, earning both CU Athlete of the Week and RMISA Skier of the Week honors. After racing at a higher altitude at New Mexico, she returned and had two podium appearances at the Nevada Invitational, third in the classic race and second in the freestyle. She earned two All-America honors, first team in the freestyle after a third place finish and seventh in the classical which earned her a second-team honor. She finished second to Denver's Antje Maempel as both the top seeded skier in the western region based on NCAA qualification points and the most valuable women's Nordic skier in the RMISA.

**Club**—Hajkova has been a member of the Czech Republic National Cross Country Ski Team since 2004. She won a silver medal at the European Youth Olympic Festival in Switzerland in 2005 and a bronze in the relay at the World Junior Championships in Finland that same year and she has racked up 35 gold medals from competition in the Czech championships. She took 24th place in the World Cup sprint at the Tour de Ski in 2008 and has had four top 11 finishes at the Junior World Ski Championships since 2006, including fifth in the freestyle and sixth in the classical in Slovenia in 2006, 11th in the pursuit in Italy in 2007 and ninth in the freestyle in Italy in 2008. She also took home a 10th place finish at the U23 World Ski Championships in France in 2009 in the classical race.

**High School**—Hajkova attended Gymnasium Vseobecne in Jablonec, Czech Republic, from 1999-2007 and Masaryk University from 2008-09, the same University that coach Richard Rokos attended. She skied for the Ski Club Jablonec from 1996-2007 and for the SKP Jablonex from 2007-09.

**In The Classroom**—Hajkova is undecided on a major at Colorado. At Masaryk she studied sports sciences and majored in ski coaching and direction, nutrition and regeneration.

**Personal**—Eliska Hajkova was born January 29, 1988 and is the daughter of Petr Hajek and Libuse Hajkova. She has a younger brother, Kristof Hajek who is a drummer in the music group Soothing Harrow. She was named the third-best sportsperson of Jablonec in 2008. She chose to continue her skiing career at Colorado because of the school, the area and the people associated with the program. Her hobbies include poetry, theater, music and origami. She won the poetry competition Mag of the Month in Poetry with her poem entitled Childlike Games in 2007. She also does volunteer work for a hospital in the Czech Republic.



**Top Career Classical Finish:** First (five times, last at 2012 Seawolf Invitational)

**Top Career Freestyle Finish:** First (twice, last at 2012 Seawolf Invitational)

## Honors

**2010 First-Team All-America** (freestyle)

**2010 Second-Team All-America** (classical)

**2010 First-Team All-RMISA**

**2010 CU Athlete of the Week** (Utah Invitational)

**2010 RMISA Skier of the Week** (Utah Invitational)

**2011 CU Female Athlete-of-the-Year**

**2011 First-Team All-American** (classical)

**2011 First-Team All-American** (freestyle)

**2011 First-Team All-RMISA**

**2011 Honorable Mention FasterSkier Female Collegiate Skier of the Year**

**2011 Division I All-Academic Ski Team** (3.5 GPA; participation at Regionals)

**2011 First-Team Academic All-Big 12 At-Large** (3.2 GPA)

**2011 CU Athlete of the Week** (twice, Feb. 21-27; RMISA Championships; March 7-13; NCAA Championships)

**2011 RMISA Skier of the Week** (Utah Invitational)

**2012 Second-Team All-American** (Classical)

**2012 First-Team All-RMISA**

**2012 RMISA Skier of the Week** (Alaska Anchorage Invitational)

**2012 CU Athlete of the Week** (three times; Jan. 16-22, Denver Invitational; Jan. 30-Feb. 5, Alaska Anchorage Invitational; Feb. 6-12; Seawolf Invitational)

**2012 CollegeSports360.com Prime Time Performer of the Week**  
(Feb. 6-12; Seawolf Invitational)



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## Maria Nordstrom

5-8 ❁ Nordic ❁ Gavle, Sweden (St. Mikaelsskolan/Gavle)

**Career at Colorado**—Nordstrom looks to make an immediate impact on the women's Nordic team with over 100 races of experience and 24 podium appearances entering CU. She has three

top 10 performances in U.S. Super Tour races already this ski season.

**Club**—Nordstrom skied for the Gavle team and has participated in over 100 FIS sanctioned races since 2007. She has 90 top 20, 61 top 10 and 32 top five finishes to her credit along with 24 podium appearances and nine race victories. She has three victories and two runner-up performances at the Swedish National Junior Championships, winning the 1-kilometer freestyle sprint, and 10-kilometer pursuit championships in 2011 in Boden and the 1-kilometer sprint championship in 2010 in Hudiksvall. She has a podium appearance at the FIS Junior World Ski Championships with a third place showing as part of the 2010 Swedish 4x3.3-kilometer relay team in Hinterzarten, Germany. At the World Juniors the following year in Estonia, she finished 18th in the 1.2-kilometer classical sprint final. She has one Marathon Cup start, in March 2012 in which she finished 17th in the 90-kilometer classic mass start. She finished 12th in the 2012 Swedish National Championships in the 1-kilometer classic sprint. She has 10 starts on the Scandinavian Cup circuit with three top 12 performances, including a 10th place showing in the 1-kilometer classic spring in Albu, Estonia, in February 2012.

**High School**—Nordstrom graduated from St. Mikaelsskolan in Mora, Sweden, in 2011.

**In the Classroom**—Nordstrom is interested in majoring in Business at Colorado.

**Personal**—Maria Nordstrom was born October 5, 1991, in Gavle, Sweden, to Goran and Gunnel Mortberg Nordstrom. Her brother, Gustav, is also a freshman at CU on the ski team. She enjoys soccer, orienteering and ski orienteering. On top of two Junior World Championship ski appearances, she took part in the Junior World Championship Ski Orienteering in 2009, '10 and '11.





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## Joanne Reid

5-5 ❁ Women's Nordic ❁ Palo Alto, Calif. (Henry M. Gunn/California/Auburn Ski Club)  
3 Letters, 2010 as a freshman, 2011 as a sophomore, 2012 as a junior

**Career at Colorado**—Reid enters her final season in 2013 firmly established as one of the top Nordic skiers in program history. She is already a five-time All-American and three-time All-RMISA selection. She has completed 27 races and 23 of those finishes have been in the top 10. She has 16 top five finishes and reached the podium nine times with two race victories.

### SEASON BY SEASON RESULTS

| 2010                       | CL | FS |
|----------------------------|----|----|
| Montana State Invitational | 5  | 6  |
| Nevada Invitational        | 16 | 4  |
| RMISA Championships        | 5  | 9  |
| NCAA Championships         | 4  | 10 |
| 2011                       | CL | FS |
| Montana State Invitational | 7  | 3  |
| UNM Invitational           | —  | 4  |
| Denver Invitational        | 1  | 3  |
| RMISA Championships        | 10 | 2  |
| NCAA Championships         | 5  | 3  |
| 2012                       | CL | FS |
| Colorado Invitational      | 3  | 1  |
| Alaska Anchorage           | 11 | 6  |
| Seawolf Invitational       | 10 | 2  |
| RMISA Championships        | 10 | 3  |
| NCAA Championships         | 19 | 6  |

and one victory. She started off the season with a podium appearance in the freestyle race at Montana State to go along with a seven place finish in the classical race there. After missing the Utah Invitational and the first race in the UNM Invitational with an appearance at the Junior World Championships, she took fourth in the freestyle race in New Mexico, her lowest freestyle finish of the season. She had her best performance at the Denver Invitational, winning the classical race, her first career victory, and taking a third place in the freestyle race. At RMISA Championships, she took home 10th place in the classical race and another podium appearance with a third place finish in the freestyle race. At NCAA Championships, she was a critical piece of the Buffaloes national championship with a fifth place finish in the classical race and third place in the freestyle, earning a podium in that race and two first-team All-America citations overall.

**2010 (Freshman)**—Reid started off her freshman season with a bang, taking fifth in the classical race and sixth in the freestyle race at the Montana State Invitational. She missed the next two meets, four races, participating at the World Junior Cross Country Championships. She came back from that at the Nevada Invitational and after a 16th place finish in her first race back in the classical discipline, she would end the season with five straight top 10 performances, including earning two All-America honors at the NCAA

**2012 (Junior)**—Reid continued her remarkable career in 2012 with a career-best four podium appearances. She won the first race of the season, the freestyle race as part of the University of Colorado Spencer Nelson Memorial Invitational and then backed up that performance with a third place showing in the classical race the next day, earning CU Athlete of the Week honors. She then fell ill and missed the Denver Invitational the following week. Returning to action in Alaska not quite 100 percent, she kept form in the freestyle races, finishing sixth and second, and took 10th and 11th in the classical races. At the RMISA Championships, she finished third in the freestyle and 10th in the classical races and then took sixth in the freestyle and 19th in the classical races at the NCAA Championship, earning second-team All-America honors in the freestyle, her fifth career honor. She was also named first-team All-RMISA and was the No. 4 women's Nordic qualifier out of the RMISA.

**2011 (Sophomore)**—Reid came back after a highly successful freshman campaign and showed improvement over her first year accomplishments. She participated in nine races and finished in the top 10 in all nine with seven top 5 finishes, five podium finishes





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Championships with a fourth place finish in the classical race followed by a 10th place finish in the freestyle race. She earned second-team All-RMISA honors despite missing those four races, as well.

**High School**—Reid graduated from Henry M. Gunn High School in Palo Alto, Calif., and twice won junior national championships and was three times an All-American. In 2008, she earned seventh place in the RMISA championships as an independent skier, and she was fourth in the Junior Olympics sprint and sixth in the classic races. Her junior year, she finished fourth in the Junior Olympics freestyle and eighth in the sprint. She ran cross country and participated in track at HMGHS, where she was her cross country team's MVP and participated in the California state championships.

**In the Classroom**—A two-time member of the national honor's society, Reid a double major in both computer science and mathematics at Colorado and is interested in linguistics as a potential minor, as well.

**Personal**—Joanne Reid was born June 28, 1992, in Madison, Wis., and is the daughter of Russell and Beth Reid. Her mother, the former Beth Heiden, skied collegiately at Vermont and was the 1979 world all-around speed skating champion, the 1980 world road champion in cycling and won a bronze medal in the 1980 Olympics in speed skating. Her mom was also the 1983 NCAA cross country skiing champion and also participated in the Coors Classic road race in Boulder, winning it in 1980. Her uncle, Eric Heiden, won five gold medals in the 1980 Olympics, setting four Olympic and one world record in the process in speed skating. He has the distinction of being the only athlete in the history of speed skating to have won all five events in a single Olympics.



**Top Career Classical Finish:** First (2012 Colorado Invitational)  
**Top Career Freestyle Finish:** Second (2011 RMISA Championships)

## Honors

2010 First-Team All-American (Classical)  
2010 Second-Team All-American (Freestyle)  
2010 Second-Team All-RMISA  
2011 First-Team All-American (Classical)  
2011 First-Team All-American (Classical)  
2011 First-Team All-RMISA  
2011 RMISA Skier of the Week (Denver Invitational)  
2012 Second-Team All-American (Freestyle)  
2012 First-Team All-RMISA  
2012 CU Athlete of the Week (Jan. 9-15)



# 2013 COLORADO BUFFALOES



## Mary Rose

5-10 ❁ Women's Nordic ❁ Steamboat Springs, Colo. (Steamboat Springs/SSWSC)  
3 Letters, 2010 as a freshman, 2011 as a sophomore, 2012 as a junior

**Career at Colorado**—Rose enters her senior season with the Buffaloes adding depth and continuing to look to be the Buffs third scorer at opportune moments. She had one of the more clutch moments in CU history at the RMISA Championships as a junior. Overall, she has 30 races to her credit with 14 top 20 finishes, including 10 a season ago. True to the nature of how the Buffs train, she has always had her best performances at the RMISA Championships, bringing home her first top 10 and first top five finish there last season.

### SEASON BY SEASON RESULTS

| 2010                          | CL | FS |
|-------------------------------|----|----|
| Montana State Invitational    | 23 | 25 |
| Utah Invitational             | 31 | 29 |
| New Mexico Invitational       | 23 | 31 |
| RMISA Championships           | 18 | 24 |
| 2011                          | CL | FS |
| Montana State Invitational    | 24 | 25 |
| Utah Invitational             | 24 | 16 |
| New Mexico Invitational       | 28 | 28 |
| Denver Invitational           | 25 | 14 |
| RMISA Championships           | 24 | 17 |
| 2012                          | CL | FS |
| Colorado Invitational         | 13 | 18 |
| Denver Invitational           | 16 | 16 |
| Alaska Anchorage Invitational | 13 | 14 |
| Seawolf Invitational          | 20 | 16 |
| RMISA Championships           | 5  | 18 |
| NCAA Championships            | 33 | 31 |

**2012 (Junior)**—Rose turned in one of the most clutch performances in CU history in any sport when she brought home a fifth place finish in the classical race at the RMISA Championships and secured qualification by two points to ensure the Buffs a full squad for the NCAA Championships. It was her best career finish in either discipline by eight spots, topping two 13th place classical finishes earlier in the season. That performance earned her CU Athlete of the Week honors and was a finalist for the CUSPY for Moment of the Year at CU's all-sports banquet. With four top 20 finishes entering the season, she finished in the top 20 in each of the 10 races leading up to the NCAA Championships. Other than her fifth place finish, she had three top 15 performances, including a 14th place freestyle finish at the Alaska Anchorage Invitational, matching her career best.

**2011 (Sophomore)**—Rose closed out her sophomore season at CU having raced in all five meets leading to the NCAA Championships, one of just three CU skiers to accomplish that feat. In those 10 races, she finished in the top 25 nine times with three top 20 finishes. In five freestyle races, she finished between 14th and 17th three times, with a career best 14th place finish at the Denver Invitational, a 16th place finish at the Utah Invitational and a 17th



place finish at the RMISA Championships, also on Utah's course. Consistent in classical action, in her five races there she finished 24th or 25th four times.

**2010 (Freshman)**—Rose finished her first season at Colorado racing in four of the five regular season meets and finishing all eight of those races. She steadily improved throughout the season and ended the season in her hometown with her best performance of the season, taking 18th in the classical race at the RMISA Championships. She opened her career with two top 25 performances at the Montana State Invitational and after a 31st in the classical race and 29th in the freestyle race at the Utah Invitational the next weekend, she placed in the top 24 the rest of the season. After 23rd and 21st place finishes at New Mexico, she missed the Nevada Invitational but had her best performance at the RMISA Championships with a 24th place finish in the freestyle race along with her 18th place finish in the classic race.

**High School**—Rose came to Colorado after one year at Colorado Mountain College, although she did not compete on the ski team there. She graduated from Steamboat Springs High School in 2009 and she skied for the Steamboat Springs Winter Sports Club from 1998-2009, the Rocky Mountain Junior National Team from 2005-09 and the Rocky Mountain Select Team in 2009. She won the Hakan Lindgrez Memorial Scholarship in 2008.

**In the Classroom**—Rose intends on majoring in Sports Psychology at Colorado and is also interested in Environmental Studies.

**Personal**—Mary Buntrock Rose was born June 2, 1991, in Steamboat Springs, Colo., and is the daughter of Nicholas and Deborah Rose. She has two siblings, Paul, 22, and Olivia, 13.

**Top Career Classic Finish:** fifth (2012 RMISA Championships)  
**Top Career Freestyle Finish:** 14th (twice, last 2012 UAA Invitational)

### Honors

**2012 CU Athlete of the Week** (Feb. 20-26)  
**2012 Finalist CUSPY Moment of the Year**