



Barringer falls short in bid for World finals

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OSAKA, Japan — University of Colorado runner Jenny Barringer failed to advance to the finals of the 3,000-meter steeplechase at the World Track & Field Championships on Saturday.

Barringer, competing in her first international track meet after winning the U.S. steeplechase title in June, posted a time of 9:51.04 in humid conditions, well off her personal-best time of 9:34.64.

Barringer finished seventh in her heat and 22nd overall among the 54 competitors in the event. The top four runners in each of the three heats, plus the runners with the next three best times, advance to Monday's finals. The slowest runner who advanced to the finals ran a time of 9:44.01.

"In my opinion, what is most important for Jenny isn't how she finished, but gaining the experience from competing there," CU assistant coach Casey Malone said. "It will be invaluable as far as her future potential goes for making other U.S. teams. Not only that, but going and competing and representing your country at the world championships is an incredible experience that only the most elite track and field athletes can experience. To wear the USA uniform is really a transforming experience."

Eunice Jepkorir of Kenya won the first heat in 9:32.27. Cristina Jepkorir of Romania won the third heat with the best time of the night at 9:29.39, the fastest time ever run in the steeplechase in Japan.

"The competition (Barringer) has faced today will help her to know where she has to be to compete at that level," Malone said. "It's hard to know where that is until you are competing at that level and it will really benefit her down the road."

Barringer will again compete overseas Sept. 8 in Paris at the Deca Nation Championships.

3,000 Steeplechase

Heat 1 — q-Eunice Jepkorir, Kenya, 9:32.27. 2, Tatyana Petrova, Russia, 9:38.80. 3, q-Veerle Dejaeghere, Belgium, 9:38.95. 4, q-Roisin McGettigan, Ireland, 9:39.41. 5, Hattie Dean, Britain, 9:43.23. 6, Mekdes Bekele Ethiopia, 9:50.12. 7, Jennifer Barringer, United States, 9:51.04. 8, Zulema Fuentes-Pila, Spain, 9:55.62. 9, Dobrinka Shalamanova, Bulgaria, 9:58.76. 10, Zenaide Vieira, Brazil, 10:04.40.

Heat 2 — 1, q-Rosa Morato, Spain, 9:43.48. 2, q-Wioletta Janowska, Poland, 9:43.96. 3, q-Gulnara Samitova-Galkina, Russia, 9:43.98. 4, q-Sara Moreira, Portugal, 9:44.01. 5, Korene Hinds, Jamaica, 9:44.04. 6, Helen Clitheroe, Britain, 9:45.59. 7, Ancuta Bobocel, Romania, 9:53.44. 8, Turkan Erismis, Turkey, 9:54.77. 9, Karoline Bjerkeli GrHovdal, Norway, 9:56.41. 10, Lindsey Anderson, United States, 9:57.00.

Heat 3 — 1, q-Cristina Casandra, Romania, 9:29.39. 2, q-Yekaterina Volkova, Russia, 9:30.00. 3, q-

Hanane Ouhammadou, Morocco, 9:30.61. 4, q-Sophie Duarte, France, 9:30.70. 5, q-Ruth Bisibori Nyangau, Kenya, 9:31.20. 6, q-Mardrea Hyman, Jamaica, 9:42.23. 7, q-Fionnuala Britton, Ireland, 9:42.38. 8, Anna Willard, United States, 9:48.62. 9, Elena Romagnolo Italy, 9:50.79. 10, Diana Martin, Spain, 9:53.88.



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