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Jenny goes to Japan

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Jenny Barringer has had quite an eventful career thus far at CU.

As a freshman, Barringer decided to try the steeplechase for the first time in her life, and took to it like a fish to water. She wound up winning the 2006 NCAA steeplechase title.

For her sophomore season, she had hoped to do the same, but while running in the 2007 NCAA title race, her shoe was clipped and she had to stop to fix in order to finish the race. She wound up catching back up to the pack and finished seventh.

Instead of burying her head in the sand and waiting until next year, Barringer and her coach Mark Wetmore, decided that she should race in the USA Track and Field Championships that were held in June in Indianapolis.

Barringer did more than compete. She won the steeplechase in a time of 9 minutes, 34.64 seconds - the second-fastest time ever recorded in the steeplechase by an American woman.

Now, Barringer is in Japan, ready to take on the world's best in just her third year competing in the event.

The preliminaries are Saturday in Osaka, (or Friday night in Boulder time). If Barringer advances, the finals are Monday morning, Boulder time.

Be sure to check out Jenny's blog from Japan at www.cubuffs.com.

VOLLEYBALL

The University of Colorado volleyball team travels to New Orleans this weekend to open their season. CU will take on host Tulane on Friday at 6 p.m. and then play Furman on Saturday at noon.

The Buffs will be without star outside hitter Amber Sutherland, who is redshirting this year after having offseason shoulder surgery.

Sutherland was named to the preseason All-Big 12 team before the news of her redshirt. She was fourth in the Big 12 in kills last season, averaging 4.18 kpg and was second on the team with 312 digs.

Select matches, highlights and player profiles will be available on BuffsTV.

SOCCER

Coach Bill Hempen and the 14th ranked CU soccer team will also start their season this weekend when they travel to Greeley to take on the University of Northern Colorado in an exhibition match.

UNC will be opening their new soccer facilities at the old UNC football field.

CU coach Bill Hempen works with UNC coach Tim Barrera coaching the Colorado Olympic Development Team of high school students in the summer and wanted to help UNC show off their new field and locker rooms.

The game will be played at 7 p.m. on Saturday night.

Several Buffs are injured and will not play, including Brittany Dornseif (stress fracture in foot), Allison Kidd (broken foot) and Jess Quador (whiplash). Dornseif and Quador were in a car accident on Tuesday, but neither player was seriously injured.

