



Bufs finish 12th at NCAAs

Kyle paces CU, finishes 14th

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TERRE HAUTE, Ind. -- For the first time since 1992, the University of Colorado men's cross country team failed to finish in the top 10 at the NCAA Championships.

The Bufs, who were ranked 10th heading into the meet, finished 12th in cold and windy conditions at the LaVern Gibson Cross Country Course at the Wabash Family Valley Sports Center.

Junior Jordan Kyle led CU with 14th-place finish and his second cross country All-America honor. Kyle crossed the finish line in the 10K race in 29 minutes, 32.4 seconds.

"Jordan ran a great race," Bufs coach Mark Wetmore said. "He equaled or surpassed our aspirations for him. He is a great addition to this team."

Kyle, a Fishers, Ind. native, took 33rd in the 2006 championships as a member of the Indiana University squad. He began training in Boulder in June and credits the altitude and Wetmore's leadership for his improvement at the NCAAs.

"I think the change was needed," Kyle said. "I think the altitude training has really worked out. I was a little hesitant because of the huge (altitude) change. Mark and I have talked a lot and things have come out really well."

Oregon's Galen Rupp overtook Liberty's Sam Chelanga to win the men's title and the Ducks grabbed their second consecutive team championship.

Rupp, a member of the U.S. Olympic team in the 10,000 meters this summer, won in 29:03.2 -- about 20 seconds better than his runner-up time in the 2007 championship race. Chelanga of Kenya jumped out to an early lead over Rupp, but finished 5 seconds behind.

Sally Kipyego of Texas Tech won her third straight women's title and top-ranked Washington captured the women's championship.

CU's Jenny Barringer was not on hand to challenge Kipyego as the Buff senior sat out the season after an extended track season that included a trip to the Beijing Olympics. Barringer had finished second at the NCAA Championships the past two years behind the Kenyon star.

In fact, the CU women's team did not compete at all after failing to earn a spot in the field for the first time since 1991.

Meanwhile, Kipyego's winning time of 19:28.1 in the 6,000-meter race was nearly 7 seconds faster than second-place finisher Susan Kuijken of Florida State.

NCAA Championships

At Lavern Gibson Cross Country Course

Terre Haute, Ind.

MEN

Top 10 teams -- 1. Oregon, 93; 2. Iona, 147; 3. Stanford, 227; 4. Wisconsin, 229; 5. Auburn, 264; 6. Northern Arizona, 281; 7. Portland, 293; 8. Oklahoma State, 305; 9. BYU, 310; 10. Georgetown, 319; 10. Alabama, 319.

Top 10 individuals -- 1. Galen Rupp, Oregon, 29:03.2; 2. Samuel Chelanga, Liberty, 29:08.0; 3. Andrew Ledwith, Iona, 29:25.4; 4. David Kinsella, Portland, 29:26.5; 5. Luke Puskedra, Oregon, 29:27.8; 6. Mohamed Khadraoui, Iona, 29:29.3; 7. Chris Derrick, Stanford, 29:29.4; 8. John Kosgei, Oklahoma State, 29:32.4; 9. Shadrac Kiptoo-Biwott, Oregon, 29:43.4; 10. Kyle Perry, BYU, 29:46.1.

CU individuals -- 14. Jordan Kyle, 29:52; 64. Richard Medina, 30:35; 115. Kenyon Neuman, 31:01; 120. Chris Pannone, 31:03; 146. Matthew Tebo, 31:13; 208. Christian Thompson, 31:54; 222. Seth Demoor, 32:11.

WOMEN

Top 10 teams -- 1. Washington, 79; 2. Oregon, 131; 3. Florida State, 163; 4. West Virginia, 198; 5. Princeton, 220; 6. Villanova, 248; 7. Texas Tech, 272; 8. Stanford, 299; 9. Georgetown, 305; 10. Illinois, 318.

Top 10 individuals -- 1. Sally Kipyego, Texas Tech, 19:29; 2. Susan Kuijken, Florida State, 19:35; 3. Rachel Marchand, Iowa, 19:55; 4. Angela Bizzarri, Illinois, 20:00; 5. Christine Babcock, Washington, 20:02; 6. Alex Kosinski, Oregon, 20:05; 7. Nicole Bush, Michigan State, 20:08; 8. Nicole Blood, Oregon, 20:09; 9. Kendra Schaaf, Washington, 20:18; 10. Keri Bland, West Virginia, 20:20.



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