



Buff harriers set for Pre-Nationals

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Jenny Barringer is still an important part of the Colorado cross country team.

But CU coach Mark Wetmore and the gifted Olympian still haven't decided whether Barringer will run this season or redshirt.

"If Jenny does run that would be great and obviously it would really help the team," junior Emily Hanenburg said. "But we assume that we're just running with girls on line and try to do the best with the girls we have."

To her credit, Hanenburg has been one of the Buffs who has stepped up to fill the void on the course and in the leadership department. The junior from Colorado Springs ran the best race of her collegiate career at the Rocky Mountain Shootout, finishing fifth with a time of 21:52.

"It was a surprise," said Hanenburg, who finished just ahead of teammates Allison Sawyer, Morgan Ekemo and Emma Coburn at CU's most recent race in Boulder. "Basically every single girl on the team has been training hard and we all pretty much train together. I just had a really good race."

Hanenburg, who struggled with injuries as a freshman and sophomore, was able to have her best summer of training leading up to the season.

"Just consistency," Hanenburg said when asked what she has improved most on. "Overcoming the injuries has been an obstacle. This year I trained through the summer and was able to do some higher mileage."

CU's cross country teams return to action at the NCAA Pre-Nationals on Saturday in Terre Haute, Ind.

Volleyball

The Buffs are looking to rebound from Saturday's four-set loss to No. 3 Texas tonight when they face Oklahoma at 5:30 p.m. in Norman.

CU is currently 9-7 overall and 3-4 in the Big 12. OU is 7-10 overall and 3-6 in conference.

"Oklahoma is a very well-coached team and they always play well at home," head coach Pi'i Aiu said. "I'm not going to look past that. We have to play real well to beat anybody in this league."

Nebraska (8-0), Texas (6-1) and Kansas State (6-2) have separated themselves from the pack in the Big 12. The Buffs still have a chance to move up the ladder if they can put together a string of victories down the stretch.

Soccer

After wins over Texas and Baylor last weekend at Prentup Field the Buffs are in position to win the program's second Big 12 title.

CU (5-1-1) and Texas A&M (5-0-1) -- who will play on Oct. 26 in Boulder -- are sharing the driver's seat. The Buffs play at Nebraska on Friday and Iowa State on Sunday while the Aggies travel to Kansas on Friday and host Missouri on Sunday.

Kelly Menachof, who scored two goals against the Bears, has been named the Big 12 newcomer of the week.

Tennis

The Buffs will be competing at the ITA Central Regional in Salt Lake City today through Sunday.

Franzisaka Jendrian won a singles draw and teamed up with Melisa Esposito for a title in the main doubles draw at the Air Force Invitational earlier this month.



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