



CU men win regional XC title

Camera staff report

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OGDEN, Utah — The sixth-ranked Colorado men's cross country team won Saturday's NCAA Mountain Regional for the fifth straight year to earn a chance to defend its national championship.

The top two teams from each region automatically qualify for the NCAA finals, which will be held Nov. 19 in Terre Haute, Ind.

Colorado finished with 47 points, with Northern Arizona (59) finishing second and Northern Arizona, the second-ranked team in the country, coming in third at 84.

"The men did what we needed them to do," coach Mark Wetmore said. "They executed their race plan well and so I am happy about that. I didn't plan on winning, but I knew that was possible. I think we are in good shape to move on (Nov. 19)."

The 13th-ranked women's team placed fourth and will look for an at-large bid to the NCAA finals, where they have placed second for the past two seasons. CU recorded 105 points in the effort. Colorado State, ranked 11th, won the women's race with 75 points. Northern Arizona placed third (81) and BYU was third (90).

The fourth-place finish is the lowest for the CU women since the Buffs placed fifth in 1991.

The 1-2-3 punch of Brent Vaughn, Stephen Pifer and Kenyon Neuman proved formidable for the CU men.

Vaughn led the men for the majority of the 10K race until Pifer passed Vaughn with about 100 meters to go in the race. Pifer took sixth with a time of 30 minutes and 28.3 seconds and Vaughn was seventh with a mark of 30:29.1. Neuman, who has placed second or third in every race for the Buffs this season, was just behind Vaughn at ninth (30:29.9).

"We just wanted to run very controlled through 5 miles and that is what we did as a team and it worked out well," Vaughn said. "The point of the race is to move on to nationals and we did that and beat a couple good teams in the process."

On the women's side, Jenny Barringer paced the Buffs with a second-place finish. It was the second consecutive year at the regional that she has finished in the runner-up position. She posted a time of 19:43.9, coming in behind Texas Tech's Sally Kipeygo who ran the 6K course in 19:29.4.

Kipeygo and Barringer were running 1-2 the entire race. Barringer finished about 51 second ahead of the third-place finisher, Northern Arizona's Iisa Paulson (20:34.8).

"I feel really good about the effort I put it and all of the preparation that I have going into nationals next week," Barringer said.

Sara Vaughn was CU's No. 2, coming in sixth-place overall (21:00.2).

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MEN'S 10K TEAM SCORES

1. Colorado, 47; 2. UTEP, 56; 3. Northern Arizona, 84; 4. BYU, 113; 5. New Mexico, 125; 6. Air Force, 158; 7. Weber State, 170; 8. Utah State, 253; 9. Wyoming, 259; 10. Montana State, 278; 11. Texas Tech, 287; 12. Southern Utah, 305; 13. Colorado State, 315; 14. Idaho State, 326; 15. Montana, 384.

MEN'S TOP INDIVIDUALS

1. Lopez Lomong, NAU, 29:52.1; 2. Stephen Samoei, UTEP, 29:54.5; 3. Jeremy Johnson, New Mexico, 29:57.0; 4. Patrick Mutai, UTEP, 30:14.3; 5. Mark Korir, Wyoming, 30:15.8; 6. Brent Vaughn, CU, 30:28.3; 7. Stephen Pifer, CU, 30:29.1; 8. Kenyon Neuman, CU, 30:29.9; 9. Jon Cardenas, NAU, 30:34.2; 10. Morten Bostrom, NAU, 30:40.8; 11. Chandler Goodwin, BYU, 30:45.2; 12. Bradley Harkrader, CU, 30:48.0; 13. Seth Pilkington, Weber State, 30:49.8; 14. Chris Pannone, CU, 30:53.3; 15. Nicodemus Ng'etich, UTEP, 30:55.8.

Other CU Finishers: 22. Richard Medina, 31:12.3; 27. Pete Janson, 31:16.6.

WOMEN'S 6K TEAM SCORES

1. Colorado State, 75; 2. Northern Arizona, 81; 3. BYU, 90; 4. Colorado, 105; 5. Texas Tech, 113; 6. New Mexico, 202; 7. Weber State, 251; 8. Utah State, 260; 9. Wyoming, 261; 10. Nevada, 265; 11. Utah, 269; 12. Montana, 298; 13. Montana State, 308; 14. Southern Utah, 334; 15. UTEP, 380; 16. Air Force, 389; 17. Idaho State, 447.

WOMEN'S TOP INDIVIDUALS

1. Sally Kipyego, TTU, 19:29.4; 2. Jenny Barringer, CU, 19:43.9; 3. Iisa Paulson, NAU, 20:34.8; 4. Irene Kimaiyo, TTU, 20:57.2; 5. April Thomas, CSU, 21:00.0; 6. Sara Vaughn, CU, 21:00.2; 7. Sariah Long, Weber State, 21:06.2; 8. Gladys Kipsang, TTU, 21:10.7; 9. Angela Wagner, BYU, 21:12.1; 10. Gretchen Fagley-Johnson, Wyoming, 21:13.3; 11. Lesley Van Miert, NAU, 21:13.8; 12. Cecily Lemmon, BYU, 21:16.5; 13. Erin Marston, CU, 21:17.4; 14. Amanda Griggs, NAU, 21:20.5; 15. Kirsten Anthony, CSU, 21:21.5.

Other CU Finishers: 36. Aislinn Ryan, 22:03.01; 48. Jen Hooper, 22:21.5; 75. Allison Sawyer, 23:00.



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CU spikers suffer another five-game loss

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Colorado's Emilie Sisco posted a career-high 30 kills, but it wasn't enough to stop the Kansas Jayhawks, who beat the Buffs in five games on Saturday at the Coors Events Center, 16-30, 24-30, 30-24, 33-31, 15-11.

Saturday marked the 10th five-game match the Buffs have lost this season and the fourth they've lost after winning the first two games.

"I would just like to win another couple of matches," coach Pi'i Aiu said. "I think we are playing well, we're just not playing well in the conference. That is something we have to work on as coaches. We need to get them to know how to play well when the pressure is on."

Sisco became just the seventh Buff in CU history to record 30 or more kills in a match. She joins teammate Amber Sutherland, who recorded 35 kills against Missouri on Sept. 13, 2006, in this exclusive club.

"Emilie Sisco was hitting a ton of balls and had some really good balls," Aiu said. "She is starting to turn her season around."

Alex Buth added 16 kills on 33 attempts, and added 10 digs for her 12th double-double of the season. Kaitlyn Burkett dished out 62 assists.

CU fell to 6-19 overall and 1-16 in the Big 12. Kansas improved to 12-15, 5-12.

CU will play at Kansas State next Saturday.



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