

USD cross country sweeps Tim Young Invitational

The University of South Dakota men's cross country team placed seven in the top-eight and the Coyote women placed six in the top 10 to sweep the team standings at the Tim Young Invitational on Saturday.

Jeff Mettler (Eureka, SD) won his second race of the season with a time of 24:52 in the 8k race, and Amber Eichhorn (Wichita, KS) paced the women with a third place finish in 18:07 in the 5k at the Don Baker Course in Vermillion.

The USD men won the meet with 16 points. They were followed by Carleton College (MN) with 51 points and Butler Community College (KS) with 79 points.

The Coyote women finished with 26 points, which was 19 points better than second-place Omaha (45). Minnesota-Morris was third with 71 points.

Mettler's time was eight seconds off the course record that he set last season. It was the first time this season he didn't set a school record at a meet.

The Coyote men had the top-four finishers in the race. Ethan Marquardt (Albert Lea, MN) placed second in 25:16, Mubarak Musa (Worthington, MN) was third in

25:46, and Brant Haase (Lemmon, SD) was fourth in 25:51. Carleton's Marcus Huderle rounded out the top-five in 26:00.

The Coyotes had the first three finishers outside the top-five. Benson Langat (Kapsabet, Kenya) crossed in sixth at 26:09, Isaac Allen (Lincoln, NE) was seventh in 26:31, and Alex Hohenthaler (Yankton) finished eighth in 26:34.

Minnesota-Morris' Linda Keller set a new course as she won the women's race in 17:36. Omaha's Amanda Vorthmann placed second eight seconds later (17:44). Eichhorn led a trio of Coyotes to round out the top-five with Katie Wetzstein (Hudson, WS) placing fourth in 18:36 and Megan Hilson (Yankton) finishing fifth in 18:39.

Carol Miller (Mead, NE) was the fourth best finisher for the Coyote women with a seventh-place finish in 18:45. Jessica Brandli (Rapid City) placed ninth in 18:55, Ali Gress (Papillion, NE) was 10th in 18:56, and Britni Waller (Lincoln, NE) rounded out South Dakota's scoring in 11th at 19:07.

South Dakota will take a weekend off before racing at the Summit League Championships at Oakland University on Oct. 27

Kellermann, Oakland deal South Dakota 2-0 loss

Oakland's Kyla Kellerman delivered her Summit League-leading seventh and eighth goals of the season in a six minute-stretch to lift her team to a 2-0 win at the University of South Dakota.

Kellermann opened the scoring 20 minutes into the match. Nicole DeLuca's shot from the middle of the box was deflected by a Coyote defender and the carom came to Kellermann for a tap-in goal.

A nice combination of passes inside the box by Meghan Reynolds and Abigail Haelewyn set Kellermann up for an insurance goal in the 24th minute. Haelewyn's assist was her ninth of the year, also a league-best.

Colleen Reeves (Rogers, MN) was all over the field for the USD defense, making

several nice clearances and blocking Oakland attempts at the goal.

"Colleen was solid today, she always is," said head coach Mandy Green. "Alex Pantze (Faribault, MN) and Elena Tsakakis (Edina, MN) also played well for us today. Those two haven't played as much but they were excellent as defensive center midfielders."

The Coyotes came out with great energy, creating several opportunities to put points on the board early but good defensive play by Oakland kept USD off the scoreboard. Jenny Teslow (Sioux Falls) had a breakaway six minutes into the match but she pushed her shot wide right of the goal.

South Dakota's next best look came midway through the second half. A beautiful through ball from Erin Bello (Fort Collins, CO) arched over the Golden

Grizzlies' defense to Makena Cameron (Cheyenne, WY) but Oakland keeper Payj O'Shea aggressively slid out and knocked the ball from Cameron.

"These girls are improving and growing up," said Green. "Despite the record and our struggles they have shown a lot of heart and they haven't given up."

"They are learning to read the game and play smart. We're doing a lot of good stuff out there. Today we played a good team that went to the NCAA last year and we were competitive. We're still one of the youngest teams in the nation but the improvement is visible."

The Coyotes have road games Friday at North Dakota State (4 p.m.) and Sunday at South Dakota State (1 p.m.).

Fort Wayne hands USD a 3-0 loss

Fort Wayne's Arianne Mason came off the bench to score two second-half goals and lead the Mastodons to a 3-0 victory over the University of South Dakota. The goals were the second and third of the year for Mason.

The Coyotes had several opportunities to score early but failed to capitalize. Three minutes into the game Erin

Bello struck a header off of a Teagan Eberle (Schaumburg, IL) corner kick that Fort Wayne goalkeeper Sam Pavlika was able to corral for a save.

Just over ten minutes later South Dakota and Bello had a similar opportunity to put some points on the board but again Pavlika came up with the save. Pavlika's successive

punt soared over the heads of the USD defenders to a streaking Rachel Good who took advantage of the one-on-one match up with Coyote keeper Jen Shaefer (Cary, NC) to put the Mastodons up 1-0.

The USD midfield did a nice job of possessing the ball and stringing together passes, but they were never able to connect on a through-ball and

get a clear look at the IPFW goal.

It was also Faculty Appreciation Day, and five South Dakota professors were honored at midfield before the start of the match.

South Dakota will be back at it again Sunday at the USD Soccer Complex. They face the Oakland Golden Grizzlies Sunday at noon.

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