Women 3rd, Men 6th in Frontier Conference Meet
11-2-12

Complete Results

On a cool windy day, the Battln' Bear women finished third in the Frontier Conference Championship meet. Winning the meet was Carroll College with 32 points. The race for second place was close with Lewis-Clark State College taking the second spot with 53 points followed closely by Rocky Mountain with 57 points. Despite having six runners ahead of LCSC's fifth runner, Rocky had to settle for third.

The Battlin' Bears had a great 1-2 showing in Ana Richter and Rachael Hart. Richter finished 3rd overall with Hart finishing in 6th overall. Autumn Charges Strong was third for the squad in 14th place followed closely by teammates Selene Johnson in 16th and Megan Breeding in 18th. The nationally ranked teams in the conference really showed up to race. #6 ranked Carroll, #12 ranked Lewis-Clark, and the #14 ranked Battlin' Bears took 9 of the top 10 spots as well as 18 of the top 20 spots in the race.

“The weather made times slow down a bit, but in cross country it’s about competing, not the times you run, and this was one of our best performances as a team,” stated Coach King. “If this would have been a larger meet we would have beat LCSC…if it would have been a dual against LCSC we would have tied. We are very similar teams; I just hope we get the chance to race again.”

Rocky Mountain College will have to wait to see if they will be selected as an “At-Large” team to the NAIA National Championship race on November 17 at Fort Vancouver in Vancouver, WA. The final rankings will be released Sunday, November 4. The list of qualified teams will be release the following day at 4:00pm.

On the men’s side, Rocky finished sixth in the Frontier Conference. Leading the team for the second consecutive time was Freshman Shawn Peden followed by fellow Freshman Michael Anderson. Rounding out the top five were Johnny Barnes, Riley Ruppenthal, and Albert Rodriguez.

“We knew going into this season that it would be a challenge,” said Coach King. “Anytime four of your top five are freshmen there is going to be some growing pains. Even though we didn’t finished how we wanted, I am still proud of how the team competes. This a good group of young men that work hard, if we can keep this team together over the next couple of years, we will be able to compete with anyone.”

Complete list of RMC Women
3. Ana Richter- 19:03
6. Rachael Hart- 19:25
14. Autumn Charges Strong- 20:03
16. Selene Johnson- 20:13
18. Megan Breeding- 20:22
20. Mackenzie O’Dore- 20:41
23. Teri Lea McCormick- 20:53
28. Joy Ballew- 21:10
32. Melissa Sweeney- 21:37
40. Miranda Jellison- 22:07
43. Talin Smith- 22:14

Complete List of RMC Men
33. Shawn Peden- 29:40
34. Michael Anderson- 29:58
36. Johnny Barnes- 30:15
41. Riley Ruppenthal- 30:47
43. Albert Rodriguez- 31:43
44. Ryan Hall- 32:04
45. Toryn Rogers- 32:23