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Cross Country Coaches' Poll

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BYU FAVORED TO WIN 2006 MOUNTAIN WEST CONFERENCE MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. – BYU was selected to win the 2006 Mountain West Conference championship in both men's and women's cross country in a vote by the league's coaches released Tuesday (August 22).

BYU collected five first-place votes and 25 total points to capture the top spot in the men's poll, while Air Force totaled 20 points for the second place nod. Colorado State notched the remaining first place vote and collected 18 total points to claim third place. Wyoming totaled 12 points for fourth place, followed by New Mexico (10 points) in fifth and TCU sixth (five points).

For the seventh straight season, the BYU women's team received eight first-place votes and gathered a perfect score of 64 to capture the top position in the women's poll. Colorado State collected the other first place vote and was selected to finish second with 56 points. New Mexico claimed the third spot with 49 points, followed by Wyoming (41 points) in fourth, and Air Force and San Diego State (28 points apiece) tied for fifth. Utah was picked to finish seventh with 26 points, while TCU (22) and UNLV (10) were picked eighth and ninth, respectively.

The BYU men collected their sixth conference crown in seven years in 2005, while the BYU women won their seventh consecutive MWC title. The Cougar men went on to finish 13th at the 2005 NCAA Cross Country Championship in Terre Haute, Ind. The BYU women garnered an eighth place finish at the NCAA Championship. The BYU men's squad will be led by two-time (2004 and 2005) All-American Josh Rohatinsky and 2005 All-American Chandler Goodwin. Junior Heidi Magill, a 2005 All-American honoree, will lead the BYU women's charge in 2006.

Men's Cross Country Coaches' Poll

Pl.	Team (1st Place Votes)	Points
1.	BYU (5)	25
2.	Air Force	20
3.	Colorado State (1)	18
4.	Wyoming	12
5.	New Mexico	10
6.	TCU	5

Women's Cross Country Coaches Poll

Pl.	Team (1st Place Votes)	Points
1.	BYU (8)	64
2.	Colorado State (1)	56
3.	New Mexico	49
4.	Wyoming	41
5.	Air Force	28
	San Diego State	28
7.	Utah	26
8.	TCU	22
9.	UNLV	10

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