



# 2009 NEW MEXICO CROSS COUNTRY

HOSTS THE NCAA MOUNTAIN REGION CHAMPIONSHIPS  
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## MWC CHAMPION LOBOS RETURN HOME FOR NCAA MOUNTAIN REGIONAL UNM hosting Mountain Regional for third time on spectator-friendly UNM North Golf Course.

### UPCOMING

Fresh off their historic sweep of the Mountain West Conference titles, the 12th-ranked University of New Mexico men and No. 20 women open postseason action at home when they host the elite NCAA Mountain Region Championships on Saturday at the UNM North Golf Course. Team and individual bids to the NCAA Championship meet will be up for grabs when some of the top distance running schools in America clash on the looping, spectator-friendly course. The men will move up in distance to run a 10K (6.2 miles), starting at 10:45 a.m. (Mountain), followed by the women's 6K (3.7 miles) race at 11 a.m.

The top two teams at each regional meet automatically qualify for nationals and the first four individuals not on a qualifying team also earn an automatic berth. Generally, 2-3 teams from the Mountain Region have been selected for at-large bids to the NCAA Championships.

The New Mexico men ended their season with a fourth place finish at the 2008 NCAA Mountain Regional. UNM last qualified for the NCAA Championships in 2004 with a fourth place regional finish. Led by national runner-up Matt Gonzales, the '04 Lobos went on to place a program-best ninth at nationals.

The Lobo women were second at last year's regional meet and went on to finish 18th at the NCAA Championships - their first trip since 1985. UNM has never made back-to-back trips to the NCAA meet.

### NEW MEXICO PROJECTED TOP-SEVEN

#### WOMEN:

**Jr. Ruth Senior** (Trans. from Loughborough (England) U...1st team all-MWC (2nd)...has led team in first 4 official races)  
**Sr. Nicky Archer** (2x 1st tm. all-MWC...'08 NCAA all-reg. (17th)...has led the team 4x in 11 career races...NCAA 10K qual.)  
**So. Lacy Oeding** (2x 1st tm. all-MWC...'08 MWC Fr. of the Yr. & NCAA all-reg (11th)...has scored in all 11 career races)  
**Sr. Ashley Gibson** ('09 1st team all-MWC...'08 NCAA all-region (20th)...NCAA 1,500m qualifier in '09)  
**Jr. Vanessa Ortiz** ('09 2nd team all-MWC (8th)...has scored in 13 of 15 races...RS all of 2008-09...39th at '07 Mtn. Reg'l.)  
**Sr. Carolyn Boosey** ('08 1st tm. all-MWC, NCAA all-region (18th)...'09 2nd tm. all-MWC...has scored in 13 of 16 career races)  
**Jr. Delyth James** (XC specialist trans. from Birmingham (England) Univ...'09 2nd team all-MWC (13th))

#### MEN:

**Sr. Jacob Kirwa** (MWC Champion (3rd win of '09)...2x 1st tm. all-MWC...'08 NCAA all-reg. (22nd)...'09 NCAA Out. 5K qual.)  
**Sr. Chris Barnicle** ('09 1st team all-MWC (4th)...'09 10K All-American (13th)...2x NCAA all-reg. at Arkansas)  
**Sr. David Bishop** ('09 1st tm. all-MWC...'08 NCAA all-reg. (14th)...has led UNM 3x in 10 career races...'09 1,500m reg'l qual.)  
**Sr. Rory Fraser** (2x 2nd tm. all-MWC...'08 NCAA all-reg. (23rd)...'09 NCAA indoor/outdoor 5K qual.)  
**Fr. Ross Millington** (MWC Fr. of the Yr./2nd team all-MWC...enrolled at UNM in Jan. of '09...'09 NCAA reg'l 1,500m qual.)  
**Sr. Lee Emanuel** ('09 2nd tm. all-MWC...'08 NCAA all-region (17th)...'09 NCAA mile champ/1,500 All-American (3rd))  
**Fr. Allen Pittman** (Scored in 2 of 5 races...XC RS in '08...No. 1 runner for nat'lly ranked Los Alamos HS in '06 & '07)

### NCAA MOUNTAIN REGIONAL AT A GLANCE

**Course:** UNM North Golf Course (5,085 feet; spectator friendly loops, short grass and dirt, some hills)

The UNM North Golf Course last hosted the NCAA Mountain Region Championships in 2006. It was also the site of the 2002 Mountain Regional and has hosted the MWC Championships three times.

Both men's individual regional champions in Albuquerque have gone on to capture the NCAA individual title. Colorado's Jorge Torres won both in '02, while BYU's Josh Rohatinsky swept regional and national titles in '06.

New Mexico has had four athletes earn all-region honors, running on the UNM North Course: Matt Gonzales (8th - '02), Juan Ortega (20th - '06), Timmie Murphy (5th - '06), and Leslie Luna (18th - '06). Murphy and Gonzales advanced on to the NCAA Championships after their top-10 finishes.

#### Schedule (Mountain Time):

Men's 10K Race - 10:45 a.m.  
Women's 6K Race - 12 p.m.

**Race Conditions:** The weather forecast for Saturday calls for partly cloudy skies with highs in the mid-50s and light winds at 10 mph.

#### Nationally Ranked Teams:

**Women's (4)** - No. 6 Colorado, No. 8 Texas Tech, **No. 20 New Mexico**, No. 22 BYU.

**Men's (4)** - No. 4 Northern Arizona, No. 5 Colorado, **No. 12 New Mexico**, No. 14 BYU.

### 2009 MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY SCHEDULE

DATE	MEET (HOST)	LOCATION	TIME/RESULTS
Sept. 5	UNM Lobo Invitational	UNM North Golf Course	non-scored
Sept. 19	Kachina Classic (New Mexico State)	Las Cruces, N.M.	Women: 1st/4 (29 pts.) Men*: 2nd/5 (52 pts.)
Oct. 2	Notre Dame Invitational	South Bend, Ind.	Women: 6th/22 (178 pts.) Men: 4th/23 (152 pts.)
Oct. 10	Duel In The Desert vs. New Mexico State (UNM/NMSU)	Elephant Butte, N.M.	Women*: 1st/2 (17 pts.) Men*: 1st/2 (20 pts.)
Oct. 17	ISU Pre-Nationals (Indiana State)	Terre Haute, Ind.	Women: 7th/35 (278 pts.) Men: 7th/37 (260 pts.)
Oct. 31	Mountain West Conference Championships (BYU)	Provo, Utah	Women: 1st/9 (24 pts.) Men: 1st/6 (29 pts.)
Nov. 15	NCAA Mountain Regional (New Mexico)	UNM North Golf Course	10:45 a.m.
Nov. 23	NCAA Championship (Indiana State)	Terre Haute, Ind.	10:08 a.m. (TV: VERSUS)

All Times Mountain • \* Indicates split squad



## NEW MEXICO MOUNTAIN REGION HISTORY

The current NCAA regional championship format began in 1997 and New Mexico has hosted the meet three times (2002, '06, '09) at the historic UNM North Golf Course.

After languishing near the bottom of the standings, the UNM men and women emerged as a factor in the region once again under former head coach Matt Henry (2000-06). Third-year head coach Joe Franklin, who was named Great Lakes Region Coach of the Year while at Butler, has expanded the Lobos' strong presence in the Mountain Region.

In 11 years of competition at the Mountain Region Championships, New Mexico has qualified two teams ('09 women, '04 men) and earned 8 individual bids (4 women, 4 men) to the NCAA Championship meet. In 2004, Matt Gonzales became the first and only Lobo to win a Mountain Region title.

The Lobo women have notched four straight top-10 finishes at the Mountain Region Championships, including a program record second place finish and 70-point score last fall.

The UNM men have finished among the top-10 six times - all since 2001 - and have three top-five finishes, including fourth place efforts last year and in '04. The men recorded their best score (98) at the '08 Mountain Regional, but were left out of the NCAA Championships.

### Men's All-Time Mountain Region Results - 10K

*1997: Did Not Compete*

<b>1998:</b> 14th/14 (420 pts.)	<b>Top Runner:</b> Kenny Henry - 83rd (34:48.6)
<b>1999:</b> 16th/17 (403 pts.)	<b>Top Runner:</b> Pontus Osterberg - 69th (33:26.5)
<b>2000:</b> 12th/17 (298 pts.)	<b>Top Runner:</b> Ben Ortega - 26th (31:59.7)
<b>2001:</b> 9th/17 (189 pts.)	<b>Top Runner:</b> Matt Gonzales - 9th (31:28.6)
<b>2002:</b> 7th/18 (186 pts.)	<b>Top Runner:</b> Matt Gonzales - 8th (30:36)
<b>2003:</b> 13th/14 (313 pts.)	<b>Top Runner:</b> Sean Flaherty - 48th (32:35.9)
<b>2004:</b> 4th/15 (136 pts.)	<b>Top Runner:</b> Matt Gonzales - <b>1st (29:45.1)</b>
<b>2005:</b> 8th/15 (222 pts.)	<b>Top Runner:</b> Cameron Clarke - 30th (31:55.4)
<b>2006:</b> 11th/15 (243 pts.)	<b>Top Runner:</b> Juan Ortega - 20th (31:26.7)
<b>2007:</b> 5th/15 (125 pts.)	<b>Top Runner:</b> Jeremy Johnson - 3rd (29:57)
<b>2008:</b> 4th/15 (98 pts.)	<b>Top Runner:</b> David Bishop - 14th (30:06.0)

### Women's All-Time Mountain Region Results - 6K

<b>1997:</b> 16th/17 (394 pts.)	<b>Top Runner:</b> April Brannon - 10th (17:50.9 - 5K)
<b>1998:</b> 13th/13 (318 pts.)	<b>Top Runner:</b> April Brannon - 25th (18:51.5 - 5K)
<b>1999:</b> 16th/17 (412 pts.)	<b>Top Runner:</b> Jackie Morgan - 50th (18:46.8 - 5K)
<b>2000:</b> 14th/17 (344 pts.)	<b>Top Runner:</b> Ashley Othick - 34th (22:39.2)
<b>2001:</b> 12th/18 (332 pts.)	<b>Top Runner:</b> Jacquelyne Gallegos - 19th (22:29.8)
<b>2002:</b> 15th/17 (417 pts.)	<b>Top Runner:</b> Sarah Gonzales - 74th (23:11)
<b>2003:</b> 13th/16 (317 pts.)	<b>Top Runner:</b> Sarah Gonzales - 30th (22:11.1)
<b>2004:</b> 12th/16 (306 pts.)	<b>Top Runner:</b> Jacquelyne Gallegos - 8th (21:03.2)
<b>2005:</b> 6th/18 (163 pts.)	<b>Top Runner:</b> Jacquelyne Gallegos - 15th (21:50.6)
<b>2006:</b> 7th/17 (179 pts.)	<b>Top Runner:</b> Timmie Murphy - 5th (21:00.0)
<b>2007:</b> 6th/17 (202 pts.)	<b>Top Runner:</b> Michelle Corrigan - 27th (21:48)
<b>2008:</b> 2nd/18 (70 pts.)	<b>Top Runner:</b> Michelle Corrigan - <b>5th (20:44.8)</b>

*Italics indicate meet held at UNM North Golf Course in Albuquerque*

### Men's All-Mountain Region Honorees - 5 runners, 8 awards

Year	Athlete	Finish
2001	Matt Gonzales (So.)**	9th
	Ben Ortega (So.)**	11th
2002	Matt Gonzales (Sr.)**	8th
	<b>2004</b>	<b>Matt Gonzales (Sr.)#</b>
	Ben Ortega (Sr.)#	8th
2006	Juan Ortega (Sr.)	20th
2007	Jeremy Johnson (Sr.)**	3rd
	Brock Hagerman (So.)	21st
2008	David Bishop (Sr.)	14th
	Lee Emanuel (Sr.)	17th
	Jacob Kirwa (Sr.)	22nd
	Rory Fraser (Sr.)	23rd

### Women's All-Mountain Region Honorees - 4 runners, 9 awards

Year	Athlete	Finish
1997	April Brannon**	10th
2001	Jacquelyne Gallegos (Fr.)**	19th
2004	Jacquelyne Gallegos (Sr.)**	8th
2005	Jacquelyne Gallegos (Sr.)	15th
	Timmie Murphy (Sr.)	19th
	Leslie Luna (So.)	23rd
2006	Timmie Murphy (Sr.)**	5th
	Leslie Luna (Sr.)	18th

2008	Michelle Corrigan (Sr.)#	5th
	Lacey Oeding (Fr.)#	11th
	Nicky Archer (Sr.)#	17th
	Carolyn Boosey (Sr.)#	18th
	Leslie Luna (Sr.)#	19th
	Ashley Gibson (Sr.)#	20th

\*\* indicate NCAA Championship individual qualifier

# indicate NCAA Championships team qualifier

## 2008 MOUNTAIN REGIONAL REWIND

It was a nearly perfect day for the New Mexico men's and women's cross country teams at the 2008 NCAA Mountain Region Championships in Fort Collins, Colo. The No. 23 UNM women finished second to earn an automatic bid to the NCAA Championship meet - their first NCAA berth since 1985. The surprising Lobo men finished fourth - three spots above their regional ranking - but were on the outside looking in when the NCAA field was announced.

Both the men's and women's teams turned in record-setting performances at the Collindale Golf Course. The Lobo women put a school record six runners on the all-region team en route to a 70-point score - their lowest at the regional or district meet since 1981. The men, meanwhile, had four all-region honorees - doubling their previous best at the Mountain Region meet - and finished with a program best score of 93.

The women finished just 28 points behind No. 9 Texas Tech and 22 points ahead of No. 28 Northern Arizona. No. 26 BYU was fifth with a score of 152.

After its narrow loss to Air Force at the Mountain West Conference Championships two weeks earlier the men's team trounced the fifth place Falcons by 80 points and were less than 30 points behind No. 11 BYU and No. 7 Northern Arizona. Unranked Colorado was a surprising winner with a final score of 42.

Senior Michelle Corrigan led the tight Lobo pack, finishing fifth - matching Timmie Murphy (2006) for the highest finish by a UNM runner at the Mountain Region meet. Corrigan completed the 6,000-meter course in 20:44.8 - 1:03 behind the race winner, Texas Tech's defending national champion Sally Kipyego.

Rookie Lacey Oeding was the No. 2 freshman in the field, finishing 11th overall (20:55.9). Junior Nicky Archer then led an impressive parade of four straight UNM finishers. Archer finished 17th (21:06.3), followed by senior Carolyn Boosey (18th - 21:08.1), senior Leslie Luna (19th - 21:08.5) and junior Ashley Gibson (20th - 21:09.0).

On the men's side, juniors David Bishop and Lee Emanuel turned in their finest race of the season. Bishop, who was the Lobos' No. 4 runner two weeks earlier at the MWC Championships, led the team with a 14th place finish (30:06.0). Emanuel, meanwhile, crossed the line 17th (30:09.7) - 19 places above his 2007 regional finish.

Juniors Jacob Kirwa and Rory Fraser finished side-by-side in 22nd (30:20.6) and 23rd (30:21.1), respectively. Senior Mat Ashton capped the Lobo scoring by finishing 32nd (30:41.7).

## LOBOS SWEEP 2009 MOUNTAIN WEST TITLES

It was all New Mexico on Oct. 31 in Orem, Utah as the Lobos swept the men's and women's Mountain West Conference Cross Country titles, defeating nationally-ranked hosts BYU in both races. Third-year head coach Joe Franklin led the 20th-ranked UNM women to their second straight MWC championship, while the No. 19 men stunned the seventh-ranked Cougars to win their first conference title since 1988.

Franklin was named both men's and women's MWC Coach of the Year as New Mexico swept conference crowns for the first time in school history.

The men's team put together its best performance of the year as each of the Lobos' five scoring runners defeated his Cougar counterpart en route to a 29-34 victory. New Mexico avenged a five-point loss to BYU two years earlier in Albuquerque, breaking through to win its first MWC title and sixth conference cross country championship overall.

Senior Jacob Kirwa outkicked BYU's Miles Batty to win the individual title and MWC Runner of the Year honors with an MWC record time of 23:34.5 over the 8K course. It was also the fastest 6K ever run by a Lobo at a conference championship meet.

Kirwa had plenty of help, however, as a record three Lobos earned first team all-MWC honors. Senior Chris Barnicle finished fourth with a time of 23:51.2 in his

MWC cross country debut, while fellow senior David Bishop finished sixth with a time of 24:03.3. Bishop improved 13 spots on his 2008 performance.

Senior Rory Fraser turned in his best race of the year, placing eighth (24:14.6) to lead a trio of UNM runners on the all-MWC second team. True freshman Ross Millington continued his stellar season, passing several BYU runners over the final 2,000 meters to finish 10th (24:18.5). Millington capped the Lobo scoring with the best finish by a freshman in the field. The men's scoring five were separated by a season-low 44 seconds.

Senior Lee Emanuel was 14th (24:44.9) to earn all-MWC accolades for the first time in cross country. Redshirt freshman Allen Pittman (20th - 25:07.4), meanwhile, gave New Mexico seven runners in the top-20

The victory ended the Cougars' five-year MWC championship run as UNM joined Air Force (2003) as the only teams to defeat BYU in the league's 11-year history.

After the Lobos' narrow victory in 2008, the women's race was much less dramatic this year. UNM relied on its outstanding depth to calmly and patiently hand eight-time champion BYU its worst loss in Mountain West history, 24-45.

New Mexico went 2-3-4 and had a record four women finish among the top seven to earn first team all-MWC honors. The Lobos' five scoring runners were separated by a remarkable 25 seconds.

Junior transfer Ruth Senior (second - 21:10.7), senior Nicky Archer (third - 21:14.9) and sophomore Lacey Oeding (fourth - 21:17.8) finished within seven seconds of each other to lead the charge.

BYU's Cecily Lemmon Lew won with a time of 20:47.4, but the UNM trio finished 13 seconds ahead of the No. 2 Cougar and New Mexico put all five scoring runners ahead of BYU's No. 3 to win going away.

Senior Ashley Gibson improved a remarkable 17 spots from 2008 to finish seventh (21:31.7) and earn first team all-MWC honors in her breakthrough final season. Junior Vanessa Ortiz turned in her finest MWC performance as well, placing eighth (21:36.3) to lead a group of three Lobos on the all-MWC second team.

Senior Carolyn Boosey continued to work her way back from injury with a solid 12th place finish (21:56.2), while junior transfer Delyth James was 13th (22:02.7) in her MWC debut. True freshman Janna Mitsos (19th - 22:30.1) gave the Lobos eight runners in the top-20.

#### **New Mexico Accolades At The 2009 MWC Championships**

Joe Franklin - Men's & Women's Coach of the Year  
Sr. Jacob Kirwa - Men's Runner of the Year  
Fr. Ross Millington - Men's Freshman of the Year

#### **Men's First Team All-MWC (3)**

Sr. Jacob Kirwa  
Sr. Chris Barnicle  
Sr. David Bishop

#### **Women's First Team All-MWC (4)**

Jr. Ruth Senior  
Sr. Nicky Archer  
So. Lacey Oeding  
Sr. Ashley Gibson

#### **Men's Second Team All-MWC (3)**

Sr. Rory Fraser  
Fr. Ross Millington  
Sr. Lee Emanuel

#### **Women's Second Team All-MWC (3)**

Jr. Vanessa Ortiz  
Sr. Carolyn Boosey  
Jr. Delyth James

### **NATIONAL RANKINGS WATCH**

The Mountain West Conference champion New Mexico men climbed seven spots to No. 12 in the most recent U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association national poll. It's the highest national ranking in program history. The previous best for the Lobo men was No. 14 to open the 1989 season. The UNM women maintained their No. 20 ranking after capturing their second straight MWC crown.

The previously 19th-ranked New Mexico men knocked off seventh-ranked hosts BYU, 29-34, while the women cruised past the 21st-ranked Cougars, 24-45, at the Oct. 31 MWC Championships in Orem, Utah. It was the men's sixth conference cross country title, but first since 1988 (Western Athletic Conference).

The UNM women debuted at No. 22 in the preseason poll, while the men's team opened at No. 26 in the preseason. The 2008 season marked the first time in school history that both the men's and women's cross country teams were ranked among the nation's top-30 in the same season.

#### **New Mexico In The 2009 USTFCCCA Rankings**

Preseason (Sept. 15): Women - No. 22, Men - No. 26  
Week 1 (Sept. 29): Women - No. 25, Men - No. 24  
Week 2 (Oct. 6): Women - No. 21, Men - No. 21  
Week 3 (Oct. 13): Women - No. 21, Men - No. 21  
Week 4 (Oct. 20): **Women - No. 20, Men - No. 19**  
Week 5 (Nov. 3): **Women - No. 20, Men - No. 12**

### **2009 SEASON REWIND**

#### **Lobo Invitational (Sept. 5)**

He may have not been officially wearing the cherry and silver, but University of New Mexico senior Jacob Kirwa left no doubt that he was the class of the 10th Lobo Invitational meet at the UNM North Golf Course. Kirwa, who ran unattached, opened his second season at New Mexico with a dominating 54-second victory in the men's 8,000-meter race, crossing the line in 24:03.59. He was the first Lobo to win the men's race since Shadrack Kiptoo-Biwott in 2004.

Senior Ashley Gibson paced the Lobo women with a second place finish in the 5K, crossing the line in 17:31.45 - 10 seconds behind the winner, UTEP's Risper Kimaiyo. Gibson - an NCAA Championships qualifier in the 1,500 - notched the highest finish of her cross country career.

The top eight women's finishes all ran under the previous 5K course record of 18:13.

Spirits were high in the easy-going opener. Lobos Lee Emanuel, David Bishop and Allen Pittman joined hands and high-fived fans down the final stretch as they crossed the line ninth, 10th and 11th, respectively.

Sophomore Lacey Oeding (fourth), senior Laura Bowerman (sixth) and junior Vanessa Ortiz (10th) joined Gibson in the top-10 of the women's race. It was Bowerman's UNM cross country debut and Ortiz's first race since 2007 after both women redshirted last fall.

#### **Kachina Classic (Sept. 19)**

The No. 22 University of New Mexico women's cross country team placed its five scoring runners in the top-10 en route to a 29-33 victory over UTEP at New Mexico State's Kachina Classic. For the first time in his tenure, third-year head coach Joe Franklin sent his top women's runners to the NMSU Golf Course, but held out several of his top runners from the 26th-ranked men's team, which finished second behind UTEP (31-52).

As they've done for the past two seasons, the New Mexico women used a tight pack to dominate the top-10 in the 5K race. Junior transfer Ruth Senior (18:17.1), senior Ashley Gibson (18:28.0), and sophomore Lacey Oeding (18:33.7) finished 3-4-5. Senior Nicky Archer was seventh (18:43.0) in her season debut, while junior Vanessa Ortiz was 10th (19:01.4) to cap the scoring. The Lobos' top five runners were separated by just 45 seconds.

Senior David Bishop continued his strong early season running with a second place finish in the men's 8K, crossing the line in 26:02.0 - 50 seconds behind Dine College standout Nicolas Kipruto. Redshirt freshman Allen Pittman joined Bishop in the top-10, finishing ninth with a time of 26:55.2.

#### **Notre Dame Invitational (Oct. 2)**

Senior Jacob Kirwa won for the second time in as many races this fall to lead the 24th-ranked University of New Mexico men's cross country team to a fourth place finish (152 points) at the Notre Dame Invitational. Kirwa sprinted past Arizona State All-American Brandon Bethke down the final stretch as New Mexico defeated four top-30 teams in the field, including No. 11 Tulsa (seventh).

The No. 25 UNM women, meanwhile, finished a strong sixth in the loaded field, edging No. 3 Florida State by a single point, 178-179. All five teams that finished above the Lobos were ranked in the top-25.

Kirwa covered the 8K course at the Notre Dame Golf Course in 23:44 - one second ahead of Bethke in a battle of reigning conference 5,000-meter champions on the track.

Senior transfer Chris Barnicle was 27th (24:21) in his Lobo cross country debut, while fellow senior David Bishop was three seconds behind in 32nd place (24:24). True freshman Ross Millington was a surprising 41st (24:24) in his official collegiate debut and senior Rory Fraser was 50th (24:46) in his season debut to cap the Lobo scoring. The top five were separated by 1:02.

On the women's side, New Mexico put four runners in the top-40 with junior transfer Ruth Senior leading the way for the second straight meet. Senior finished a strong 12th, completing the women's 5K loops in 17:03 - six seconds ahead of senior Nicky Archer who was 17th (17:09).

Senior Ashley Gibson and sophomore Lacey Oeding crossed the finish line side-by-side, placing 33rd (17:23) and 36th (17:24), respectively. True freshman Janna Mistos was the fifth scorer for the Lobos, finishing 81st (17:51). Despite the discrepancy in order of finish, the top five UNM runners were separated by just 48 seconds.

#### **Duel In The Desert vs. New Mexico State (Oct. 9)**

Several University of New Mexico runners got some extra work in as the Lobos took on Rio Grande rival New Mexico State in a rare split squad dual meet dubbed the "Duel In The Desert." The Lobos and Aggies met on an isolated dirt course near Elephant Butte, N.M. - roughly midway between Albuquerque and Las Cruces - for women's 5K and men's 8K races.

New Mexico freshman transfer Shawna Winnegar won the women's event (19:38) and senior Jacob Kirwa cruised to a second place finish (28:09), behind redshirting teammate Brock Hagerman (28:08), in a surprise appearance in the men's run. Kirwa was the lone member of the Lobos' regular starting seven to compete on either side.

UNM swept the Duel, winning the women's event, 17-38, and taking the men's title, 20-35.

#### **Indiana State Pre-Nationals Invitational (Oct. 17)**

The 21st-ranked University of New Mexico men's and women's cross country teams each turned in strong seventh place finishes in an elite national field at Indiana State's Pre-Nationals Invitational. The Lobo women (260 points) knocked off a pair of top-20 teams - No. 12 Baylor and No. 17 Arizona State - while the men (278 points) upset No. 18 Iowa State.

Junior transfer Ruth Senior led another tight Lobo scoring pack, finishing 34th and covering the 6,000-meter loops at the LaVern Gibson Championship Course a time of 21:23.7. Sophomore Lacey Oeding was 45th (21:34.0), while seniors Nicky Archer (21:39.7) and Ashley Gibson (21:39.9) finished side-by-side in 51st and 52nd, respectively. Junior transfer Delyth James capped the UNM scoring with a 78th place finish (21:51.8).

The Lobos' scoring five were separated by a season-low 28 seconds.

Top-ranked Washington won the 37-team White section race with a score of 59 points. All six teams that finished ahead of New Mexico entered the meet ranked higher in the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association poll.

Senior Jacob Kirwa turned in yet another outstanding performance, finishing seventh overall with a time of 23:51.7 on the 8K course. Kirwa was the highest among the Mountain West Conference and Mountain Region runners in the race, crossing the line 24 seconds behind the winner - Stanford's Chris Derrick.

Senior Chris Barnicle was 52nd (24:35.6), followed by senior David Bishop in 67th (24:43.8). Junior Keith Gerrard was 78th (24:48.7) and freshman Ross Millington was 79th with a time of 24:55.1 - 1:05 behind Kirwa - to cap the Lobo scoring. New Mexico's final four scorers were just 20 seconds apart.

No. 1 Stanford was a convincing winner with a score of 47, while sixth-ranked BYU was third (163).

## **KIRWA NAMED MWC ATHLETE OF THE WEEK**

Senior Jacob Kirwa was selected as the Mountain West Conference Men's Cross Country Athlete of the Week for the second time this season and third time in his career on Oct. 20, matching former All-American and MWC champion Jeremy Johnson's men's program records for single season (2007) and career MWC Athlete of the Week awards (2006-07).

Former UNM women's standout Jacquelyne Gallegos also took home two MWC Athlete of the Week awards in 2005 to give her three for her career (2004-05).

Kirwa led all Mountain West Conference and NCAA Mountain Region runners with an impressive seventh place finish among a field of 237 runners on Oct. 17 at Indiana State's Pre-Nationals Invitational. The Eldoret, Kenya product covered the 8K course in 23:51.7 - just 24 seconds behind the winner.

Kirwa was recognized for the first time this season on Oct. 6, following his performance at the Notre Dame Invitational where he won his second consecutive race to lead the 24th-ranked Lobos to a fourth place finish. Kirwa sprinted past Arizona State All-American Brandon Bethke down the final stretch as New Mexico defeated four top-30 teams in the men's blue race, including No. 11 Tulsa.

Bethke captured the Pac-10 5,000m title and went on to finish fourth in the event at the NCAA Outdoor Championships last spring.

Kirwa finished the 8K course in 23:44.00, clocking the fastest time by a Lobo since Johnson's program record time of 23:27.00 in 2007. His victory was the first by a New Mexico runner in a road meet since 2004 when eventual national runner-up Matt Gonzales won the NCAA Mountain Region title in Fort Collins, Colo.

New Mexico has had at least one runner earn MWC Men's Cross Country Athlete of the Week accolades each year since 2004. Kirwa was the lone UNM men's winner last fall following his early September performance at the Lobo Invitational.

## **A LOOK BACK AT 2008**

The 2008 season saw the bar raised once again under head coach Joe Franklin. The fall produced the school's first ever conference championship in women's cross country. That team had its most all-league picks in school history and went on to finish 18th in its first NCAA Championship appearance since 1985. The Lobo men's cross country team had its best score ever at an NCAA Regional, just missing the NCAA Championship cut. Both squads were nationally ranked during the regular season.

Like all Lobo programs, success and progress also is measured and stressed in the classroom. Both the UNM men's and women's cross country teams earned All-Academic Team honors handed out by the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association. The men's team had eight named to the MWC All-Academic Team and the women matched that number.

Here is a list of some of the many highlights of New Mexico's 2008 cross country season:

-- The UNM women won their first Mountain West title, which also marked the first conference title in school history for the women. UNM placed Lacey Oeding, Carolyn Boosey and Nicky Archer on the all-MWC first team with Leslie Luna and Michelle Corrigan making the second team. It was the most all-conference Lobos in school history.

-- Joe Franklin was the MWC's 2008 Women's Cross Country Coach of The Year.

--The UNM women finished second at the NCAA Mountain Regional and returned to the NCAA Championships for the first time in 23 years, finishing 18th. The women's score at regionals was their best since 1981.

-- On the men's side, Jacob Kirwa was first team all-MWC with teammates Rory Fraser and Mat Ashton notching second team honors.

--The women had program record six runners on the all-region team: Michelle Corrigan, Lacey Oeding, Nicky Archer, Carolyn Boosey, Leslie Luna and Ashley Gibson. Luna became the second Lobo to earn all-region honors three times in a career.

-- The UNM men finished fourth at the NCAA Mountain Regional, placing a program record four runners on the all-region team: David Bishop, Lee Emanuel, Jacob Kirwa and Rory Fraser. Their regional score was their best ever.

-- Nicky Archer became the second Lobo woman ever to earn MWC Athlete of The Week honors twice in a season.

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<b>WOMEN'S RESULTS</b>	<b>Lobo Invitational (5K) Sept. 5</b>	<b>Kachina Classic (5K) Sept. 19</b>	<b>Notre Dame Invitational (5K) Oct. 2</b>	<b>UNM-NMSU (5K) "Duel In The Desert" Oct. 9</b>	<b>Pre-Nationals Invitational Oct. 17</b>	<b>MWC Championships Oct. 31</b>	<b>NCAA Mountain Regional Nov. 15</b>	<b>NCAA Championships Nov. 23</b>
<b>Nicky Archer</b> Jr-Tr • Cheshire, England	Did Not Compete	7th (UNM 4th) 18:43.0	17th (UNM 2nd) 17:09	Did Not Compete	51st (UNM 3rd) 21:39.7	3rd (UNM 2nd) 21:14.9		
<b>Carolyn Boosey</b> Sr-2L • London, England	Did Not Compete	29th (UNM 11th) 20:13.8	Did Not Compete	3rd (UNM 2nd) 19:46	5th (open race) 22:20.2	12th (UNM 6th) 21:56.2		
<b>Laura Bowerman</b> Sr-Sq • Tampa, Fla.	6th (UNM 3rd) 18:04.17	17th (UNM 8th) 19:27.0	118th (UNM 8th) 18:24	Did Not Compete	Did Not Compete	32nd (UNM 9th) 22:59.9		
<b>Alex Darling</b> So-Sq • Albuquerque, N.M.	27th (UNM 8th) 19:53.49	32nd (UNM 12th) 20:33.3	Did Not Compete	Did Not Compete	Did Not Compete	Did Not Compete		
<b>Polina Ermoshina</b> Sr-2L • Moscow, Russia	12th (UNM 5th) 18:39.33	16th (UNM 7th) 19:25.6	Did Not Compete	Did Not Compete	Did Not Compete	Did Not Compete		
<b>Ashley Gibson</b> Sr-1L • Newcastle, England	2nd (UNM 1st) 17:31.45	4th (UNM 2nd) 18:28.0	33rd (UNM 3rd) 17:23	Did Not Compete	52nd (UNM 4th) 21:39.9	7th (UNM 4th) 21:31.7		
<b>Sarah Higgins</b> Fr-HS • Greenwood, Ind.	Competed Unattached	Competed Unattached	Did Not Compete	Competed Unattached	Did Not Compete	Did Not Compete		
<b>Elba Holguin</b> Fr-HS • Albuquerque, N.M.	Competed Unattached	Competed Unattached	Did Not Compete	Competed Unattached	Did Not Compete	Did Not Compete		
<b>Delyth James</b> Jr-Tr • Morpeth, England	Did Not Compete	12th (UNM 6th) 19:09.6	91st (UNM 7th) 17:59	Did Not Compete	78th (UNM 5th) 21:51.8	13th (UNM 7th) 22:02.7		
<b>Bianca Martin</b> Fr-RS • Beaverton, Ore.	20th (UNM 7th) 19:05.80	26th (UNM 10th) 19:57.5	Did Not Compete	8th (UNM 5th) 21:10	83rd (open race) 24:30.6	Did Not Compete		
<b>Kelly McCabe</b> Sr-3L • Albuquerque, N.M.	31st (UNM 9th) 20:34.32	40th (UNM 13th) 21:26.8	Did Not Compete	5th (UNM 3rd) 20:15	Did Not Compete	Did Not Compete		
<b>Janna Mitsos</b> Fr-HS • Lockport, Ill.	Competed Unattached	Competed Unattached	81st (UNM 5th) 17:51	Did Not Compete	153rd (UNM 6th) 22:42.8	19th (UNM 8th) 22:30.1		
<b>Lacey Oeding</b> So-1L • Jasper, Ind.	4th (UNM 2nd) 17:49.16	5th (UNM 3rd) 18:33.7	36th (UNM 4th) 17:24	Did Not Compete	45th (UNM 2nd) 21:34.0	4th (UNM 3rd) 21:17.8		
<b>Vanessa Ortiz</b> Jr-2L • Albuquerque, N.M.	10th (UNM 4th) 18:31.38	10th (UNM 5th) 19:01.4	84th (UNM 6th) 17:54	Did Not Compete	166th (UNM 7th) 22:54.3	8th (UNM 5th) 21:36.3		
<b>Emma Reed</b> Jr-1L • Clevedon, England	Competed Unattached	Did Not Compete	Did Not Compete	Did Not Compete	Did Not Compete	Did Not Compete		
<b>Ruth Senior</b> Jr-Tr • Norwich, England	Competed Unattached	3rd (UNM 1st) 18:17.1	12th (UNM 1st) 17:03	Did Not Compete	34th (UNM 1st) 21:23.7	2nd (UNM 1st) 21:10.7		
<b>Ashlee Smalley</b> Fr-HS • Greeley, Colo.	Competed Unattached	Competed Unattached	Did Not Compete	Did Not Compete	Did Not Compete	Did Not Compete		
<b>Erin Weeda</b> Fr-RS • Albuquerque, N.M.	34th (UNM 10th) 20:47.99	43rd (UNM 14th) 21:46.6	Did Not Compete	7th (UNM 4th) 21:07	Did Not Compete	Did Not Compete		
<b>Shawna Winnegar</b> Fr-Tr • Santa Fe, N.M.	13th (UNM 6th) 18:41.42	24th (UNM 9th) 19:51.8	133rd (UNM 9th) 18:37	1st (UNM 1st) 19:38	Did Not Compete	Did Not Compete		
<b>TEAM FINISH POINTS PACK SPREAD*</b>	<b>not scored N/A N/A</b>	<b>1st/4 29 0:44</b>	<b>6th/22 178 0:48</b>	<b>1st/2 17 1:32</b>	<b>7th/37 260 0:28</b>	<b>1st/9 24 0:26</b>		

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<b>MEN'S RESULTS</b>	<b>Lobo Invitational Sept. 5</b>	<b>Kachina Classic (8K) Sept. 19</b>	<b>Notre Dame Invitational Oct. 2</b>	<b>UNM-NMSU "Duel In The Desert" Oct. 9</b>	<b>Pre-Nationals Invitational Oct. 17</b>	<b>Mountain West Championships Oct. 31</b>	<b>NCAA Mountain Regional (10K) Nov. 14</b>	<b>NCAA Championships (10K) Nov. 23</b>
<b>Chris Barnicle</b> Sr-Tr • Newton, Mass.	Did Not Compete	Did Not Compete	27th (UNM 2nd) 24:21	Did Not Compete	52nd (UNM 2nd) 24:35.6	4th (UNM 2nd) 23:51.2		
<b>David Bishop</b> Sr-1L • Chippenham, England	10th (UNM 2nd) 25:48.68	2nd (UNM 1st) 26:02.0	32nd (UNM 3rd) 24:24	Did Not Compete	67th (UNM 3rd) 24:43.8	6th (UNM 3rd) 24:03.3		
<b>Lee Emanuel</b> Sr-2L • Hastings, England	9th (UNM 1st) 25:48.45	Did Not Compete	Did Not Finish	Did Not Compete	153rd (UNM 7th) 25:45.2	14th (UNM 6th) 24:44.9		
<b>Matt Everett</b> So-1L • Albuquerque, N.M.	38th (UNM 7th) 27:50.14	26th (UNM 6th) 28:03.8	Did Not Compete	7th (UNM 3rd) 29:23	Did Not Compete	Did Not Compete		
<b>Rory Fraser</b> Sr-1L • Leicester, England	Did Not Compete	Did Not Compete	51st (UNM 5th) 24:46	Did Not Compete	95th (UNM 6th) 25:02.9	8th (UNM 4th) 24:14.6		
<b>Keith Gerrard</b> Jr-Tr • Peel, Isle of Man, United Kingdom	Did Not Compete	29th (UNM 7th) 28:14.6	1st (open race) 25:25	Did Not Compete	73rd (UNM 4th) 24:48.7	22nd (UNM 8th) 25:31.7		
<b>Brock Hagerman</b> Sr-2L • Pendleton, Ind	Did Not Compete	Competed Unattached	Did Not Compete	Competed Unattached	Did Not Compete	Did Not Compete		
<b>Cory Kalm</b> So-1L • Albuquerque, N.M.	21st (UNM 4th) 26:24.19	23rd (UNM 5th) 27:56.5	Did Not Compete	9th (UNM 4th) 29:45	Did Not Compete	Did Not Compete		
<b>Jacob Kirwa</b> Sr-1L • Eldoret, Kenya	Competed Unattached	Did Not Compete	1st (UNM 1st) 23:44	2nd (UNM 1st) 28:09	7th (UNM 1st) 23:51.7	1st (UNM 1st) 23:34.5		
<b>Ross Millington</b> Fr-HS • Stockport, England	Competed Unattached	Competed Unattached	41st (UNM 4th) 24:34	Did Not Compete	79th (UNM 5th) 24:55.1	10th (UNM 5th) 24:18.5		
<b>Todd Nickerson</b> So-Sq • Albuquerque, N.M.	43rd (UNM 8th) 28:44.59	39th (UNM 8th) 29:47.1	Did Not Compete	10th (UNM 5th) 30:02	Did Not Compete	Did Not Compete		
<b>Partick Ortiz</b> So-1L • Pecos, N.M.	24th (UNM 5th) 26:40.91	17th (UNM 4th) 27:23.0	121st (UNM 7th) 25:37	4th (UNM 2nd) 28:31	Did Not Compete	25th (UNM 9th) 25:37.5		
<b>Allen Pittman</b> Fr-RS • Los Alamos, N.M.	11th (UNM 3rd) 25:48.87	9th (UNM 2nd) 26:55.2	105th (UNM 6th) 25:24	Did Not Compete	11th (open race) 25:28.3	20th (UNM 7th) 25:07.4		
<b>Connor Schneider</b> So-1L • Albuquerque, N.M.	Did Not Compete	39th (UNM 3rd) 17:47.7	Did Not Compete	Did Not Compete	Did Not Compete	Did Not Compete		
<b>Sean Stam</b> Fr-HS • Rio Rancho, N.M.	Competed Unattached	Competed Unattached	Did Not Compete	Competed Unattached	Did Not Compete	Did Not Compete		
<b>Brian Vallie</b> Jr-2L • Hardin, Mont.	29th (UNM 6th) 26:55.10	14th (UNM 3rd) 27:15.7	Did Not Compete	Did Not Compete	58th (open race) 26:54.6	Did Not Compete		
<b>Alex Willis</b> Sr-3L • Leadville, Colo.	Competed Unattached	Competed Unattached	Did Not Compete	Did Not Compete	Did Not Compete	Did Not Compete		
<b>TEAM FINISH POINTS PACK SPREAD*</b>	<b>not scored N/A N/A</b>	<b>2nd/5 52 1:55</b>	<b>4th/23 152 1:02</b>	<b>1st/2 20 1:53</b>	<b>7th/35 278 1:03</b>	<b>1st/6 29 0:44</b>		

\*Time difference between the team's first and fifth scoring runner.

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**WOMEN**

NAME	HT.	YR-EXP	HOMETOWN (LAST SCHOOL)	PRONUNCIATION
Nicky Archer	5-9	Sr-1L	Cheshire, England (University of Birmingham)	
Allison Bedonie	5-4	Fr-HS	Albuquerque, N.M. (Eldorado HS)	
Carolyn Boosey	5-1	Sr-2L	London, England (St. Mary's University (England))	
Laura Bowerman	5-6	Sr-Sq	Tampa, Fla. (Florida State)	
Alex Darling	5-5	So-Sq	Albuquerque, N.M. (Colorado State)	
Polina Ermoshina	5-4	Sr-2L	Moscow, Russia	pol-EE-nah er-mo-SHEE-nah
Ashley Gibson	5-6	Sr-1L	Newcastle, England (Loughborough University)	
Sarah Higgins	5-1	Fr-HS	Greenwood, Ind. (Center Grove HS)	
Elba Holguin		Fr-HS	Albuquerque, N.M. (Albuquerque HS)	OL-geen
Delyth James		Jr-Tr	Morpeth, England (Birmingham University)	DEL-ith
Laura Lavezo	5-7	Fr-RS	Albuquerque, N.M. (La Cueva HS)	
Kelsey Lewark	5-5	Fr-HS	West Lafayette, Ind. (West Lafayette HS)	
Bianca Martin	5-4	Fr-RS	Beaverton, Ore. (Westview HS)	
Kelly McCabe	5-7	Sr-3L	Albuquerque, N.M. (Highland HS)	
Janna Mistos	5-7	Fr-HS	Lockport, Ill. (Lockport Township HS)	
Lacy Oeding	5-1	So-1L	Jasper, Ind. (Jasper HS)	
Vanessa Ortiz	5-3	Jr-2L	Albuquerque, N.M. (Cibola HS)	AE-deeng
Emma Reed	5-3	Jr-1L	Clevedon, England (Boston University)	
Ruth Senior	5-7	Jr-Tr	Norwich, England (Loughborough University)	
Ashlee Smalley	5-3	Fr-HS	Greeley, Colo. (Greeley West HS)	
Erin Weeda	5-9	Fr-RS	Albuquerque, N.M. (Albuquerque HS)	
Shawna Winnegar	5-3	Fr-Tr	Santa Fe, N.M. (San Francisco)	

**MEN**

NAME	HT.	YR-EXP	HOMETOWN (LAST SCHOOL)	PRONUNCIATION
Chris Barnicle	6-1	Sr-Tr	Newton, Mass. (Arkansas)	
David Bishop	6-1	Sr-1L	Chippenham, England (University of Wales Institute, Cardiff)	
Lee Emanuel	5-10	Sr-2L	Hastings, England (Sheffield Hallam University)	
Matt Everett	5-7	So-1L	Albuquerque, N.M. (La Cueva HS)	
Rory Fraser	5-11	Sr-1L	Leicester, England (Leeds Metropolitan University)	
Keith Gerrard	5-7	Jr-Tr	Isle of Man, United Kingdom (St. Mary's University (England))	
Brock Hagerman	5-10	Sr-2L	Markleville, Ind. (Notre Dame)	HAG-ur-man
Cory Kalm	5-10	So-1L	Albuquerque, N.M. (Sandia HS)	
Jacob Kirwa	5-10	Sr-1L	Eldoret, Kenya (Diné College)	KEER-wa
Ross Millington	5-7	Fr-HS	Stockport, England (Marple Sixth Form College)	
Todd Nickerson	5-9	So-Sq	Albuquerque, N.M. (Sandia HS)	
Patrick Ortiz	5-11	So-1L	Pecos, N.M. (Pecos HS)	
Jason Petty	5-7	Jr-2L	Albuquerque, N.M. (St. Pius X HS)	
Allen Pittman	5-7	Fr-RS	Los Alamos, N.M. (Los Alamos HS)	
Connor Schneider	6-0	So-1L	Albuquerque, N.M. (Cibola HS)	
Sean Stam	6-0	Fr-HS	Rio Rancho, N.M. (Rio Rancho HS)	
Brian Vallie	5-10	Jr-2L	Hardin, Mont. (Hardin HS)	
Alex Willis	5-11	Sr-3L	Leadville, Colo. (Lake County HS)	

**Head Coach:** Joe Franklin (Purdue, '91) – Third year  
**Assistant Coach:** Erin Howarth (Butler, '00) – Third year  
**Volunteer Coach:** Art Acevedo (New Mexico State, '81) - 10th year

**ROSTER BREAKDOWN BY CLASS**

Women		Men	
Seniors	6	Seniors	7
Juniors	4	Juniors	3
Sophomores	2	Sophomores	5
Freshmen	10	Freshmen	3

**ROSTER BREAKDOWN BY CITY/STATE/COUNTRY**

<p><b>NEW MEXICO (15)</b>  <b>ALBUQUERQUE (11)</b>                      Allison Bedonie (Eldorado HS), Alex Darling (La Cueva HS), Matt Everett (La Cueva HS), Elba Holguin (Albuquerque HS), Cory Kalm (Sandia HS), Kelly McCabe (Highland HS), Todd Nickerson (Sandia HS), Vanessa Ortiz (Cibola HS), Jason Petty (St. Pius X HS), Connor Schneider (Cibola HS), Erin Weeda (Albuquerque HS)</p> <p><b>Los Alamos (1)</b>                      Allen Pittman (Los Alamos HS)</p> <p><b>PECOS (1)</b>                      Patrick Ortiz (Pecos HS)</p>	<p><b>RIO RANCHO (1)</b>                      Sean Stam (Rio Rancho HS)</p> <p><b>SANTA FE (1)</b>                      Shawna Winnegar (Santa Fe Prep)</p> <p><b>COLORADO (2)</b>                      Ashlee Smalley (Greeley)                      Alex Willis (Leadville)</p> <p><b>FLORIDA (1)</b>                      Laura Bowerman (Tampa)</p> <p><b>ILLINOIS (1)</b>                      Janna Mistos (Lockport)</p>	<p><b>INDIANA (4)</b>                      Brock Hagerman (Pendleton)                      Sarah Higgins (Greenwood)                      Kelsey Lewark (West Lafayette)                      Lacy Oeding (Jasper)</p> <p><b>MASSACHUSETTS (1)</b>                      Chris Barnicle (Newton)</p> <p><b>MONTANA (1)</b>                      Brian Vallie (Hardin)</p> <p><b>OREGON (1)</b>                      Bianca Martin (Beaverton)</p>	<p><b>ENGLAND/U.K. (11)</b>                      Nicky Archer (Cheshire), David Bishop (Chippenham), Carolyn Boosey (London), Lee Emanuel (Hastings), Rory Fraser (Leicester), Keith Gerrard (Isle of Man), Ashley Gibson (Newcastle), Delyth James (Morpeth), Ross Millington (Stockport), Emma Reed (Clevedon), Ruth Senior (Norwich)</p> <p><b>KENYA (1)</b>                      Jacob Kirwa (Eldoret)</p> <p><b>RUSSIA (1)</b>                      Polina Ermoshina (Moscow)</p>
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