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WCC Women's Cross Country Teams Run at NCAA Regionals ***LMU's Tara Erdmann's qualifies for nationals, BYU finishes fourth at Mountain Region***

SAN BRUNO, Calif. – All nine West Coast Conference women's cross country teams ran at the NCAA Regionals on Saturday, November 12. BYU placed fourth overall at the Mountain Region Cross Country Championship at the East Bay Golf Course in Provo, Utah. San Francisco finished sixth overall at the West Region at the Stanford Golf Course in Palo Alto, Calif.

BYU finished fourth as a team with a score of 140 at the Mountain Regional in Provo, Utah. Senior Morgan Haws led the Cougars, taking second overall with a time of 20:53.2 in the 6K race. Haws qualified individually for nationals on November 21 in Terra Haute, Ind.

Loyola Marymount redshirt-senior Tara Erdmann, the WCC's first-ever three time champion, placed third at the NCAA West Region Championship with a time of 19:53, which was a 6K personal record for her. Erdmann also qualified for the NCAA Nationals.

Three-time defending WCC champion San Francisco finished sixth at the West Regional at Stanford. Junior Laura Suur broke the top 25 with a time of 20:55. Junior Alice Baker was right behind, finishing 30th in 21:06.

Redshirt-junior Lindsey Drake finished 34th and redshirt-sophomore Emily Thomas 56th to lead Gonzaga to a 15th place at the NCAA West Regional. Drake covered the 6K layout in 21:11 while Thomas was timed in 21:38. Pepperdine finished 27th overall with a team score of 783. Senior Lauren Lodge led the way for the Waves with a top 100 finish.

Portland placed tenth at the 2011 NCAA West Regionals Saturday as sophomore Merel van Steenbergen led the squad with a time of 20:54. Saint Mary's placed 30th overall at the West Regional with 895 team points. San Diego finished 26th with a total score of 739. Senior Kirsten Allan led the Toreros, finishing the 6K in 22:46. Santa Clara finished 24th and were led by freshman Mary Kreige, placed in the top 100 with a time of 22:12 in the 6K.

The NCAA Cross Country Championships are set for November 21 in Terre Haute, Ind.

