



2024 MEET NOTES

NEW MEXICO CROSS COUNTRY

NCAA MOUNTAIN REGIONALS • NOV. 15TH



2015 & 2017 NCAA WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONS

19 WOMEN'S NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP APPEARANCES
11 MEN'S NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP APPEARANCES



24 MOUNTAIN WEST XC CHAMPIONSHIPS

16-TIME MW WOMEN'S CHAMPIONS (2008-2022, 2024)
8-TIME MW MEN'S CHAMPIONS (2009-2014, 2023-2024)

UNM 2024 XC SCHEDULE

DATE	MEET	RESULT
Aug. 31	Lori Fitzgerald Open Las Cruces, N.M. (New Mexico State)	M: 1st W: 4th
Sept. 14	Lobo XC Invitational Albuquerque, N.M. (New Mexico)	W: 1st
Sept. 28	Cowboy Jamboree Stillwater, Okla. (Oklahoma State)	M: 2nd W: 1st
Oct. 19	Wisconsin Pre-Nationals Madison, Wisc. (Wisconsin)	M: 4th W: 6th
Nov. 1	MW Championships Colorado Springs, Colo. (Air Force)	M: 1st W: 1st
Nov. 15	Mountain Regionals Reno, Nev. (Nevada)	W: 12 p.m. M: 1 p.m.
Nov. 23	NCAA Championships Madison, Wisc. (Wisconsin)	

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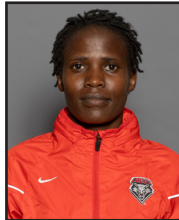
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LOBOS TO WATCH



PAMELA KOSGEI
- Individual champ in all three races, smashed course record in Madison by more than 20 seconds. MW Athlete & Freshman of the Year.
- Sister of World Marathon Record Holder Brigit Kosgei



CHRISTINA NISOLI
- Improved on 20:43.8 PR from Pre-Nats 'B' Race with a 20:43.3 finish at MW Championships -- nearly a 7,000 foot increase in elevation -- to finish sixth overall.



HABTOM SAMUEL
- 5-time All-American and NCAA 10,000m Champion as a true freshman in 2023-24.
- 2023 Mountain Region Champ and Athlete of the Year, 2023 + 24 MW Champ



VINCENT CHIRCHIR
- The Lobos' second finisher in each of their last three races.
- MW Freshman of the Year after a runner-up finish at conference championships.

2024 NEWS

- Two weeks after a dominant sweep of Mountain West team and individual titles at conference championships, New Mexico Men's and Women's Cross Country look to put the finishing touches on their NCAA Championship resumes at NCAA Mountain Regional Championships this Friday in Reno, Nev. with both Lobos squads ranked in the Top 10 nationally for a second consecutive poll and racing for a chance at an automatic NCAA Championship bid with a top-two finish.
- The No. 6 UNM men are looking to build off a third-place finish and 97-point score at Regionals last season that stand as their best since 2013, with the No. 10 Lobo women focused on getting back to the top of the team score after a streak of 12 consecutive top-two finishes was snapped by a seventh-place finish in 2023.

HOW TO FOLLOW

Results will be posted to all Lobo XC social accounts @UNMLoboXCTF, as well as GoLobos.com/XCResults.



The race will be streamed via the MW Network at GoLobos.com/WatchXC.

- 2023 Mountain Region Champion and Regional Athlete of the Year Habtom Samuel aims to become the first man from New Mexico to win back-to-back individual Mountain Region titles in her first full-length 10K race this season after winning both of his last two races in dominant fashion at Wisconsin Pre-Nationals and MW Championships -- on the women's side, Pamela Kosgei will make her NCAA postseason debut as a heavy favorite after winning each of her first three races as an individual.

- Friday's racing kicks off with the Women's 6K at 12 p.m. MT before the Men's 10K at 1 p.m., with award ceremonies following the conclusion of both races. Friday's races will not be streamed, with live results available via GoLobos.com/

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UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO

LOCATION	Albuquerque, N.M.
FOUNDED	1889
ENROLLMENT	8,800
NICKNAME	Lobos
COLORS	Cherry and Silver
AFFILIATION	NCAA Division I
CONFERENCE	Mountain West
PRESIDENT	Garnett Stokes
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MOUNTAIN REGION RANKINGS

USTFCCCA: WEEK 5 RANKINGS

MEN'S TEAM	CONF.	LAST WEEK
1. BYU	Big 12	1
2. NEW MEXICO	MOUNTAIN WEST	2
3. Northern Arizona	Big Sky	3
4. Colorado State	Mountain West	8 (+4)
5. Wyoming	Mountain West	5
6. Texas Tech	Big 12	9 (+3)
7. Colorado	Big 12	6 (-1)
8. Utah State	Mountain West	4 (-4)
9. Montana State	Big Sky	7 (-2)
10. Weber State	Big Sky	12 (+2)

WOMEN'S TEAM	CONF.	LAST WEEK
1. BYU	Big 12	1
2. Northern Arizona	Big Sky	2
3. Utah	Big 12	3
4. NEW MEXICO	MOUNTAIN WEST	4
5. Utah Valley	WAC	5
6. Colorado State	Mountain West	6
7. Texas Tech	Big 12	12 (+5)
8. Colorado	Big 12	11 (+3)
9. Air Force	Mountain West	8 (-1)
10. Wyoming	Mountain West	9 (-1)

NATIONAL COACHES' POLL

USTFCCCA: WEEK 5 RANKINGS

MEN	WOMEN
1. BYU	1. BYU
2. Oklahoma State	2. Oregon
3. Arkansas	3. Washington
4. Iowa State	4. Northern Arizona
5. Wake Forest	5. West Virginia
6. NEW MEXICO	6. Notre Dame
7. Stanford	7. Alabama
8. Northern Arizona	8. Georgetown
9. Wisconsin	9. Utah
10. Alabama	10. NEW MEXICO
11. North Carolina	11. Providence
12. Washington	12. Stanford
13. Virginia	13. North Carolina
14. Villanova	14. Wisconsin
15. Oregon	15. Virginia
16. Cal Baptist	16. Tennessee
17. Syracuse	17. NC State
18. Princeton	18. Florida
19. Notre Dame	19. Oklahoma State
20. Harvard	20. Penn State
21. Butler	21. Gonzaga
22. Furman	22. Furman
23. Colorado State	23. Minnesota
24. E. Kentucky	24. Florida State
25. Portland	25. Boston College
26. Wyoming	26. Arkansas
T-27. Michigan St.	27. Lipscomb
T-27. Texas Tech	28. Syracuse
T-29. Georgetown	29. Michigan State
T-29. Iona	30. Utah Valley

2024 USTFCCCA NATIONAL XC RANKINGS

	PRESEASON	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	WEEK 6	NCAA
MEN	#8	#8	#8	#8	#6	#6		
WOMEN	#20	#21	#17	#17	#8	#10		

RANKINGS UPDATE

- The UNM men remained at No. 6 – their highest weekly rank since 2013 – with the women dropping two spots to No. 10 in the nation in last week's USTFCCCA Coaches' Poll.
- The men are just one spot shy of matching their highest ranking in program history — they ranked No. 5 in the nation in the final poll of the 2010 season. The Lobo women dropped despite winning a MW Championship behind three top-10 finishers.
- This is only the third season and seventh poll in program history in which both squads are ranked in the Top 10 at the same time — the two teams were both ranked No. 9 in the Week 5 poll in 2013 and both cracked the Top 10 in Weeks 4, 5 and 8 of 2010 before both being ranked No. 5 in 2010's final poll ahead of NCAA Championships.
- The reigning Mountain West champions, the UNM men entered the rankings for the first time since 2015 last season, rising as high as No. 13 in the final poll before placing 18th as a team at NCAA Cross Country Championships behind a runner-up individual finish from Mountain Region Athlete of the Year Habtom Samuel.
- 2024 marks the 16th consecutive season in which the Lobo women are ranked in the national polls — they opened the 2023 season at No. 21 and were ranked no lower than fourth in the nation in each of the previous seven preseason polls, winning national team titles in 2015 and 2017 along the way.
- In the USTFCCCA Regional Rankings released on Monday, the UNM men remained No. 2 in the Mountain Region -- matching 2010 for their highest regional ranking in program history -- with the women ranked No. 4. They finished third and seventh at Mountain Regionals in 2023, respectively.

THE FIELD

Friday's race features five women's teams and six men's teams ranked among the Top 30 in the nation in the USTFCCCA's Week 5 poll, with a combined seven Top-10 teams in the mix. On the women's side, No. 1 BYU, No. 4 Northern Arizona and No. 9 Utah all enter this week ranked above the No. 10 Lobos -- the Cougars also enter as No. 1 nationally among men's teams ahead of the No. 6 Lobo men, with No. 8 Northern Arizona also remaining in the Top 10.

LAST TIME OUT (MW CHAMPIONSHIPS, 11.1)

New Mexico Men's and Women's Cross Country completed its first sweep of the conference team and individual titles since 2012 at Mountain West Championships hosted at Air Force, with Pamela Kosgei becoming the first freshman to win an individual championship and Habtom Samuel becoming the first man to win back-to-back individual titles since 2006.

With 32 points in total in the team score, the UNM women returned to the top of the podium after a 15-year streak of conference titles was snapped last season. The UNM men finished 1-5 as individuals -- the first time in conference championship history a men's team has done so -- for a perfect 15-point team score to win back-to-back conference titles for the first time since 2014.

It's the first time since 2014 and seventh time in program history that UNM has won both the men's and women's conference championships in the same year -- it's only the third time they've done so with Lobos winning both individual titles (2011, 2012). The Lobos have now won either a Mountain West women's and/or men's title in cross country in 17 consecutive seasons, with 24 team championships in that span in total. Following the completion of both races, Kosgei was named MW Athlete & Freshman of the Year, with Samuel earning his second cross country MW Athlete of the Year honors in as many tries and Vincent Chirchir named Men's Freshman of the Year for his runner-up finish. Darren Gauson was named both Men's and Women's Coach of the Year -- his second and third conference COTY honors after being named Men's Coach of the Year in 2023 and the first time a Mountain West coach has won both awards since former UNM Head Coach Joe Franklin did so in 2014.

HABTOM'S ROLL CONTINUES

An NCAA Runner-Up as a true freshman in 2023 before winning his first NCAA title in at outdoor championships in the 10,000m in June, Habtom Samuel solidified his status as a frontrunner to win an individual NCAA title in November with a course-record showing on this year's championship course, earning a new honor -- USTFCCCA National Co-Athlete of the Week -- as a result.



NOTES, CONTINUED...

Since the start of the 2023-24 season, Samuel has racked up accomplishments at a pace unseen by any true freshman in UNM history. Last week, he added his first NCAA title and another All-American finish today to a lengthy resume:

- 2023 & 2024 Mountain West Athlete of the Year (XC)
- NCAA Runner of the Week (2023 XC)
- USTFCCCA National Athlete of the Week (2024 XC)
- USTFCCCA Mountain Region Athlete of the Year (2023 XC)
- 2023 and 2024 Mountain West Champion (XC)
- NCAA Mountain Region Champion (2023 XC)
- NCAA Championship Runner-Up (2023 XC)
- Mountain West Championship RecordHolder (2023 XC)
- UNM Program Record Holder – 5,000m, 3,000m, Mile (Indoor)
- Fastest collegiate mile ever ran at the Albuquerque Convention Center (2024, 3:59.12)
- 11th-Fastest 5,000m time in NCAA History (2024 Indoor)
- 2024 Mountain West Championship Performer of the Meet (Indoor)
- Mountain West Championship Record Holder – 5,000m, 3,000m (2024 Indoor)
- Mountain West Champion – 5,000m, 3,000m (2024 Indoor)
- USTFCCCA First Team All-American – 5,000m, 3,000m (2024 Indoor)
- No. 2 10,000m time in NCAA History (2024 Outdoor)
- 2024 Mountain West Indoor Track Athlete of the Year
- 2024 Mountain West Outdoor Track Athlete of the Year
- Mountain West Champion – 1500m, 5,000m (2024 Outdoor)
- 2024 NCAA Champion – 10,000m (Outdoor)
- 2024 USTFCCCA First Team All-American – 5,000m, 10,000m (Outdoor)
- MW Hal Rothman Sportsmanship Award

MOUNTAIN REGIONALS HISTORY

- The UNM men have won a Mountain Region Championship once – they did so in 2010, with a 45-point total that still stands as the lowest in a Regional race in program history. Their third-place finish with 97 points last year – with Habtom Samuel, Lukas Kipro and Evans Kiplagat finishing 1st, 3rd and 4th to lead the way – was the Lobo men’s best team finish and lowest team score since 2013 (3rd, 79 points).
- Samuel became only the second man from New Mexico to win an Mountain Region individual title last season when he paced the Lobos with a 28:57.6 finish – Matt Gonzales (2004) is the only other. Samuel was later named USTFCCCA Mountain Region Athlete of the Year for his efforts.
- The Lobo women have won six Regional titles and finished in the Top Two 17 times, including a stretch of 12 consecutive top-two finishes and automatic team NCAA Cham-

pionship bids from 2010-2022 – they most recently won in 2022, with their lowest point total (41) coming in 2018. • They’ll be looking to make a statement after a seventh-place finish last year in Lubbock despite an individual runner-up finish and NCAA individual qualification for Nicola Jansen.

- A UNM women’s runner has won a Mountain Regional individual title seven times, with Alice Wright (2014, 2016) and Weini Kelati (2018, 2019) both winning twice each.

MEN’S COMPETITORS

ATHLETE	YR./EXP.	8K XC PR
Habtom Samuel	So. / 1V	22:33.8
Vincent Chirchir	Fr. / HS	23:06.5
Collins Kiprotich	Fr. / HS	23:15.7
Evans Kiplagat	So. / 1V	23:15.7
Lukas Kipro	So. / 1V	23:23.3
Rikus Van Niekerk	Sr. / TR	23:39.2
Iker Sanchez	Fr. / TR	24:12.1
Corne De Fouw	Fr. / HS	24:22.9

WOMEN’S COMPETITORS

ATHLETE	YR./EXP.	6K XC PR
Pamela Kosgei	Fr. / HS	18:59.1*
Natalie Bitetti	Sr. / TR	20:06.8*
Mercy Kirarei	Fr. / HS	20:07.5*
Klara Dess	So. / 1V	20:19.3*
Sophia McDonnell	Sr. / 1V	20:37.3*
Christina Nisoli	Jr. / 2V	20:43.3*
Tilly Simpson	Jr. / TR	20:46.5^
Jasmine Wood	Jr. / TR	21:09.7*
Hanna Bruckmayer	So. / TR	21:26.9
Meadow Drebert	Fr. / HS	22:01.2*
Anyia Belisle	Fr. / HS	22:07.1*
Hannah Taylor	So. / TR	22:58.2*

* indicates PR is from last race (Wisconsin Pre-Nationals, 10/19)
 ^ indicates time is from institution prior to UNM.
Bold indicates that athlete competed for UNM at NCAA Championships at least once.

SPEEDY SUMMARY

- **THE LOBO WOMEN** have one of the best low sticks in the country in Pamela Kosgei, who’s won MW Freshman & Athlete of the Week twice and was named MW Freshman & Athlete of the Year after winning her first three races at the Cowboy Jamboree, Wisconsin Pre-Nats and MW Championships – all against nationally-ranked competition. Kosgei broke the Zimmer Championship Course Record by more than 20 seconds at Pre-Nats to win Co-National Athlete of the Week honors.
- The UNM women have been ranked in the USTFCCCA Polls for 16 straight seasons and remain in the Top 10 at No. 10. They first moved up to No. 8 -- their first time in the top 10 since 2022 -- in the Week 4 poll after beating five teams ranked above them in Wisconsin — No. 5 NC State, No. 11 Florida, No. 13 Wisconsin, No. 14 Furman and No. 15 Tennessee.
- UNM women had their streak of 12 consecutive automatic NCAA Championship berths snapped with a seventh-place finish in 2023.
- The Lobos return All-MW XC finisher Klara Dess (12th in 2023) and Regional Steeple Qualifier Sophia McDonnell and bring MW Indoor 3,000m & 5,000m champ and All-MW XC finisher Mercy Kirarei into the fold.
- Other notable newcomers include 2023 D-III Runner-Up Natalie Bitetti and transfers Tilly Simpson (Michigan) and Jasmine Wood (Durham U, U.K.) – the three finished 37th, 154th and 174th in Madison.

- After going 1-2-3-4-5 for the first perfect men’s team score in MW history, **THE LOBO MEN** are one spot shy of their highest ranking ever and looking to secure a return ticket to NCAA Championships.
- Habtom Samuel – last year’s NCAA Runner-Up, Mountain Region Champ and Athlete of the Year – leads the charge for the Lobo men. He’s coming off a typically dominant performance that saw him become the first man from New Mexico to win MW XC Athlete of the Year in back-to-back years.
- Lukas Kipro and Evans Kiplagat – last year’s third-place and fourth-place finishers behind Samuel at Regionals in 2023 – both return as well, with four pivotal newcomers rounding things out.
- MW 10,000m runner-up and XC Freshman of the Year Vincent Chirchir is running his first cross season for the Lobos alongside fellow Kenyan freshman Collins Kiprotich, who won MW Freshman of the Week honors after a 26th-place performance in Madison.
- They’re joined by CBU transfer Rikus Van Niekerk – who finished 65th in Madison as a crucial fifth point-scorer – as well as South African junior champion Corne De Fouw (159th at Pre-Nats) and Arizona transfer Iker Sanchez (204th at Pre-Nats).



2024 MEN'S RESULTS

AUG. 31 • LORI FITZGERALD OPEN LAS CRUCES, N.M. (NEW MEXICO STATE)

3. Iker Sanchez Lopez 14:35.47
4. Vincent Chirchir 14:36.12
5. Rikus Van Niekerk 14:37.94
6. Lukas Kiprof 14:39.12
9. Corne De Fouw 14:47.64

MEN'S 5K TEAM SCORE

FINISH	TEAM	POINTS
1st	No. 8 New Mexico	27
2nd	Texas Tech	35
3rd	Arizona	110
4th	New Mexico St.	116
5th	El Paso CC	119
6th	UTEP	151

SEPT. 28 • COWBOY JAMBOREE STILLWATER, OKLA. (OKLAHOMA STATE)

2. Habtom Samuel (23:03.6)
9. Vincent Chirchir (23:53.3)
11. Collins Kiprotich (23:58.0)
13. Evans Kiplagat (24:09.7)
15. Rikus Van Niekerk (24:11.6)
16. Iker Sanchez Lopez (24:12.1)
34. Corne De Fouw (24:51.9)
40. Thomas Termote (25:09.5)

MEN'S 8K TEAM SCORE

FINISH	TEAM	POINTS
1st	No. 1 Oklahoma St.	19
2nd	No. 8 New Mexico	45
3rd	No. 22 Oregon	89
4th	No. 24 Texas	116
5th	Incarnate Word	151

OCT. 19 • UW PRE-NATIONALS MADISON, WISC. (WISCONSIN)

1. Habtom Samuel (22:33.8)
11. Vincent Chirchir (23:06.5)
26. Collins Kiprotich (23:15.7)
63. Evans Kiplagat (23:38.2)
65. Rikus Van Niekerk (23:39.2)
159. Corne De Fouw (24:22.9)
178. Lukas Kiprof (24:28.2)
209. Iker Sanchez Lopez (24:52.6)

MEN'S 8K TEAM SCORE

PL.	TEAM	PTS	PL.	TEAM	PTS
1st	No. 3 Arkansas	89	17th	Iona	473
2nd	No. 4 Iowa State	128	18th	RV Michigan State	478
3rd	No. 9 Stanford	142	19th	RV Tulsa	492
4th	No. 8 New Mexico	166	20th	Tulane	503
5th	No. 6 N. Arizona	178	21st	Indiana	509
6th	No. 10 Wisconsin	199	22nd	No. 14 Michigan	522
7th	No. 5 Notre Dame	200	23rd	RV Cal Poly	571
8th	No. 23 Syracuse	258	24th	No. 13 Washington	596
9th	No. 24 CBU	312	25th	Ole Miss	613
10th	No. 20 Harvard	327	26th	NC State	640
11th	No. 30 Utah State	407	27th	No. 29 Texas	687
12th	RV Wyoming	407	28th	RV Loyola (Ill.)	697
13th	Furman	410	29th	Lipscomb	699
14th	No. 16 Colorado	418	30th	Auburn	710
15th	No. 15 E. Kentucky	431	31st	No. 27 Florida St.	763
16th	No. 18 Butler	435	32nd	No. 28 Air Force	765

NOV. 11 • MWC CHAMPIONSHIPS COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO. (AIR FORCE)

1. Habtom Samuel (23:20.7)
2. Vincent Chirchir (23:41.5)
3. Collins Kiprotich (23:52.6)
4. Evans Kiplagat (24:09.9)
5. Lukas Kiprof (24:16.6)
12. Rikus Van Niekerk (24:45.7)
34. Corne de Fouw (25:34.1)
41. Iker Sanchez Lopez (26:04.3)

MEN'S 8K TEAM SCORE

FINISH	TEAM	POINTS
1st	No. 6 New Mexico	15
2nd	Colorado State	70
3rd	No. 20 Wyoming	80
4th	Boise State	85
5th	Air Force	127
6th	No. 19 Utah State	137
7th	Nevada	183
8th	San José State	261
9th	Fresno State	276

2024 RESULTS & SCORERS

2024 WOMEN'S RESULTS

AUG. 31 | LORI FITZGERALD OPEN LAS CRUCES, N.M. (NEW MEXICO STATE)

2.	Christina Nisoli 17:22.00
9.	Anya Belisle 18:08.76
25.	Stefana Purkovic 18:51.76
29.	Maleah Goldie 19:06.84
33.	Hannah Taylor 19:19.81
34.	Sylvia Schwedler 19:21.35
39.	Lyla Fedio 19:43.71
47.	Fiona Holloway 19:57.45

WOMEN'S 5K TEAM SCORE

FINISH	TEAM	POINTS
1st	Texas Tech	22
2nd	Arizona	61
3rd	New Mexico St.	76
4th	No. 20 New Mexico	98
5th	New Mexico JC	143
6th	UTEP	175

SEPT. 14 . LOBO XC INVITATIONAL ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (UNM NORTH COURSE)

3.	Meadow Drebert (18:16.46)
4.	Anya Belisle (18:29.72)
5.	Semira Mebrahtu Firezghi (18:34.73)
8.	Katrina Endres (18:48.64)
10.	Hannah Taylor (19:05.18)
12.	Sylvia Schwedler (19:11.88)
13.	Maleah Goldie (19:17.37)
14.	Stefana Purkovic (19:20.59)
17.	Fiona Holloway (19:49.04)
19.	Lyla Fedio (20:04.14)

WOMEN'S 5K TEAM SCORE

FINISH	TEAM	POINTS
1st	No. 21 New Mexico	22
2nd	New Mexico St.	43
3rd	El Paso CC	69

SEPT. 28 . COWBOY JAMBOREE STILLWATER, OKLA. (OKLAHOMA STATE)

1.	Pamela Kosgei (19:50.0)
4.	Natalie Bitetti (20:48.3)
6.	Klara Dess (20:56.8)
8.	Mercy Kirarei (21:03.3)
17.	Hanna Bruckmayer (21:26.9)
20.	Tilly Simpson (21:30.0)
21.	Sophia McDonnell (21:31.1)
22.	Jasmine Wood (21:34.8)
40.	Anya Belisle (22:29.1)
45.	Semira Mebrahtu Firezghi (22:38.6)
55.	Meadow Drebert (22:59.8)
67.	Hannah Taylor (23:16.2)
71.	Sylvia Schwedler (23:24.4)
80.	Maleah Goldie (23:38.7)

WOMEN'S 6K TEAM SCORE

FINISH	TEAM	POINTS
1st	No. 21 New Mexico	45
2nd	No. 16 Oklahoma St.	40
3rd	Lamar	76
4th	NAIA No. 1 St. Mary (Kan.)	158
5th	Incarinate Word	180

OCT. 19 • UW PRE-NATIONALS MADISON, WISC. (WISCONSIN)

1.	Pamela Kosgei (19:50.0)
37.	Natalie Bitetti (20:06.8)
38.	Mercy Kirarei (20:07.5)
62.	Klara Dess (20:19.3)
100.	Sophia McDonnell (20:37.3)
154.	Tilly Simpson (21:01.2)
174.	Jasmine Wood (21:09.7)
211.	Hanna Bruckmayer (21:34.6)

WOMEN'S 8K TEAM SCORE

PL.	TEAM	PTS	PL.	TEAM	PTS
1st	No. 2 BYU	105	18th	RV Texas	499
2nd	No. 3 Washington	157	19th	RV Toledo	520
3rd	No. 1 N. Arizona	166	20th	No. 24 Boston Coll.	534
4th	No. 28 W. Virginia	207	21st	RV Liberty	546
5th	No. 4 Notre Dame	216	22nd	RV Harvard	561
6th	No. 17 New Mexico	236	23rd	No. 29 Arkansas	568
7th	No. 5 NC State	293	24th	RV Utah Valley	571
8th	No. 13 Wisconsin	348	25th	Tennessee	579
9th	RV Florida State	200	26th	RV Louisville	583
10th	No. 11 Florida	368	27th	RV Connecticut	586
11th	No. 8 Stanford	374	28th	Tulane	595
12th	No. 19 Oklahoma St.	412	29th	RV Iowa State	635
13th	No. 25 Minnesota	417	30th	RV Wake Forest	635
14th	No. 14 Furman	420	31st	Michigan	693
15th	No. 23 Syracuse	457	32nd	Wyoming	795
16th	Lipscomb	480	33rd	Ole Miss	804
17th	No. 30 Michigan St.	490			

NOV. 11 . MWC CHAMPIONSHIPS COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO. (AIR FORCE)

1.	Pamela Kosgei (19:36.2)
4.	Mercy Kirarei (20:27.5)
6.	Christina Nisoli (20:43.4)
10.	Natalie Bitetti (21:00.1)
11.	Sophia McDonnell (21:00.4)
12.	Klara Dess (21:05.0)
28.	Jasmine Wood (21:51.3)
31.	Tilly Simpson (21:54.9)
56.	Meadow Drebert (23:08.1)

WOMEN'S 6K TEAM SCORE

FINISH	TEAM	POINTS
1st	No. 8 New Mexico	32
2nd	Boise State	54
3rd	Colorado State	79
4th	Air Force	84
5th	Wyoming	103
6th	Utah State	176
7th	Nevada	199
8th	Fresno State	255
9th	San Diego State	289
10th	San José State	309
11th	UNLV	315



MEN'S ALL-TIME REGIONAL RESULTS

Year	Finish	Points
1977	7th	200
1978	9th	260
1979	10th	256
1980	Did Not Compete	
1981	7th	199
1982	4th	125
1983	4th	144
1984	7th	166
1985	10th	280
1986	9th	230
1987	12th	N/A
1988	2nd	103
1989	7th	201
1990	18th	374
1991	7th	175
1992	16th	424
1993	12th	307
1994	12th	319
1995	15th	402
1996	Did Not Compete	
1997	Did Not Compete	
1998	14th	420
1999	16th	403
2000	12th	298
2001	9th	189
2002	7th	186
2003	13th	313
2004	4th	136
2005	8th	222
2006	11th	243
2007	5th	125
2008	4th	93
2009	3rd	77
2010	1st	45*
2011	4th	178
2012	4th	108
2013	3rd	79
2014	7th	158
2015	9th	254
2016	9th	237
2017	8th	260
2018	10th	256
2019	12th	329
2020*	Canceled (Covid-19)	
2021	14th	368
2022	9th	227
2023	3rd	97

MEN'S REGIONAL CHAMPIONS

Year	Athlete	Time
2004	Matt Gonzales	29:45.10
2023	Habtom Samuel	28:57.6

MEN'S ALL-REGION TEAM

Year	Athlete	Finish
1986	Bill Managan	14th
1988	Bill Managan	6th
	Jef Newland	18th
	Wilfred Griego	20th
1989	Geir Simonsen	17th
1991	Wilfred Griego	15th
	Shawn Burke	18th
1993	Paul Ratnage	8th
2002	Matt Gonzales	8th
2004	Matt Gonzales	1st
	Ben Ortega	8th
2006	Juan Ortega	20th
2007	Jeremy Johnson	3rd
	Brock Hagerman	21st
2008	David Bishop	14th
	Lee Emanuel	17th
	Jacob Kirwa	22nd
	Rory Fraser	23rd
2009	Jacob Kirwa	3rd
	Rory Fraser	7th
	Chris Barnicle	13th
2010	Keith Gerrard	4th
	David Bishop	5th
	Rory Fraser	6th
	Ross Millington	7th
	Brock Hagerman	23rd
2011	Ross Millington	3rd
	Sean Stam	23rd
2012	Luke Caldwell	12th
	Patrick Zacharias	18th
	Sean Stam	22nd
	Adam Bitchell	25th
2013	Luke Caldwell	6th
	Adam Bitchell	8th
	Patrick Zacharias	17th
	Sean Stam	23rd

2014	Elmar Engholm	25th
2015	Ross Matheson	24th
	Elmar Engholm	24th
2017	Josh Kerr	15th
2021	Abdirizak Ibrahim	12th
2022	Abdirizak Ibrahim	13th
2023	Habtom Samuel	1st
	Lukas Kiprof	3rd
	Evans Kiplagat	4th

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WOMEN'S ALL-TIME REGIONAL RESULTS

Year	Finish	Points
1977	3rd	N/A
1978	2nd	68
1979	6th	163
1980	7th	N/A
1981	1st	N/A
1982	5th	131
1983	5th	123
1984	2nd	79
1985	2nd	88
1986	4th	113
1987	5th	139
1988	5th	158
1989	14th	338
1990	11th	281
1991	10th	289
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Year	Finish	Points
1995	11th	287
1996	10th	264
1997	16th	394
1998	13th	318
1999	16th	412
2000	14th	344
2001	12th	332
2002	15th	417
2003	13th	317
2004	12th	306
2005	6th	163
2006	7th	179
2007	6th	202
2008	2nd	70
2009	5th	120
2010	1st	53
2011	T-1st	84
2012	2nd	95
2013	2nd	64
2014	2nd	56
2015	2nd	50
2016	2nd	109
2017	2nd	70
2018	1st	41*
2019	2nd	83
2020*	Canceled (Covid-19)	
2021	1st	62
2022	1st	56
2023	7th	178

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WOMEN'S REGIONAL CHAMPIONS

Year	Athlete	Time
1981	Lisa Mitchell	
2013	Sammy Silva	20:29.3
2014	Alice Wright	20:51.1
2016	Alice Wright	19:59.9
2017	Ednah Kurgat	20:01.4
2018	Weini Kelati	19:15.0
2019	Weini Kelati	18:58.7

WOMEN'S ALL-REGION TEAM

Year	Athlete	Finish
1976	Karen Crammond	N/A
	Jean Rostermundt	N/A
1977	Janet Wronblenski	6th
	Susan Vigil	9th
	Patti Kaufman	14th
1980	Loretta Chavez	N/A
1981	Lisa Mitchell	1st
	Joan Sterrett	N/A
	Kristi Rapp	N/A
1982	Sylvie Velay	17th
	Cynthia Valdez	23rd
	Lisa Mitchell	25th
1983	Carole Roybal	16th
	Cynthia Valdez	20th

1984	Carole Roybal	2nd
	Kelly Champagne	8th
	Dawn Eriacho	22nd
1985	Carole Roybal	3rd
	Dawn Eriacho	9th
	Julie Farrer	19th
	Diana Baca	25th
1986	Carole Roybal	2nd
	Lisa Valle	13th
1987	Gwen Willink	24th
1988	Gwen Willink	3rd
	Cynthia Herhahn	7th
	Idalisse Leyba	14th
1989	Cynthia Herhahn	11th
1990	Edna Lankry	24th
1991	Kelly Dix	21st
1992	Kelly Dix	9th
1995	Tangi Galloway	25th
1996	Tangi Galloway	21st
1997	April Brannon	10th
2001	Jacquelyne Gallegos	19th
2004	Jacquelyne Gallegos	8th
2005	Jacquelyne Gallegos	15th
	Timmie Murphy	19th
	Leslie Luna	23rd
2006	Timmie Murphy	5th
	Leslie Luna	18th
2008	Michelle Corrigan	5th
	Lacey Oeding	11th
	Nicky Archer	17th
	Carolyn Boosey	18th
	Leslie Luna	19th
	Ashley Gibson	20th
2009	Ruth Senior	11th
	Nicky Archer	20th
2010	Natalie Gray	4th
	Sarah Waldron	5th
	Ruth Senior	6th
	Vanessa Ortiz	18th
	Kirsty Milner	20th
2011	Ruth Senior	7th
	Sarah Waldron	12th
	Natalie Gray	20th
	Kirsty Milner	21st
	Imogen Ainsworth	23rd
2012	Josephine Moultrie	5th
	Charlotte Arter	10th
	Lacey Oeding	18th
	Shawna Winnegar	24th
2013	Sammy Silva	1st
	Charlotte Arter	3rd
	Calli Thackery	13th
	Tamara Armoush	18th
2014	Alice Wright	1st
	Charlotte Arter	3rd
	Calli Thackery	10th
	Anna Burton	18th
	Nicola Hood	24th
2015	Calli Thackery	9th
	Courtney Frerichs	10th
	Molly Renfer	11th
	Rhona Auckland	12th
	Whitney Thornburg	13th
2016	Alice Wright	1st
	Calli Thackery	11th
2017	Ednah Kurgat	1st
	Weini Kelati	3rd
	Charlotte Prouse	5th
2018	Weini Kelati	1st
	Ednah Kurgat	2nd
	Charlotte Prouse	11th
	Adva Cohen	12th
	Emily Martin	15th
	Sophie Eckel	16th
2019	Weini Kelati	1st
	Ednah Kurgat	2nd
	Adva Cohen	15th
	Hannah Nuttall	25th
2021	Gracelyn Larkin	4th
	Abbe Goldstein	9th
	Emma Heckel	11th
	Ali Upshaw	17th
	Amelia Mazza-Downie	21st
	Andrea Engsath	25th
2022	Gracelyn Larkin	5th
	Amelia Mazza-Downie	8th
	Emma Heckel	9th
	Ali Upshaw	13th
	Abbe Goldstein	21st
2023	Nicola Jansen	2nd



LOBO XC HISTORY

MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY

MEN'S ALL-TIME CONFERENCE RESULTS			
Year	Finish	Points	Conf.
1999	6th/6	153	MWC
2000	6th/6	153	MWC
2001	5th/6	87	MWC
2002	3rd/6	72	MWC
2003	4th/6	123	MWC
2004	3rd/6	69	MWC
2005	5th/6	119	MWC
2006	4th/6	89	MWC
2007	2nd/6	51	MWC
2008	3rd/6	64	MWC
2009	1st/6	29	MWC
2010	1st/6	40	MWC
2011	1st/6	51	MWC
2012	1st/6	22*	MWC
2013	1st/8	32	MWC
2014	1st/8	26	MWC
2015	5th/8	120	MWC
2016	5th/8	138	MWC
2017	5th/8	97	MWC
2018	6th/8	144	MWC
2019	6th/9	111	MWC
2020*	5th/8	132	MWC
2021	7th/9	175	MWC
2022	6th/9	140	MWC
2023	1st/9	34	MWC

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MEN'S ALL-TIME NCAA REGIONAL RESULTS

Year	Finish	Points
1977	7th	200
1978	9th	260
1979	10th	256
1980	Did Not Compete	
1981	7th	199
1982	4th	125
1983	4th	144
1984	7th	166
1985	10th	280
1986	9th	230
1987	12th	N/A
1988	2nd	103
1989	7th	201
1990	18th	374
1991	7th	175
1992	16th	424
1993	12th	307
1994	12th	319
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1998	14th	420
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2002	7th	186
2003	13th	313
2004	4th	136
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2007	5th	125
2008	4th	93
2009	3rd	77
2010	1st	45*
2011	4th	178
2012	4th	108
2013	3rd	79
2014	7th	158
2015	9th	254
2016	9th	237
2017	8th	260
2018	10th	256
2019	12th	329
2020*	Canceled (Covid-19)	
2021	14th	368
2022	9th	227
2023	3rd	97

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MEN'S ALL-TIME NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM RESULTS

Year	Finish	Points
1966	11th	311*
1975	14th	352
1988	T-20th	462
2004	9th	330
2009	T-8th	350
2010	16th	376
2011	31st	885
2012	21st	473
2013	11th	334
2014	14th	394
2024	18th	465

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WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY

WOMEN'S ALL-TIME CONFERENCE RESULTS			
Year	Finish	Points	Conf.
1999	8th/8	185	MWC
2000	7th/8	173	MWC
2001	5th/8	159	MWC
2002	6th/8	173	MWC
2003	5th/8	141	MWC
2004	6th/8	163	MWC
2005	2nd/9	74	MWC
2006	3rd/9	94	MWC
2007	3rd/9	94	MWC
2008	1st/9	31	MWC
2009	1st/9	24	MWC
2010	1st/9	20	MWC
2011	1st/8	30	MWC
2012	1st/9	35	MWC
2013	1st/11	31	MWC
2014	1st/11	33	MWC
2015	1st/11	24	MWC
2016	1st/11	42	MWC
2017	1st/11	22	MWC
2018	1st/11	33	MWC
2019	1st/11	31	MWC
2020*	1st/9	29	MWC
2021	1st/11	15*	MWC
2022	1st/11	24	MWC
2023	4th/11	111	MWC

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WOMEN'S ALL-TIME NCAA REGIONAL RESULTS

Year	Finish	Points
1977	3rd	N/A
1978	2nd	68
1979	6th	163
1980	7th	N/A
1981	1st	N/A
1982	5th	131
1983	5th	123
1984	2nd	79
1985	2nd	88
1986	4th	113
1987	5th	139
1988	5th	158
1989	14th	338
1990	11th	281
1991	10th	289
1992	13th	277
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1994	16th	405
1995	11th	287

Year	Finish	Points
1996	10th	264
1997	16th	394
1998	13th	318
1999	16th	412
2000	14th	344
2001	12th	332
2002	15th	417
2003	13th	317
2004	12th	306
2005	6th	163
2006	7th	179
2007	6th	202
2008	2nd	70
2009	5th	120
2010	1st	53
2011	T-1st	84
2012	2nd	95
2013	2nd	64
2014	2nd	56
2015	2nd	50
2016	2nd	109
2017	2nd	70
2018	1st	41*
2019	2nd	83
2020*	Canceled (Covid-19)	
2021	1st	62
2022	1st	56
2023	7th	178

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WOMEN'S ALL-TIME NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM RESULTS

Year	Finish	Points
1976!	9th	N/A
1978!	19th	506
1981	11th	284
1985	14th	296
2008	18th	475
2009	13th	368
2010	5th	227
2011	9th	322
2012	10th	341
2013	10th	301
2014	3rd	188
2015	1st	49*
2016	7th	310
2017	1st	90
2018	2nd	103
2019	4th	168
2020*	6th	274
2021	3rd	130
2022	2nd	140

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IAIAW National Championships

MEN'S ALL-AMERICANS

Year	Athlete	Finish
1975	Lionel Ortega	24th
1979	Kip Koskei	3rd
1981	Ibrihim Hussein	21st
1982	Ibrahim Kivina	25th
2001	Matt Gonzales	30th
2004	Matt Gonzales	2nd
2004	Shadrack Kiptoo-Biwott	14th
2007	Jeremy Johnson	20th
2009	Jacob Kirwa	11th
2010	Keith Gerrard	40th
2012	Luke Caldwell	27th
2013	Luke Caldwell	10th
2020*	Abdirizak Ibrahim	35th
2021	Abdirizak Ibrahim	33rd
2023	Habtom Samuel	2nd
	Evans Kiplagat	33rd

WOMEN'S ALL-AMERICANS

Year	Athlete	Finish
1976!	Karen Cramond	17th
1984	Carole Roybal	19th
1985	Carole Roybal	13th
1986	Carole Roybal	28th
1988	Gwen Willink	36th
2010	Natalie Gray	15th
	Ruth Senior	33rd
2012	Josephine Moultrie	30th
2013	Sammy Silva	12th
	Charlotte Arter	18th
2014	Alice Wright	20th
	Charlotte Arter	22nd
2015	Courtney Frerichs	4th
	Alice Wright	5th
	Rhona Auckland	13th
	Calli Thackery	15th

Year	Athlete	Finish
2015	Molly Renfer	24th
2016	Alice Wright	19th
	Calli Thackery	28th
2017	Ednah Kurgat	1st
	Weini Kelati	7th
2017	Charlotte Prouse	12th
	Alice Wright	14th
2018	Weini Kelati	2nd
	Ednah Kurgat	5th
	Charlotte Prouse	9th
2019	Weini Kelati	1st
	Ednah Kurgat	9th
	Hannah Nuttall	35th
2020*	Adva Cohen	22nd
	Gracelyn Larkin	25th
2021	Emma Heckel	18th
	Gracelyn Larkin	21st
	Stefanie Parsons	36th
2022	Amelia Mazza-Downie	22nd

Year	Athlete	Finish
2022	Gracelyn Larkin	26th
	Samree Dishon	37th
	Emma Heckel	38th
	Elise Thorner	40th
2023	Nicola Jansen	36th

IAIAW National Championships



MEN'S USTFCCCA CROSS COUNTRY RANKINGS ALL-TIME

Year	PS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	NCAA
2024	8	8	8	8	6	6						
2023			RV	RV	18	19	13					18
2015	21	20	19	17	RV	RV						
2014	17	17	17	15	16	18	13	26				14
2013	19	17	17	21	25	9	11	6				11
2012	24	24	24	21	28	12	16	21				21
2011	21	21	20	21	25	25			RV	RV	28	31
2010	14	14	11	16	10	10	12	12	10	10	5	16
2009	26	24	21	21	19	19	12	12				8
2008	15	29	RV	RV				RV				
2007								RV				
2005	RV											
2004	RV	RV	RV	RV	23	20	19					9
2003	RV											
2002	RV	29	30	27								28

WOMEN'S USTFCCCA CROSS COUNTRY RANKINGS ALL-TIME

Year	PS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	NCAA
2024	20	21	17	17	8	10						
2023	21	19	23	26			RV					
2022	2	2	2	3	2	2	2	2				2
2021	4	4	3	3	3	1	2	2				3
2020	2	2	4	5	4	3	3					6
2019	2	2	2	2	4	11	10	7				4
2018	1	1	1	1	3	3	1	1				2
2017	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	2				1
2016	1	1	1	2	11	7	6	6				7
2015	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				1
2014	11	12	12	12	11	10	9	9				3
2013	15	16	16	15	7	9	8	11				10
2012	RV	24	20	19	19	17	17	17				10
2011	2	2	2	2	7	7	20	20	19	19	11	9
2010	18	18	18	12	8	8	10	10	10	10	5	5
2009	22	25	21	21	20	20	20	25				13
2008	RV	18	27	27	23	23	21	21				18

BOLD denotes highest-ever ranking



ROSTER / PRONUNCIATIONS

MOUNTAIN WEST CHAMPIONSHIP MEN'S COMPETITORS

NAME	YR.	HOMETOWN	PREV. SCHOOL(S)
Vincent Chirchir	Fr. (XC) / Fr. (I) / So. (O)	Keringet, Kenya	Keringet Boys School
Corne de Fouw	Fr. (XC) / Fr. (I) / Fr. (O)	Krugersdorp, South Africa	Laerskool Unika
Evans Kiplagat	So. (XC) / So. (I) / So. (O)	Eldoret, Kenya	Friends Bwake Boys HS
Lukas Kiprof	So. (XC) / So. (I) / Fr. (O)	Baringo County, Kenya	A.I.C Moi Academy Esageri
Collins Kiprotich	Fr. (XC) / Fr. (I) / Fr. (O)	Eldoret, Kenya	
Habtom Samuel	So. (XC) / So. (I) / So. (O)	Keren, Eritrea	Al Selef Al Salih
Iker Sanchez	Fr. (XC) / Jr. (I) / Jr. (O)	Aguascalientes, Mexico	CNAR Mexico City / Arizona
Rikus Van Niekerk	Sr. (XC) / So. (I) / Sr. (O)	Kempton Park, South Africa	Die Hoërskool Menlopark / CBU

PRONUNCIATIONS

Vincent Chirchir - Cheer-cheer	Corne de Fouw - Cornay defoe	Evans Kiplagat - Kipla-got
Lukas Kiprof - Key-prop	Habtom Samuel - Hob-tum Sam-yul	Iker Sanchez - Eeker
Rikus Van Niekerk - Reekus van knee-kirk		

MOUNTAIN WEST CHAMPIONSHIP WOMEN'S COMPETITORS

NAME	YR.	HOMETOWN	PREV. SCHOOL(S)
Anya Belisle	Fr. (XC) / Fr. (I) / Fr. (O)	Saratoga Springs, N.Y.	Saratoga Springs HS
Natalie Bitetti	Sr. (XC) / So. (I) / So. (O)	La Crescenta, Calif.	Crescenta Valley HS / Claremont-Mudd-Scripps
Hanna Bruckmayer	So. (XC) / So. (I) / So. (O)	Altotting, Germany	Konig-Karlmann Gym. / Lynn University
Klara Dess	So. (XC) / Jr. (I) / Jr. (O)	Victoria, Australia	Sacred Heart College Geelong / Australian National
Meadow Drebert	Fr. (XC) / Fr. (I) / Fr. (O)	Rimbey, Alberta	Breton HS
Mercy Kirarei	Fr. (XC) / So. (I) / Jr. (O)	Eldoret, Kenya	Saramek Secondary School
Pamela Kosgei	Fr. (XC) / Fr. (I) / Fr. (O)	Elgeyo-Marakwet County, Kenya	St. Agatha Mokpo Girls School
Sophia McDonnell	Sr. (XC) / Sr. (I) / Sr. (O)	Geneva, Ill.	Geneva HS / Bradley
Christina Nisoli	Jr. (XC) / Fr. (I) / Fr. (O)	Los Alamos, N.M.	Los Alamos HS
Tilly Simpson	Jr. (XC) / Jr. (I) / Jr. (O)	Sheffield, England	Eckington School / Michigan
Hannah Taylor	So. (XC) / So. (I) / Fr. (O)	Aberdeen, Scotland	Ellon Academy / Central Florida
Jasmine Wood	Jr. (XC) / Jr. (I) / Jr. (O)	Buckinghamshire, England	St. Clement Danes / Durham University

PRONUNCIATIONS

Anya Belisle - On-ya Belile	Hanna Bruckmayer - Brook-my-er	Klara Dess - Klarr-uh
Meadow Drebert - Dree-bert	Mercy Kirarei - Keyraray	Pamela Kosgei - Coss-guy
Christina Nisoli - Ni-sole-ee		



DARREN GAUSON

HEAD COACH / DIRECTOR OF TRACK & FIELD / CROSS COUNTRY

Darren Gauson was named UNM's Head Coach for Track & Field / Cross Country on June 30, 2023.

In his first season at UNM, the Lobo men won their first Mountain West Championship since 2014, and Gauson was named MW Men's Coach of the Year. Led by a Mountain Region individual title by freshman Habtom Samuel, the Lobos finished third at regionals — their best finish since 2013 — and qualified for the NCAA

Championship race as a team for the first time since 2014. They went on to finish 18th in the nation, with Samuel finishing as a national runner-up and Evans Kiplagat also earning All-American honors. Nicola Jansen, a Bradley transfer who followed Gauson to Albuquerque, qualified as an individual and finished 36th at the National Championship race to become the third XC All-American of Gauson's tenure.

In the first meet of the 2023-24 indoor season, Samuel broke the indoor 5,000m record and Lukas Kiprof broke the 3,000m record at the Sharon Danville-Colyer Season Opener. In Gauson's short tenure so far, the Lobos have already seen seven marks that ranked among the Top 10 in their respective events in the indoor all-time list.

PRIOR TO UNM

Gauson has spent the last eight years as the head coach of the track and field and cross country programs at Bradley University in Illinois. He led the Braves to 10 Missouri Valley cross country titles, six by the men and four by the women, including this past year when Bradley swept both the men's and women's titles at the 2022 Missouri Valley Championships. Prior to arriving in Peoria, Gauson was the cross country coach and assistant track and field coach at Lamar University, where he guided the Cardinals to back-to-back Southland Conference men's and women's cross country titles in 2013 and 2014.

"It's an incredible honor to join a storied program and become the next head track & field and cross country coach at the University of New Mexico," said Gauson. "UNM has developed into a championship program and I am excited to build on the tradition established at the school. Albuquerque is a place where athletes dream of coming to train and develop into national champions and Olympians. I want to thank Athletic Director Eddie Nuñez, Deputy Athletic Director David Williams and Senior Woman Administrator Amy Beggin for their faith in me and their desire to continue to elevate the program to new heights. I also want to thank Bradley University for all that they've done for me in my career. I can't wait to get to work at New Mexico and develop high-character student-athletes in the classroom and on the track."

During his time at Bradley and Lamar, in addition to the 14 team conference titles, Gauson has coached 75 conference champions,

14 conference athletes of the year and 15 conference freshman of the year. He has mentored four All-Americans and six conference outstanding track performers.

A 10-time Missouri Valley Coach of the Year and the 2018 USTFCCCA Midwest Region Men's Coach of the Year, Gauson built Bradley into a powerhouse. His teams included a record-setting performance by the men's cross country team in 2019, when the Braves had the top four

finishers at the conference meet to set the modern-day Missouri Valley scoring record with 17 points. A year earlier, Bradley qualified for the NCAA Men's Cross Country Championship for the first time in program history, finishing 24th at the 2018 meet. The Bradley women's team had the second-lowest score in MVC history in 2017, when it had five runners in the top eight en route to the conference title.

On the track, Gauson coached the first individual outdoor and indoor MVC champions for the BU men in 30 and 34 years, respectively, during the 2016 and 2017 championships. Additionally, the Bradley women won their first distance medley relay crown in school history in 2019. Bradley set school records for points scored at the MVC Indoor and Outdoor Championships by both the men and women over the past five seasons. In 2017, Daniel Gagne became the first BU man to qualify for the NCAA Track and Field Championship in 42 years, where he earned second-team All-America honors in the 1,500m run in 2017. In 2021, Wilma Nielsen became the first Bradley freshman to qualify for the NCAA Championship and finished the campaign as the nation's third-ranked rookie in the 800m. Earlier this month, Tiana LoStracco earned honorable mention All-America honors as she qualified for the NCAA Outdoor Championship in the 1500m.

In addition to success on the course and on the track, Bradley also had success in the classroom under Gauson. He has coached seven Academic All-Americans and 11 MVC Elite 17 Award winners. Bradley has earned USTFCCCA All-Academic Team honors in each of year of his tenure. The men ranked as high as fourth nationally in team GPA (2019 and 2021), while the women peaked at fifth in 2017.

Gauson came to Bradley from Lamar University, where he guided both the Cardinals men's and women's cross country programs to consecutive Southland Conference championships in 2013 and 2014. In addition to the championship success of the cross country teams at Lamar, Gauson coached the Cardinals runners to 29 individual Southland Conference championships in cross country and track in just three seasons. Among his star runners, Gauson helped Matt Johnsen to a 33rd-place finish at the 2012 NCAA Cross Country Championship and the first All-America honor for the Cardinals since 1969. Additionally, Sam Stabler posted the second-fastest 5,000m time in the nation in 2015 to go along with Academic All-America honors.

A 2006 graduate of Napier University in Edinburgh, Scotland, with a degree in sport and exercise science, Gauson competed two years at Butler University where he was coached by former UNM head coach Joe Franklin. He earned a master's of science degree in education from Butler in 2008. With the Bulldogs, Gauson earned a Horizon League title in the 1,500m during his final year of eligibility in addition to claiming Scottish national championships in the event in both 2004 and 2005.

Following graduation, Gauson was also an assistant cross country/track and field coach at Butler for four seasons. The Butler men were able to extend their streak of consecutive conference cross country titles to 14 during Gauson's time in Indianapolis and the team finished 29th at the NCAA Championship during his first season on the coaching staff. Butler boasted four All-Americans overall during his tenure at the school.



UNM COACHING STAFF



BRIAN MATY ASSISTANT COACH: DISTANCE

A native of Palos Heights, Illinois, Maty joined the UNM staff in the Summer of 2023. Maty assists with all facets of all six programs, focusing on distance running with both indoor and outdoor teams as well as serving as the assistant cross country coach. In 2022, Maty was part of the staff that led Bradley to a sweep of Missouri Valley Conference titles in men's and women's cross country. Bradley's women basically lapped the field, scoring 22 points to outpace second place Belmont by 53 points. He also coached Wilma Nielsen, who turned in the NCAA's No. 2 time all-time in the 1,000m (2:38.95)

at the Dr. Sander Invitational in New York City. She also earned first team All-American 800m indoor honors. He also coached Tiana LoStracco and honorable mention All American Tiana LoStracco 1500m in Austin, TX

That came after a 2021 season that saw Bradley runners claim nine conference track titles in his first season on campus, while the Bradley women also set school records for most points at the Missouri Valley Conference meet, tallying 70 at the 2022 Indoor Championship

and 84 points at the 2022 Outdoor Championship.

Prior to joining the Braves, Maty spent the 2021 fall semester as a graduate assistant at Eastern Illinois. The EIU men's and women's cross country teams both posted record-setting seasons with Maty's assistance, highlighted by sweeping the Ohio Valley Conference individual cross country titles. The Panthers boasted a total of nine All-OVC performers (six men & three women) in addition to setting school records in the women's 6K and men's 8K. The EIU men's team also claimed the OVC title, with Dustin Hatfield going on to become the first NCAA Championship qualifier from Eastern Illinois in 20 years. On the women's side Lindsey Carlson became the first female all-region performer in school history, following a 20th-place individual finish at the NCAA Midwest Regional Championship.

Maty graduated from Loras College in 2021. He spent the 2020 indoor track & field season as an intern at the University of Portland where he assisted with videography, recruiting, coaching, social media management and home meet setup. Maty's indoor season with the Pilots was highlighted by a school record in the men's mile (3:59.61).

In January 2019, Maty completed an externship under Danny Mackey and the Brooks Beasts Track Club in Seattle, Washington, that featured instruction on running physiology and biomechanics, along with focusing on the facets of marketing such as brand advertising and social media management.



JENNA SCHWARTZ ASSISTANT COACH: DISTANCE

Jenna Schwartz joined the Lobo XC/T&F staff as an assistant coach in August of 2024.

Originally from Waterloo, Ill., Schwartz joins the Lobos after a four-year career at Missouri, where she recently completed her Graduate Certificate in Positive Coaching and Athletic Leadership along with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with an emphasis in management. Competing in cross country and track for the Tigers from from 2019 to 2024, Schwartz ranks No. 4 in program history in the Indoor 5000m (16:25.20), No. 6 in the

Outdoor 10,000m (33:56.58) and No. 9 in the Outdoor 5000m, earning a spot on the SEC Academic Honor Roll in every semester during her time in Columbia.

"I'm incredibly excited to join such a historic program and work with an incredible staff," Schwartz said. "Albuquerque is an outstanding place to train at an elite level and I'm humbled and grateful to do whatever I can to keep our successes going."



JARED BERRYMAN ASSISTANT COACH / DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

Berryman came to UNM in the Summer of 2023 from Bradley, where he was a part of Darren Gauson's staff as an assistant coach.

Among various duties as director of operations for both XC and track, Berryman is UNM's co-meet director along with Kyra Mohns.

During his season in Peoria, the Braves won the Missouri Valley women's cross country championship and had individuals qualify for the NCAA Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field Championships. Berryman spent the 2021-22 season as an

intern at his alma mater, Cal State East Bay, assisting with the program's recruiting, meet management and social media.

A native of Long Beach, Calif., Berryman is a 2022 graduate of CSUEB, where he earned a bachelor's degree in kinesiology with an emphasis in sport nutrition and wellness. He ran three seasons for the Pioneers and was a two-year captain of the Cal State East Bay track & field team.