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Montana State Leads NCAA Skiing Championships Bobcats Lyche, Gartner finish 1-2 in women's giant slalom Colorado's Ketterer wins men's giant slalom

FRANCONIA, N.H. -- Montana State University is in first place of the 2017 NCAA Skiing Championships following the first day of competition – the men's and women's giant slalom at Cannon Mountain – on Wednesday afternoon.

MSU, in search of its first NCAA ski title, amassed 149 points as the Bobcats tied for the best team score in the women's giant slalom (85 points) and recorded the third-best team total in the men's competition (64). The University of Utah (136 points) and University of Denver (133) are on Montana State's heels. Dartmouth College (107) and University of Colorado (92) round out the top five.

WOMEN'S GIANT SLALOM

Montana State, bolstered by a 1-2 finish by **Benedicte Lyche** and **Stephanie Gartner**, tied Denver, with three skiers in the top seven, tied for the No. 1 team total in the women's giant slalom with 85 points. The University of New Mexico (59.5 points) edged Utah (57) for third place in the women's GS.

Lyche finished atop the podium with an aggregate time of 2 minutes, 17.58 seconds; she was in third place following the first run (1:09.48) and recorded the fifth-fastest time in the second run (1:08.10). Gartner finished .13-of-a-second behind her teammate for second place in 2:17.71; she was the fourth-fastest skier in both the first (1:09.63) and second (1:08.08) runs.

This is the second time in as many years both Lyche and Gartner raced to All-America First Team recognition; Lyche placed second and Gartner fourth in the GS at the 2016 NAAs.

Lyche and Gartner were joined on the 2017 All-America First Team by **Roni Remme** of Utah and Denver's duo of **Tuva Norbye** and **Andrea Komsic**. The All-America Second Team is comprised of **Hannah Hunsaker** (Williams College), **Monica Hübner** (Denver), **Chloe Fausa** (Utah), **Karoline Myklebust** (New Mexico), **Mardi Haskell** (Colby College) and **Katharine Irwin** (New Mexico).

Remme, who recorded the seventh-fastest time in the first run, finished with a combined time of 2:18.07 to ascend to the podium in third place; she improved upon last year's ninth-place GS finish that garnered a spot on the All-America Second Team.

Norbye, last year's giant slalom champion, had an aggregate time of 2:18.56 to edge teammate Komsic at 2:18.64.





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This is the fourth All-America recognition for Hübner, who won the slalom and placed second in the GS at the 2015 NAAs.



Fausa was an All-America First Team each of the previous three years. Haskell is another four-time All-American and that includes Second Team in the GS in 2015.



Haskell and Irwin tied for the final spot on the All- America Second Team with an overall mark of 2:20.08, and Dartmouth's **Kelly Moore** (2:20.16) and **Alexa Dlouhy** (2:20.22) barely missed that accolade.



Three of the top 10 fastest skiers in the first run, including the two fastest, had a heartbreaking did-not-finish in the second run.

MEN'S GIANT SLALOM

All three Utes finished among the top 12 to give Utah the top team score of 79 points in the men's giant slalom. Dartmouth (70 points), Montana State (64) and Colorado (62) were grouped closely together.



Colorado freshman **David Ketterer**, in his NCAA Championships debut, stood atop the podium on the strength of the fastest time in the second run – 1:05.33 – for the best aggregate time of 2:13.51.



Ketterer was joined on the All-America First Team by **Sam Dupratt** (Utah), **Brian McLaughlin** (Dartmouth), **Max Roeisland** (Vermont) and **Erik Read** (Denver). The All-America Second Team consists of **Rob Cone** (Middlebury), **Addison Dvoracek** (Montana State), **Joergen Brath** (Utah), **Max Luuko** (Colorado) and **Garret Driller** (Montana State).



Dupratt, the leader after his first run of 1:07.62, finished with a combined time of 2:13.62 to edge McLaughlin's mark of 2:13.65; McLaughlin was an All-America First Team honoree last year, but that was for third place in the slalom. Roeisland maintained his fourth-place status and barely missed the podium with a two-run total of 2:13.94.



Read raced to the second-fastest second run (1:05.44) to ascend to a spot on the First Team at 2:14.01 overall; he earned two All-America First Team accolades at the 2016 NAAs, including third in the GS. Cone climbed to sixth place (2:14.10) after recording the third-best time in the second run (1:05.52).



Day 2 of the 2017 NCAA Skiing Championships continues March 9 with the women's 5k (10 a.m.) and men's 10k classical (11:30 a.m.) races at Jackson Ski Touring Center.



The alpine skiers return to action March 10 for the slalom competition, then the Nordic skiers conclude the 64th annual NCAA Skiing Championships on March 11.



