NEW MEXICO CROSS COUNTRY

2026 MEET NOTEBOOK AND MEDIA GUIDE • MOUNTAIN REGION CHAMPIONSHIPS (NOV. 13)

2015 & 2017 NCAA WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONS

19 WOMEN'S NCAA APPEARANCES
13 MEN'S NCAA APPEARANCES

28 MOUNTAIN WEST XC TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

18-TIME WOMEN'S CHAMPIONS
(2008-2022, 2024-26)
10-TIME MEN'S CHAMPIONS
(2009-2014, 2023-26)

2026 CROSS COUNTRY SCHEDULE

Date	Meet	Result
Sept. 13	**Lobo XC Invitational** Albuquerque, N.M. (New Mexico)	**Individuals Only**
Sept. 26	**Cowboy Jamboree** Stillwater, Okla. (Oklahoma State)	**M: 2nd | W: 3rd**
Oct. 17	**Nuttycombe Invitational** Madison, Wisc. (Wisconsin)	**M: 1st | W: 4th**
Oct. 30	**MW Championships** Reno, Nev. (Nevada)	**M: 1st | W: 1st**
Nov. 14	**Mountain Regional Championships** Albuquerque, N.M. (New Mexico)	11 AM / 12 PM MT
Nov. 22	**NCAA Championships** Terre Haute, Ind. (Indiana State)	

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LOBOS TO WATCH



Marion Jepngetich
2026 NCAA Outdoor 5,000m Champion making season debut at Regionals.



Mercy Kirarei
Led the Lobo women with a 3rd-place finish at Nuttycombe in last outing.



Pasanjo Kitonga
Lobo men's low stick in their two highest-profile races at OSU and Nuttycombe.



Evans Kiplagat
3x All-Region Finisher and 3x All-American running his final regional race.

2026 NEWS AND NOTES

New Mexico Cross Country continues postseason racing at home Friday as the Lobos — ranked No. 1 nationally for men and No. 7 for women — host NCAA Mountain Regional Championships at the UNM North Golf Course for the first time since 2022. Both squads enter as defending regional champions, looking to repeat last season's sweep and secure automatic bids to NCAA Championships with top-two team finishes.

WEEK 6 RANKINGS

MEN	WOMEN
#1 NATIONAL	#7 NATIONAL
#1 REGION	#3 REGION

The women's 6K is slated to start at 11 a.m. MT, with the men's 10K following at noon. Admission is free. Friday's races will not be streamed, with live results available via GoLobos.com/XCResults. Follow @UNMLoboXCTF on IG and X for raceday updates, behind-the-scenes content and more.

MOUNTAIN REGIONAL HISTORY

New Mexico enters Friday as the defending Mountain Region champion on both sides after sweeping the men's and women's team titles in 2025 for the first time since 2010. The Lobos have won two men's regional championships (2010, 2025) and seven women's regional championships (1981, 2010, 2011, 2018, 2021, 2022, 2025), including six women's titles since the current regional format began in 1997.

The Lobo men have improved their regional finish in each of Darren Gauson's first three seasons, climbing from third in 2023 to second in 2024 before winning last year with a program-record-low 37 points. UNM's previous best was its 45-point championship performance in 2010. The men will look to win consecutive regional titles for the first time in program history.

The women have won three of the last five Mountain Region championships, reclaiming the title in 2025 with 45 points — their

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UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO

Location	Albuquerque, N.M.
Founded	1889
Enrollment	23, 955
Nickname	Lobos
Colors	Cherry and Silver
Affiliation	NCAA Division I
Conference	Mountain West
President	Steve Goldstein
Director of Athletics	Ryan Berryman
Faculty Representative	Karen Gaudreault

MOUNTAIN REGION RANKINGS

USTFCCCA: WEEK 6 RANKINGS

MEN'S TEAM	CONF.	LAST WEEK
1. NEW MEXICO	**MOUNTAIN WEST**	-
2. Colorado	Big 12	-
3. BYU	Big 12	-
4. N. Arizona	Big Sky	-
5. Air Force	Mountain West	-
6. Montana State	Big Sky	-
7. Utah State	Pac-12	-
8. Weber State	Big Sky	-
9. Wyoming	Mountain West	-
10. Utah Valley	Big West	-

WOMEN'S TEAM	CONF.	LAST WEEK
1. BYU	Big 12	-
2. N. Arizona	Big Sky	-
3. NEW MEXICO	**MOUNTAIN WEST**	-
4. Colorado	Big 12	-
5. Utah	Big 12	-
6. Wyoming	Mountain West	-
7. Utah Valley	Big West	-
8. Utah State	Pac-12	-
9. Air Force	Mountain West	14 (+5)
10. Montana State	Big Sky	-

NATIONAL COACHES' POLL

USTFCCCA: WEEK 6 RANKINGS

MEN'S RANKINGS	WOMEN'S RANKINGS
1. NEW MEXICO	1. BYU
2. Colorado	2. NC State
3. Oklahoma State	3. West Virginia
4. Alabama	4. Alabama
5. Oregon	5. Florida
6. BYU	6. Northern Arizona
7. Arkansas	**7. NEW MEXICO**
8. Florida	8. Oklahoma State
9. Wake Forest	9. Colorado
10. Iowa State	9. South Carolina
11. Harvard	11. Oregon
12. Wisconsin	12. Clemson
13. Syracuse	13. Notre Dame
14. Georgetown	14. Virginia Tech
15. Virginia Tech	15. Toledo
16. Notre Dame	16. Utah
17. Villanova	17. Washington State
18. Eastern Kentucky	18. North Carolina
19. Stanford	19. Duke
20. Northern Arizona	20. Missouri
21. Michigan State	21. Northwestern
22. Minnesota	22. Virginia
23. Furman	23. Arkansas
24. Tennessee	24. Penn State
25. Tulane	25. Iowa State
26. Missouri	26. Washington
27. Arizona	27. Providence
28. Michigan	28. Minnesota
29. Butler	29. Princeton
30. Tulsa	30. Boston College

2026 USTFCCCA NATIONAL COACHES' POLL RANKINGS

	PRESEASON	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	WEEK 6
MEN	#2	#2	#1	#1	#1	#1	#1
WOMEN	#2	#2	#3	#4	#6	#6	#7

second-lowest regional score behind a 41-point championship effort in 2018. UNM finished first or second at every regional meet contested from 2010 through 2022, including back-to-back titles in 2010-11 and 2021-22.

Last season in Salt Lake City, all five scorers for both squads earned All-Region honors. Habtom Samuel won the men's individual title in 29:45.3, with Evans Kiplagat second, Vincent Chirchir fourth and Collins Kiprotich seventh. Pamela Kosgei finished as women's runner-up in 19:48.7 as the Lobos placed all five scorers among the Top 15 to edge BYU, 45-47.

Samuel's victory was his second regional crown after winning in 2023, making him the first Lobo man to win multiple regional individual titles. Matt Gonzales, who won in 2004, is the only other man from UNM to claim the individual championship.

A NEW NO. 1

After a dominant season-opening performance at the Cowboy Jamboree in Stillwater that saw them topple top-ranked Oklahoma State, New Mexico Men's Cross Country rose to No. 1 in the USTFCCCA National Coaches' Poll for the first time in program history this season and has remained in the top spot since.

New Mexico joined a small group of just eight programs that have ascended to the apex of Division I cross country on both the men's and women's sides in the modern era (1995–present) -- Arkansas, BYU, Colorado, Iowa State, Northern Arizona, Oregon and Stanford are the only other programs to do so in the last three decades.

The Lobo women first reached No. 1 in the nation in the first regular-season poll of the 2015 season, going on to win national titles in 2015 and 2017 and finishing in the Top 10 in the nation in nine of the next 10 seasons. They have clocked in at No. 6 in the last two polls despite not racing at full strength yet this season.

The UNM men have now ranked among the Top 10 in the nation for 16 polls in a row dating back to the 2024 season – the women have been in the Top 10 for the last 17. Prior to 2024, the men had only ranked inside the Top 10 seven times in their history and never ranked higher than No. 5.

2026 SEASON IN REVIEW / NCAA PREVIEW

New Mexico enters the NCAA postseason with another Mountain West championship sweep and an unbeaten men's team through three scored meets. The Lobos swept the conference's team and individual titles for the third consecutive season Oct. 30 in Reno, extending their streak of winning at least one MW team championship to 19 consecutive seasons. The men captured their fourth straight conference crown, while the women secured their third consecutive title and 18th in the last 19 seasons.

The Lobo men opened their team campaign with a 28-point victory at the Cowboy Jamboree, defeating defending national champion Oklahoma State behind an individual win from Pasanjo Kitonga in his collegiate cross country debut. That performance propelled UNM to its first No. 1 national ranking in program history. New Mexico followed with its second consecutive Nuttycombe Invitational title, placing all five scorers among the top 22 for 59 points to defeat 20 nationally ranked opponents. Kitonga finished second, followed by returning All-Americans Evans Kiplagat in seventh

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and Collins Kiprotich in eighth.

The women placed third at the Cowboy Jamboree and fourth at Nuttycombe, with Mercy Kirarei leading the Lobos at both meets. Kirarei finished fourth in Stillwater and third in Madison, where UNM defeated 13 ranked teams despite racing without NCAA outdoor 5,000m champion Marion Jepngetich. Pamela Kosgei, the 2025 NCAA outdoor 5,000m and 10,000m champion, then led the Lobos' conference championship effort.

At the MW Championships, Kiplagat earned his first individual conference cross country title as the men swept the first seven places for a perfect 15-point score. Kosgei became the first woman in conference history to win three individual cross country titles, leading Kirarei and Christina Nisoli in a 1-2-3 finish as UNM scored 19 points. Fifteen Lobos earned All-MW honors, and Darren Gauson swept the men's and women's Coach of the Year awards for the third consecutive season.

The Lobos are building on a historic 2025 season in which the men finished as NCAA runners-up and the women placed fourth, making UNM the only program to put both teams on the national podium. With three returning men's All-Americans in Kiprotich, Kiplagat and Vincent Chirchir complementing Kitonga's emergence, New Mexico will look to qualify both squads for NCAA Championships for the third consecutive season.

UNM hosts the NCAA Mountain Region Championships Nov. 13 at the UNM North Course, seeking to defend both regional team titles and secure automatic NCAA bids with top-two finishes. The men move up to the 10K distance for NCAA postseason competition, while the women continue racing 6K. NCAA Championships follow Nov. 21 in Terre Haute, Ind.

MOUNTAIN REGIONALS RETURN TO ABQ
This will be the seventh time NCAA Mountain Regional Championships are hosted in Albuquerque and first since 2022.

2002: Matt Gonzales earned All-Region honors and an individual NCAA Championships berth with his eighth-place finish. The men finished just six points behind sixth-place Colorado State but missed an at-large selection. Sarah Gonzales led the women in 74th.

2006: Timmie Murphy's fifth-place finish secured her first NCAA Championships appearance, while Leslie Luna finished 18th to join her on the All-Region team. Juan Ortega earned the men's lone All-Region honor in 20th; Jeremy Johnson followed in 33rd despite battling the flu.

2009: UNM produced its best men's team result at a home regional, placing third with 77 points behind All-Region performances from Jacob Kirwa (third), Rory Fraser (seventh) and Chris Barnicle (13th). Ruth Senior (11th) and Nicky Archer (20th) earned All-Region honors for the fifth-place women. Both squads subsequently received NCAA berths, marking the first time UNM sent its men's and women's teams to nationals in the same season.

2014: Alice Wright won the individual championship, with Charlotte Arter third and Calli Thackery 10th. Anna Burton (18th) and Nicola Hood (24th) completed a scoring five composed entirely of All-Region finishers, helping UNM finish second with 56 points behind Colorado's 43. Ross Matheson led the seventh-place men in 24th, earning All-Region recognition.

2015: The women finished just one point behind Colorado, 49–50, while resting Alice Wright and other regular contributors. UNM's five scorers finished consecutively:

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MEN'S COMPETITORS

ATHLETE	YR.	8K XC PR
Vincent Chirchir	4Y	28:52.8
Evans Kiplagat	4Y	28:50.7
Collins Kiprotich	3Y	28:45.7
Lukas Kiprop	4Y	29:00.0
Pasanjo Kitonga	2Y	N/A
Lukas Ehrle	3Y	29:59.0
Jayden Hernandez	3Y	31:48.3
Matthew Giardina	2Y	N/A

WOMEN'S COMPETITORS

ATHLETE	YR.	6K XC PR
Pamela Kosgei	3Y	18:59.1
Mercy Kirarei	4Y	19:21.8
Marion Jepngetich	2Y	19:27.6
Tina Nisoli	5Y	20:00.5
Li-Mari Dekker	3Y	20:20.4
Faith Ngetich	1Y	20:38.1
Mia Torrecillas	3Y	20:57.1
Kylie Feeney	3Y	21:38.4

Calli Thackery ninth, Courtney Frerichs 10th, Molly Renfer 11th, Rhona Auckland 12th and Whitney Thornburg 13th. All five earned All-Region honors and finished within 4.35 seconds of one another. Elmar Engholm paced the ninth-place men with an All-Region finish in 24th, followed by Dan Milechman in 30th.

2022: The women captured UNM's first regional team title on its home course, scoring 56 points to finish 47 ahead of both Utah and Northern Arizona. Gracelyn Larkin (fifth), Amelia Mazza-Downie (eighth), Emma Heckel (ninth), Ali Upshaw (13th) and Abbe Goldstein (21st) all earned All-Region honors. Abdirizak Ibrahim led the ninth-place men in 18th and qualified individually for the NCAA Championships.

PASANJO KITONGA: NATIONAL ATHLETE OF THE WEEK
After leading the New Mexico men to a win over top-ranked Oklahoma State with an individual title at the Cowboy Jamboree, New Mexico's Pasanjo Kitonga was named the USTFCCCA Division I Men's Cross Country National Athlete of the Week.

He becomes just the second man and sixth athlete overall to earn a National Athlete of the Week honor in cross country -- Habtom Samuel was named National Athlete of the Week twice in the last two seasons (Oct. 21, 2024; Oct. 20, 2025).

Kitonga covered the 8K course in 23:24.4 to lead four Lobos among the top six finishers in Stillwater, Oklahoma. His victory helped No. 2 New Mexico score 28 points and claim its first Cowboy Jamboree team title, finishing 16 points ahead of top-ranked and defending national champion Oklahoma State.

That 23:24.4 finish ranks 10th amongst Cowboy Jamboree performances all-time, tying with Nico Young's finish in 2022.

MEN'S NATIONAL ATHLETE OF THE WEEK HONOREES FROM UNM

Athlete	Award date
Habtom Samuel	Oct. 21, 2024; Oct. 20, 2025
Pasanjo Kitonga	Sept. 28, 2026

WOMEN'S NATIONAL ATHLETE OF THE WEEK HONOREES FROM UNM

Athlete	Award date
Charlotte Arter	Oct. 6, 2014
Ednah Kurgat	Oct. 2 and Oct. 30, 2017
Weini Kelati	Oct. 15, 2018; Oct. 7 and Nov. 4, 2019
Pamela Kosgei	Oct. 21, 2024

COACH GAUSON'S LENGTHY RESUME

• 11 Mountain West Coach of the Year awards
Men's XC (2023, 2024, 2025, 2026); women's XC (2024, 2025, 2026); women's indoor and outdoor track & field (2025, 2026).

• 11 Mountain West team titles
Men's XC (2023, 2024, 2025, 2026); women's XC (2024, 2025, 2026); women's indoor and outdoor track & field (2025, 2026).

• 4 USTFCCCA Mountain Region Coach of the Year awards
Men's XC (2025); men's outdoor (2025); women's outdoor (2025, 2026).

• 9 NCAA individual championships
Habtom Samuel — 2024 outdoor 10,000m; 2025 XC; 2026 indoor 5,000m and outdoor 5,000m/10,000m.
Pamela Kosgei — 2025 outdoor 5,000m/10,000m.
Ishmael Kipkurui — 2025 outdoor 10,000m.
Marion Jepngetich — 2026 outdoor 5,000m.

• 2 Bowerman finalists
Pamela Kosgei (2025) and Habtom Samuel (2026).

• Three consecutive Mountain West XC team title sweeps
UNM won both the men's and women's championships in 2024, 2025 and 2026, with the men claiming four straight titles under Gauson.

• Consecutive women's Mountain West triple crowns
XC, indoor and outdoor championships in 2024-25 and 2025-26.

• Historic national team success
Both teams reached the 2025 NCAA XC podium — men second, women fourth — and finished fourth in the 2025-26 USTFCCCA Program of the Year standings.

2026 RESULTS AND SCORERS

2026 MEN'S RESULTS

SEPT. 26 • COWBOY JAMBOREE
STILLWATER, OKLA. (OKLAHOMA STATE)

1. Pasanjo Kitonga (23:24.4)
3. Collins Kiprotich (23:36.0)
5. Evans Kiplagat (23:45.2)
6. Joshua Abraham (23:46.5)
14. Vincent Chirchir (24:02.2)
23. Lukas Ehrle (24:29.0)
27. Jayden Hernandez (24:36.7)
28. Lukas Kiprop (24:39.7)
41. Matthew Giardina (24:56.8)
119. Rhys Crawford (26:22.6)

MEN'S 8K TEAM SCORE

FINISH	TEAM	POINTS
1st	No. 2 New Mexico	28
2nd	No. 1 Oklahoma St.	44
3rd	No. 3 Adams State (D2)	112
4th	Stephen F. Austin	134
5th	No. 21 Tulsa	141
6th	No. 5 Oregon	162
7th	TCU	225
8th	Oral Roberts	249

OCT. 9 • NUTTYCOMBE INVITATIONAL
MADISON, WIS. (WISCONSIN)

MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP 8K
2. Pasanjo Kitonga (22:30.8)
7. Evans Kiplagat (22:40.7)
8. Collins Kiprotich (22:43.3)
20. Vincent Chirchir (23:03.2)
22. Joshua Abraham (23:08.0)
159. Jayden Hernandez (24:17.8)
178. Lukas Ehrle (24:26.2)

MEN'S 8K TEAM SCORE (TOP 15 ONLY)

FINISH	TEAM	POINTS
1st	No. 1 New Mexico	59
2nd	No. 6 Colorado	93
3rd	No. 7 BYU	146
4th	No. 16 Arkansas	208
5th	No. 10 Florida	221
6th	No. 8 Wake Forest	222
7th	No. 30 Georgetown	315
8th	No. 15 Stanford	328
9th	No. 12 Wisconsin	356
10th	No. 19 Harvard	366
11th	No. 23 Eastern Kentucky	375
12th	No. 22 Tennessee	387
13th	No. 11 Northern Arizona	416
14th	Minnesota	418
15th	No. 18 Michigan State	435

MEN'S 'B' RACE 8K
4. Bilal Safadi (23:54.3)
46. Matthew Giardina (24:41.2)
58. Lukas Kiprop (24:51.0)

OCT. 30 • MWC CHAMPIONSHIPS
RENO, NEV. (NEVADA)

MEN'S 8K
1. Evans Kiplagat (22:54.3)
2. Pasanjo Kitonga (22:56.1)
3. Collins Kiprotich (23:00.2)
4. Vincent Chirchir (23:09.3)
5. Joshua Abraham (23:32.9)
6. Bilal Safadi (23:39.5)
7. Lukas Kiprop (23:43.3)
12. Matthew Giardina (24:04.0)
15. Jayden Hernandez (24:09.4)
22. Lukas Ehrle (24:29.4)

MEN'S 8K TEAM SCORE

FINISH	TEAM	POINTS
1st	No. 1 New Mexico	59
2nd	Air Force	54
3rd	Wyoming	84
4th	Nevada	129
5th	Grand Canyon	151
6th	UTEP	155
7th	UC Davis	226
8th	San Jose St.	229

2026 RESULTS AND SCORERS

2026 WOMEN'S RESULTS

SEPT. 5 • LOBO XC INVITATIONAL
ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (UNM NORTH COURSE)

1. Noel Barlette (18:13.98)
3. Anya Belisle (18:32.07)
4. Kylie Feeney (18:36.22)

SEPT. 26 • COWBOY JAMBOREE
STILLWATER, OKLA. (OKLAHOMA STATE)

4. Mercy Kirarei (19:51.1)
14. Christina Nisoli (20:31.0)
16. Li-Mari Dekker (20:42.3)
17. Jasmine Wood (20:45.8)
26. Rilyn Stevens (20:58.6)
40. Elia Ton-That (21:30.9)
42. Noel Barlette (21:34.5)
47. Kylie Feeney (21:38.4)
53. Millie McClelland-Brooks (21:52.3)
57. Isabelle Bloker (21:55.3)
63. Anya Belisle (22:08.2)
91. Faith Ngetich (23:01.4)

98. Millie Robinson (23:11.2)
110. Luca de Waal (23:33.8)

WOMEN'S 6K TEAM SCORE

FINISH	TEAM	POINTS
1st	No. 3 BYU	32
2nd	No. 15 Oklahoma St.	64
3rd	**No. 2 New Mexico**	**70**
4th	SMU	124
5th	Oklahoma	158
6th	No. 1 Adams State (D2)	173
7th	Stephen F. Austin	183
8th	New Mexico St.	231

OCT. 9 • NUTTYCOMBE INVITATIONAL
MADISON, WIS. (WISCONSIN)

WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP 6K

3. Mercy Kirarei (19:21.8)
13. Pamela Kosgei (19:35.3)
31. Christina Nisoli (20:00.5)
52. Li-Mari Dekker (20:20.4)
58. Jasmine Wood (20:24.8)
102. Rilyn Stevens (20:53.7)
122. Elia Ton-That (21:01.1)

WOMEN'S 6K TEAM SCORE (TOP 15 ONLY)

FINISH	TEAM	POINTS
1st	No. 9 West Virginia	66
2nd	No. 13 Florida	111
3rd	No. 3 Northern Arizona	130
4th	**No. 4 New Mexico**	**157**
5th	No. 16 Colorado	166
6th	No. 20 Toledo	214
7th	No. 17 Washington State	263
8th	No. 14 Utah	277
9th	No. 19 Missouri	331
10th	No. 5 Iowa State	368
11th	No. 22 Northwestern	408
12th	No. 11 Stanford	417
13th	No. 21 Minnesota	421
14th	No. 29 Penn State	424
15th	Princeton	428

WOMEN'S 'B' RACE 6K

3. Faith Ngetich (20:38.1)
11. Mia Torrecillas (20:57.1)
16. Noel Barlette (21:05.3)
17. Anya Belisle (21:05.5)
30. Isabelle Bloker (21:31.1)
38. Kylie Feeney (21:41.9)
70. Luca De Waal (22:19.0)
80. Millie Robinson (22:31.2)

OCT. 30 • MWC CHAMPIONSHIPS
RENO, NEV. (NEVADA)

WOMEN'S 6K

1. Pamela Kosgei (18:49.4)
2. Mercy Kirarei (19:19.3)
3. Christina Nisoli (19:58.5)
6. Jasmine Wood (20:18.5)
7. Li-Mari Dekker (20:27.9)
12. Faith Ngetich (20:46.5)
13. Kylie Feeney (20:49.1)
16. Mia Torrecillas (21:03.7)
17. Anya Belisle (21:04.1)
19. Isabelle Bloker (21:05.8)

WOMEN'S 6K TEAM SCORE

FINISH	TEAM	POINTS
1st	**No. 6 New Mexico**	**19**
2nd	Wyoming	55
3rd	Air Force	58
4th	Grand Canyon	126
5th	Hawai'i	139
6th	UC Davis	174
7th	Nevada	195
8th	UTEP	250
9th	UNLV	274
10th	San Jose St.	313

MOUNTAIN REGIONAL HISTORY

MEN'S REGIONAL CHAMPIONS

Year	Athlete	Time
2004	Matt Gonzales	29:45.10
2023	Habtom Samuel	28:57.6
2025	Habtom Samuel	29:45.3

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
	Elmar Engholm	25th
2014	Ross Matheson	24th
2015	Elmar Engholm	24th
2017	Josh Kerr	15th
2021	Abdirizak Ibrahim	12th
2022	Abdirizak Ibrahim	13th
2023	Habtom Samuel	1st
	Lukas Kiprop	3rd
	Evans Kiplagat	4th
2024	Habtom Samuel	2nd
	Vincent Chirchir	7th
	Evans Kiplagat	10th
	Collins Kiprotich	16th
2025	Habtom Samuel	1st
	Evans Kiplagat	2nd
	Vincent Chirchir	4th
	Collins Kiprotich	7th
	Mathew Kosgei	23rd

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
2024	Pamela Kosgei	19:30.9

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
	Idalise 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
2024	Pamela Kosgei	1st
	Mercy Kirarei	7th
2025	Pamela Kosgei	2nd
	Judy Rono	5th
	Marion Jepngetich	10th
	Jasmine Wood	13th
	Alice Seguin	15th

LAST YEAR AT MOUNTAIN REGIONALS

New Mexico Cross Country swept both the men's and women's team titles at NCAA Mountain Regional Championships for the first time since 2010 to secure two automatic qualifications to NCAA Championships Nov. 14, 2025 at the Salt Lake City Regional Athletics Complex, with the No. 3 UNM men winning with a 37-point team score and the No. 8 women beating out No. 1 BYU with 45 points in total.

It was the first regional team title for the Lobo men since 2010 and only the second in program history. For the women, it was their seventh regional team title and first since 2022, when they went on to finish as NCAA Runners-Up a week later.

Habtom Samuel became the first man from New Mexico to win multiple regional titles with a dominant 29:45.3 performance, and Pamela Kosgei finished as Regional Runner-Up with a 19:48.7 time to lead the way, with all five point-scorers for both men and women placing among the Top 25 individuals to earn All-Region honors.

The UNM men had improved their regional finish from the previous season in all three seasons under Coach Gauson before finally coming out on top on Friday. Their 37-point total was the lowest at Regionals in program history, outpacing 2010's 45-point effort.

The Lobo women beat out BYU, which entered the week as the No. 1 team in the nation, posting a 45-point total to the Cougars' 47 as all five point-scorers finished among the Top 15 individuals. It was their second-lowest team score at Regionals in program history behind a 41-point performance in 2018.



Men's Team Results (10K)

PL	Team	Total Time	Avg. Time	Score	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	#3 New Mexico	2:30:58	30:11	37	1	2	4	7	23	43	52
2	#10 BYU	2:32:09	30:25	67	5	6	10	21	25	27	31
3	#8 N. Arizona	2:32:47	30:33	82	11	15	17	19	20	24	45
4	#6 Colorado	2:33:57	30:47	114	12	18	22	30	32	33	36
5	#28 Air Force	2:34:30	30:54	127	3	26	29	34	35	37	58
6	Utah State	2:36:23	31:16	186	28	38	39	40	41	51	79
7	Weber State	2:37:30	31:30	215	8	44	49	53	61	64	70
8	Utah Valley	2:38:33	31:42	243	14	50	56	57	66	68	76
9	Texas Tech	2:39:37	31:55	252	9	13	72	74	84		
10	Wyoming	2:40:51	32:10	291	16	46	47	87	95	96	112
11	Montana State	2:41:10	32:14	303	42	54	60	67	80	86	90
12	Colorado St.	2:43:46	32:45	356	59	71	73	75	78	104	
13	Idaho State	2:44:59	32:59	386	48	69	83	92	94	111	
14	Southern Utah	2:46:14	33:14	408	55	65	85	100	103	108	
15	Montana	2:46:33	33:18	417	62	63	89	101	102	105	
16	New Mexico St.	2:49:19	33:51	468	81	88	91	98	110	113	
17	UTEP	2:52:15	34:27	489	77	93	97	106	116	117	
18	Nevada	2:52:28	34:29	511	82	99	107	110	111	113	116

Women's Team Results (6K)

PL	Team	Total Time	Avg. Time	Score	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	#8 New Mexico	1:42:06	20:25	45	2	5	10	13	15	34	38
2	#1 BYU	1:41:06	20:13	47	1	3	9	16	18	19	42
3	#21 N. Arizona	1:43:17	20:39	76	4	6	17	22	27	37	39
4	#17 Colorado	1:44:54	20:58	106	14	20	21	23	28	32	
5	#22 Utah	1:45:26	21:05	120	8	25	26	30	31	33	44
6	Air Force	1:47:47	21:33	198	11	12	45	57	73	93	94
7	Utah State	1:48:17	21:39	206	29	36	41	49	51	58	82
8	Colorado St.	1:48:58	21:47	234	35	46	47	52	54	60	70
9	Utah Valley	1:49:14	21:50	265	7	48	55	76	79	86	108
10	Texas Tech	1:50:35	22:07	293	24	56	63	66	84	92	102
11	Montana State	1:51:32	22:18	322	43	59	64	71	85	95	97
12	Wyoming	1:51:30	22:18	324	50	65	68	69	72	80	
13	Weber State	1:52:56	22:35	370	40	61	83	90	96	103	104
14	Idaho State	1:54:06	22:49	394	53	62	78	100	101	109	114
15	New Mexico St.	1:55:11	23:02	436	67	77	89	98	105	107	
16	Nevada	1:55:49	23:09	458	75	87	91	99	106	112	115
17	Southern Utah	1:56:25	23:17	464	74	81	88	110	111	113	116

LAST YEAR AT MOUNTAIN REGIONALS

MEN'S 10K RECAP

Habtom Samuel remained unbeaten in the 2025 cross country season with a typically dominant performance, putting down a 29:45.3 time as the only man in the field to run below 30 minutes. He'll enter next week's championship race as an overwhelming favorite to win his first NCAA individual title.

Two-time All-American Evans Kiplagat continued his resurgent junior season with his highest-ever finish at Mountain Regionals, crossing 19.1 seconds behind Samuel to finish as Regional Runner-Up. It's the third All-Region finish for Kiplagat in his career after he finished third in 2023 and 10th in 2024.

Behind them, Vincent Chirchir (4th, 30:08.9), Collins Kiprotich (7th, 30:12.4) and Mathew Kosgei (23rd, 30:46.1) all finished with All-Region honors while Joshua Abraham (43rd, 31:26.8) and Jayden Hernandez (52nd, 31:48.3) wrapped up UNM's seven-man contingent.

WOMEN'S 6K RECAP

Up against BYU's national title hopeful Jane Hedengren for the first time this season, Pamela Kosgei stayed right at the front at the onset of the race but didn't pursue the freshman phenom when she made her initial move, instead opting to defend second-place from fellow BYU athlete Riley Chamberlain to preserve crucial points in the team score.

UNM took the team lead with 38 points at the four-kilometer mark after Alice Seguin moved up three spots to 13th and Jasmine Wood picked off five runners to move up to 15th and held on the rest of the way, dropping only seven points while BYU added six. Wood and Seguin proved pivotal down the stretch as they held those positions through the finish line, holding off No. 1 BYU by just two points in the team score to secure their first regional championship since 2022.

All in all, Kosgei finished as Regional Runner-Up with a 19:48.7 clocking, while Judy Rono (5th, 20:11.1) and Marion Jepngetich (10th, 20:37.0) both packed into the Top 10 just behind her. Wood moved up to 13th overall (20:43.5) and Seguin dropped two spots to 15th (20:45.8) to close out a 45-point team score – the second-best in program history behind a 41-point team outing in 2018 – while Tilly Simpson (34th, 21:28.2) and Mercy Kirarei (38th, 21:40.7) both finished within the individual Top 40.

WOMEN'S TOP 40 FINISHERS

PL	NAME	TEAM	TIME	SCORE
1	Jane Hedengren	BYU	19:06.6	1
2	Pamela Kosgei	New Mexico	19:48.7	2
3	Riley Chamberlain	BYU	19:52.8	3
4	Hayley Burns	Northern Arizona	20:01.5	4
5	Judy Rono	New Mexico	20:11.1	5
6	Ava Mitchell	Northern Arizona	20:12.4	6
7	Morgan Nokes	Utah Valley	20:13.0	7
8	Erin Vringer	Utah	20:23.5	8
9	Taylor Rohatinsky	BYU	20:28.1	9
10	Marion Jepngetich	New Mexico	20:37.0	10
11	India Jones	Air Force	20:42.2	11
12	Ella Johnson	Air Force	20:42.4	12
13	Jasmine Wood	New Mexico	20:43.5	13
14	Abbey Nechanicky	Colorado	20:45.1	14
15	Alice Seguin	New Mexico	20:45.8	15
16	Carmen Alder	BYU	20:47.3	16
17	Agnes McTighe	Northern Arizona	20:49.1	17
18	Lexi Goff	BYU	20:51.3	18
19	Zariel Macchia	BYU	20:51.3	19
20	Jessie Secor	Colorado	20:53.3	20
21	Juliette Forstrom	Colorado	20:56.8	21
22	Keira Moore	Northern Arizona	21:00.5	22
23	Mia Larochelle	Colorado	21:05.1	23
24	Lily Mather	Texas Tech	21:07.4	24
25	Annastasia Peters	Utah	21:11.4	25
26	Millie Wilcox	Utah	21:13.5	26
27	Kiki Vaughn	Northern Arizona	21:13.5	27
28	Ella Hagen	Colorado	21:13.8	28
29	Natalie Swain	Utah State	21:14.8	29
30	Lindsey Peters	Utah	21:18.0	30
31	Kyla Martin	Utah	21:20.3	31
32	Holly Barker	Colorado	21:22.0	32
33	Emily Junginger	Utah	21:25.2	33
34	Tilly Simpson	New Mexico	21:28.2	34
35	Tatum Berg	Colorado St.	21:38.6	35
36	Sarah Ellis	Utah State	21:38.8	36
37	Emma Stutzman	Northern Arizona	21:39.9	37
38	Mercy Kirarei	New Mexico	21:40.7	38
39	Nikita Moore	Northern Arizona	21:40.8	39
40	Hailey Low	Weber State	21:41.3	40

MEN'S TOP 40 FINISHERS

PL	NAME	TEAM	TIME	SCORE
1	Habtom Samuel	New Mexico	29:45.3	1
2	Evans Kiplagat	New Mexico	30:05.4	2
3	Jayden Nats	Air Force	30:08.2	3
4	Vincent Chirchir	New Mexico	30:08.9	4
5	Tayvon Kitchen	BYU	30:09.6	5
6	Davin Thompson	BYU	30:09.7	6
7	Collins Kiprotich	New Mexico	30:12.4	7
8	Peter Visser	Weber State	30:13.1	8
9	Titus Kimaru	Texas Tech	30:13.6	9
10	Noah Jenkins	BYU	30:15.3	10
11	Colin Sahlman	Northern Arizona	30:20.2	11
12	Dominic Serem	Colorado	30:21.8	12
13	Victor Kipkoech	Texas Tech	30:22.1	13
14	Sila Kiplakat	Utah Valley	30:22.3	14
15	Manny Perez	Northern Arizona	30:24.5	15
16	Jacob White	Wyoming	30:27.8	16
17	Cael Grotenhuis	Northern Arizona	30:37.0	17
18	Jake Liebert	Colorado	30:40.0	18
19	Erik Le Roux	Northern Arizona	30:42.2	19
20	Ethan Godsey	Northern Arizona	30:43.1	20
21	Max Davis	BYU	30:44.0	21
22	Dean Casey	Colorado	30:45.4	22
23	Mathew Kosgei	New Mexico	30:46.1	23
24	Justin Keyes	Northern Arizona	30:48.7	24
25	James Corrigan	BYU	30:50.9	25
26	Zachary Ayers	Air Force	30:57.1	26
27	Garrett Stanford	BYU	30:59.8	27
28	Joshua McKee	Utah State	31:02.0	28
29	Saketh Rudraraju	Air Force	31:03.9	29
30	Kole Mathison	Colorado	31:04.2	30
31	Dalton Mortensen	BYU	31:06.4	31
32	Grady Rauba	Colorado	31:06.5	32
33	Lukas Haug	Colorado	31:06.8	33
34	Patrick Lawson	Air Force	31:10.5	34
35	Matthew Edwards	Air Force	31:11.2	35
36	Tanner Newkirk	Colorado	31:12.4	36
37	Terrance Allen	Air Force	31:14.2	37
38	Josh Armstrong	Utah State	31:16.5	38
39	Logan Garnica	Utah State	31:20.6	39
40	LJ Floyd	Utah State	31:20.7	40

LOBO XC HISTORY

MEN'S ALL-TIME CONFERENCE RESULTS (MW ONLY)

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
2024	1st/9	15*	MWC
2025	1st/10	26	MWC
2026	1st/8	15*	MWC

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
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
2024	2nd	61
2025	1st	37*

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
2023	18th	465
2024	9th	272
2025	2nd	82

WOMEN'S ALL-TIME CONFERENCE RESULTS (MW ONLY)

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
2024	1st/11	32	MWC
2025	1st/11	25	MWC
2026	1st/10	19	MWC

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
1993	16th	390
1994	16th	405
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
2024	3rd	111
2025	1st	45

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
2024	7th	244
2025	4th	216

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
2023	Evans Kiplagat	33rd
2024	Habtom Samuel	2nd
2024	Collins Kiprotich	35th
2024	Evans Kiplagat	40th
2025	Habtom Samuel	CHAMP
2025	Collins Kiprotich	8th
2025	Evans Kiplagat	13th
2025	Vincent Chirchir	20th

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
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	Gracelyn Larkin	21st
	Stefanie Parsons	36th
2022	Amelia Mazza-Downie	22nd
	Gracelyn Larkin	26th
	Samree Dishon	37th
	Emma Heckel	38th
	Elise Thorner	40th
2023	Nicola Jansen	36th
2024	Pamela Kosgei	2nd
2024	Mercy Kirarei	35th
2025	Pamela Kosgei	17th

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ALL-TIME RANKINGS AND NCAA FINISHES

NEW MEXICO MEN'S ALL-TIME USTFCCCA RANKINGS & NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP FINISHES

Season	Preseason	Week #1	Week #2	Week #3	Week #4	Week #5	Week #6	Week #7	Week #8	Week #9	Week #10	FINAL
2026	2	2	1	1	1	1	1					
2025	2	2	3	3	3	3	3					2
2024	8	8	8	8	6	6	5					9
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							
1988												20
1975												14
1966												11

NEW MEXICO WOMEN'S ALL-TIME USTFCCCA RANKINGS & NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP FINISHES

Season	Preseason	Week #1	Week #2	Week #3	Week #4	Week #5	Week #6	Week #7	Week #8	Week #9	Week #10	FINAL
2026	2	2	3	4	6	6	7					
2025	4	3	5	5	9	8	4					4
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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
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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
1985												14
1981												11

ROSTER AND PRONUNCIATIONS

MEN'S COMPETITORS

NAME	CLASS	HOMETOWN	PREVIOUS SCHOOL
Vincent Chirchir	4Y	Keringet, Kenya	Keringet Boys School
Lukas Ehrle	3Y	Villingen-Schwenningen, Germany	Wingate / Ole Miss
Matthew Giardina	2Y	Tyngsboro, Mass.	Bishop Guertin HS
Jayden Hernandez	3Y	Santa Ana, Calif.	Dana Hills HS
Evans Kiplagat	4Y	Eldoret, Kenya	Friends Bwake Boys HS
Lukas Kiprop	4Y	Baringo County, Kenya	A.I.C Moi Academy Esageri
Collins Kiprotich	3Y	Eldoret, Kenya	M.O.I. Secondary School Chuiyat
Pasanjo Kitonga	2Y	Isiolo County, Kenya	Leparua Secondary School

PRONUNCIATIONS

Vincent Chirchir - Cheercheer
Lukas Ehrle - Earl
Matthew Giardina - Jardeena
Evans Kiplagat - Kipluhgat
Lukas Kiprop - Key-prop
Collins Kiprotich - Kip-roe-titch
Pasanjo Kitonga - Pahsahnjoe

WOMEN'S COMPETITORS

NAME	CLASS	HOMETOWN	PREVIOUS SCHOOL
Li-Mari Dekker	3Y	Pretoria, South Africa	Zwartkop HS
Kylie Feeney	3Y	Dublin, Ohio	Dublin Coffman / Tennessee
Marion Jepngetich	3Y	Uasin Gishu County, Kenya	Kimwogo Mixed Day Secondary School
Mercy Kirarei	4Y	Eldoret, Kenya	Saramek Secondary School
Pamela Kosgei	3Y	Elgeyo-Marakwet County, Kenya	St. Agatha Mokpo
Faith Ngetich	1Y	Koibatek, Kenya	Drys Girls Secondary School
Rilyn Stevens	3Y	Boise, Idaho	Mountain View HS
Mia Torrecillas	3Y	Bakersfield, Calif.	Highland HS

PRONUNCIATIONS

Li-Mari Dekker - Lee-Marie
Marion Jepngetich - Jepingetitch
Mercy Kirarei - Ki-rah-ray
Pamela Kosgei - Koss-guy
Faith Ngetich - In-getitch
Mia Torrecillas - Torre-seeyas

COACHING STAFF

HEAD COACH: Darren Gauson (4th Season)
ASSISTANT COACH (DISTANCE): Dustyn McKenney (2nd Season)
ASSISTANT COACH (DISTANCE): Kelli Blake (1st Season)
ASSISTANT COACH / DIR. OF OPERATIONS: Jared Berryman (4th Season)

HEAD COACH DARREN GAUSON

Darren Gauson was named New Mexico's head track & field and cross country coach on June 30, 2023. Through his first three seasons in Albuquerque, he has guided the Lobos to nine NCAA individual championships and nine Mountain West team titles, earning nine Mountain West Coach of the Year awards.

Under Gauson, New Mexico has reached new heights across all three seasons of competition. In 2025-26, the Lobos finished fourth in both the men's and women's USTFCCCA Program of the Year standings, their best combined showing in program history. UNM placed both cross country teams on the NCAA podium for the first time and finished among the nation's top 20 in both men's and women's team scoring at the NCAA Indoor and Outdoor Championships for the second year in a row.

The Lobo women swept the Mountain West cross country, indoor and outdoor team championships in both 2024-25 and 2025-26, becoming the first women's program in the conference to accomplish the feat in consecutive years since BYU in 2004 and 2005. Gauson has also guided the first two Bowerman finalists in UNM history: Pamela Kosgei in 2025 and Habtom Samuel in 2026.

2025-26 SEASON

Gauson's third season produced five NCAA individual titles, 15 First Team All-America performances and four Mountain West team championships. The Lobos finished fourth in both USTFCCCA Program of the Year standings, which recognize combined success at the NCAA cross country, indoor and outdoor championships. The finish was the best in program history for the men and the highest for the women since 2019.

In cross country, UNM swept the Mountain West men's and women's team and individual titles for the second straight season. Habtom Samuel captured his third consecutive conference individual championship, while Pamela Kosgei repeated as women's champion. Twelve Lobos earned All-Mountain West recognition, and Gauson received both conference Coach of the Year awards. The Lobos followed with their first sweep of the NCAA Mountain Region team titles since 2010. The men scored a program-record-low 37 points for their first regional championship in 15 years, while the women scored 45 to defeat top-ranked BYU. All five scorers on each team earned All-Region honors.

At the NCAA Championships in Columbia, Mo., Samuel became the first man in UNM history to win an individual cross country national title, covering 10 kilometers in 28:33.9. His victory led the men to a program-best runner-up finish with 82 points, while the women placed fourth with 216. New Mexico was the only school to put both teams on the podium. Collins Kiprotich (eighth), Evans Kiplagat (13th) and Vincent Chirchir (20th) joined Samuel as men's All-Americans, with Kosgei placing 17th on the women's side. Gauson was subsequently named USTFCCCA Mountain Region Men's Cross Country Coach of the Year.

On the track, the women successfully defended their Mountain West indoor championship with 165 points, while the men finished second with 122. Samuel and Kosgei swept the men's and women's 3,000m and 5,000m titles, and Matthew Endrödy won both the 800m and mile. Gauson earned his second consecutive MW Women's Indoor Coach of the Year award as a result.

Five Lobos advanced to the NCAA Indoor Championships, where Samuel won the 5,000m to become the first UNM athlete to claim NCAA titles in cross country, indoor and outdoor competition.

Kosgei finished second in the 3,000m and third in the 5,000m, Marion Jepngetich placed third in the 3,000m and Endrödy finished sixth in the mile. Those five First Team All-America performances helped the women tie for 10th nationally with 20 points and the men tie for 19th with 13. Samuel and Kosgei also swept the Mountain West's indoor student-athlete of the year awards.

The women completed their second consecutive conference triple crown with a program-record 190 points at the Mountain West Outdoor Championships. The men placed fourth with 107 points, and UNM won 11 events across the two squads, including both 4x400m relays. Gauson collected his ninth Mountain West Coach of the Year award in three seasons.

New Mexico sent 26 athletes to the NCAA West Preliminary meet and advanced six to the NCAA Outdoor Championships. Samuel won the 5,000m and 10,000m in Eugene, giving him four NCAA titles during the academic year and five in his collegiate career. Jepngetich added her first national title in the women's



5,000m, completing a UNM sweep of that event and giving the Lobos three outdoor national titles for the second straight year. Kosgei finished second in the 10,000m and fifth in the 5,000m.

The women tied for 12th with 22 points, and the men finished 14th with 20. The outdoor season also featured a collegiate 5,000m record from Samuel, who ran 12:57.22 and became UNM's first men's finalist for The Bowerman. Gauson earned USTFCCCA Mountain Region Women's Outdoor Coach of the Year honors for the second consecutive season, while Samuel and Jepngetich received the region's men's and women's track athlete awards. Samuel added USTFCCCA National Men's Outdoor Scholar Track Athlete of the Year recognition, becoming the first Lobo man to earn that honor.

2024-25 SEASON

In Gauson's second year at the helm, the Lobos reached new heights on the national stage for both men and women. They won four Mountain West titles – including the first sweep of women's cross country, indoor and outdoor track & field team titles in program history – and finished in the Top 10 nationally for men & women at both NCAA XC and Outdoor Track & Field Championships, with Ishmael Kipkurui (10,000m) and Pamela Kosgei (5,000m & 10,000m) winning individual national titles outdoors.

At NCAA Cross Country Championships, the Lobo women finished 7th and the men finished 9th, making UNM one of just three schools in the nation with both teams finishing in the Top 10 alongside NAU and BYU. Habtom Samuel repeated as national runner-up despite losing a shoe halfway through the race and Pamela Kosgei finished as national runner-up on the women's side – both earned USTFCCCA Mountain Region Athlete of the Year honors following the conclusion of the season.

At the conclusion of the indoor season, UNM qualified five athletes for NCAA Indoor Championships – Brodie Young (400m), Collins Kiprotich (Mile), Ishmael Kipkurui (3,000m; 5,000m), Habtom Samuel (3,000m; 5,000m) and Pamela Kosgei (3,000m; 5,000m). Samuel (2nd, 5,000m) and Kosgei (3rd, 5,000m) both took home First Team All-America honors.

During the outdoor regular season, Ishmael Kipkurui broke the NCAA collegiate record in the 10,000m at Sound Running's THE TEN (26:50.21), Habtom Samuel broke the collegiate 5,000m record (13:05.87) and Pamela Kosgei ran the second-fastest 5,000m (14:52.45) and 10,000m performances (31:02.73) in NCAA history.

At NCAA West Region Preliminaries, 11 Lobos qualified for NCAA Outdoor Championships – the second-most in program history and most since a 28-athlete showing in 2011.

In addition to national titles from Pamela Kosgei (5,000m,10,000m) and Ishmael Kipkurui (10,000m), Mathew Kosgei (6th, 3,000m Steeplechase), Habtom Samuel (2nd, 5,000m & 10,000m) and Marion Jepngetich (4th, 5,000m) all earned First Team All-America honors. With Kosgei and Kipkurui's 10,000m victories, UNM became the first D-I institution to sweep both men's and women's 10K titles at the same NCAA Outdoor Championships.

The UNM men finished 5th in the team score – their highest finish ever – with the most points in program history (31 points). The women placed ninth with 25 points – their second-best finish in history. The two squads' 56 points combined were the most in any single season at UNM, more than twice the previous highest combined of 22 points (2018).

After outdoor championships, Gauson was named USTFCCA Mountain Region Coach of the Year for both men and women, with Pamela Kosgei named Regional Athlete of the Year and becoming the first finalist for The Bowerman in program history.

2023-24 SEASON

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 Kiprop broke the 3,000m record at the Sharon Danville-Colyear Season Opener.

In the 2023-24 indoor season, UNM athletes produced 33 marks that rank among the Top 10 in program history in their respective events. The women finished 4th and the men finished 5th at MW Indoor Championships, with Habtom Samuel and Mercy Kirarei sweeping the men's and women's 3,000m and 5,000m titles — the first time in program history that UNM won all four races at the same indoor championships. 10 Lobos earned indoor All-MW honors following the meet, with Habtom Samuel named Performer of the Meet and Indoor Track Athlete of the Year.

Samuel and Kiplagat both qualified for NCAA Indoor Championships, with Samuel finishing 4th in the 5,000m and 7th in the 3,000m for his second and third All-American awards and Kiplagat finishing 15th in the 5,000m for 2nd Team honors.

The Lobos put up 18 more Top-10 marks in the outdoor season, with Samuel breaking the UNM outdoor 5,000m and 10,000m records in the spring, winning his first NCAA individual title in the 10,000m and NCAA Outdoor Championships and finishing 6th in the 5,000m to make it five All-American honors in his freshman year alone. Maja Gebauer also matched the previous UNM record in the pole vault and became the first Lobo to win a MW title since 2009.

The UNM women finished 6th and the men finished 5th at Gauson's first MW Outdoor Championships in Clovis, with 11 All-MW honorees. Samuel won both the 1,500m and 5,000m races — his 4th and 5th conference individual titles — to join Gebauer as at the top of the podium, later being named MW Outdoor Track Athlete of the Year to complete the season sweep of conference yearly awards.

At 2024 NCAA Outdoor Track & Field Championships in Eugene, Ore., Samuel scored 13 points in total for the Lobos with his first- and sixth-place finishes – the most points the UNM men have scored as a team at NCAA Outdoor Championships since 1967 (24) – to help the Lobos finish tied for 23rd in the men's team score with Northern Arizona. It's only the fifth time UNM has produced 13 or more points in the men's team score in program history and the highest the Lobo men have finished in the team score since 2017.

UNM concluded the week as the second-highest placing non-P5 team in the men's field behind Harvard (T-16th), outscoring 113 of 137 teams competing.