

UW ski teams finish unbeaten and ranked

by Boomerang Staff

After an unbeaten regular season, the nationally-ranked University of Wyoming Nordic ski teams compete in the regional meet Saturday and Sunday at Snow Mountain Ranch near Winter Park, Colo.

The UW women's Nordic team entered the season as the top-ranked cross country squad in the United States Collegiate Ski and Snowboard Association, while the UW men were rated second overall.

"Our women's team was strong coming into this season. We have some new faces on the men's side who have made a huge difference and we hope to do even better than our pre-season ranking once we get to nationals," says coach Christi Boggs, technology director in the UW College of Education.

During the regular season, both UW Nordic teams won their home meet at the Tie City/Happy Jack Nordic trails. They also won meets in Frisco and Leadville, Colo., and

at the Encampment Winter Carnival. The UW club team competes in the Rocky Mountain Collegiate Ski Conference along with several Colorado teams.

Four UW men and seven women team members already have qualified for the national meet March 3-9, at Tahoe, Calif., but only four Cowboys and Cowgirls will compete in the finals, says Boggs. The UW coaches will select a four-man and four-woman roster from among Jeff Bean of Casper; Clayton Barrows of Laramie; and Riley Hopeman and Jordie Weller, both from Lander; Jennifer Kinner, Brooke Umphlett, and Janelle Lore, all of Casper; Greta Black, Ava Bell, and Bekah Smith, all of Laramie; and Erika Edgely from Lake Placid, N.Y.

Other UW team members are Erik Jacobsen and Ken Meich, both of Casper; Ashley Driscoll and Kristin Morrison, both from Cheyenne; Patrick Fleming, Judi Hulme, Sian Mooney and Ed Sherline, all from Laramie; Suzanne Lewis from Loveland, Colo.; and Annie Peters of Springfield, Mo.