

Men's cross country team makes history at nationals

The Colby Community College men's cross country team made history on Saturday at the National Junior College Athletic Association Championships in Ina, Ill.

The men, coached by James Ortiz, finished in fourth place — the best in school history. The previous best was in 2011 when the team finished ninth.

"We left the meet with mixed emotions," said Ortiz. "Our guys were disappointed because they know we could have finished the meet with some hardware, and they came really close. Our team is also proud knowing they gave the best teams in the nation a run for their money."

In addition to the team effort, Nico Barrera, a freshman from Carlsbad, N.M., led the way for the Trojans, finishing in 15th place with a time of 26 minutes, 38.6 seconds. Barrera earned All-American honors in recognition of his efforts.

"Nico Barrera stepped up big

for us," said Ortiz. "As a team, it was not our best day, but he picked up the slack for some of his teammates who didn't have their best day."

Individual results:
Barrera, 15th, 26:38.8.
Jonathan Burgess, 24th, 26:51.6.
Damarius Lowery, 38th, 27:12.1.
Juan Pacheco, 55th, 27:33.4.
Gunnar Hays, 62nd, 27:43.5.
Gabriel Johnson, 91st, 28:09.7.
Louis Edmiston, 127th, 29:10.2.

"As disappointed as we are to come home empty-handed, I am so proud that this program is at the level where not finishing in the top three at nationals isn't good enough," Ortiz said. "This men's program has come a long way and I feel it's safe to say we have established ourselves as one of the best distance programs in the country."



Nico Barrera (above) ran Saturday at the National Junior College Athletic Association Championships in Ina, Ill. He took 15th place with a time of 26:38.8 and received All-American honors (left) for his performance.

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JAMES ORTIZ
Colby Community College

Wrestlers plan comedy show

The Colby Community College wrestling program will hold a fund-raising event featuring comedian Sam Adams on Saturday, Nov. 24, at the Meadow Lake Golf Club in Colby.

Dinner will be served at 7 p.m., followed by Adams' performance at 8:30.

"Adams' comedy is smooth, clever, clean, colorful and hilarious," said Wrestling Coach David Nordhues. "It will be a fun evening with good food and lots of laughs."

Adams has more than 20 years of experience as a sports journalist. He has covered four Super Bowls, two Olympics, two NCAA men's basketball final-four tourna-

ments, one Stanley Cup final and one World Series. He received the Print Journalist of the Year Award in 2003.

Adams started his career as a comedian at the age of 41. In 2009, he was the winner at the Great American Comedy Festival. He has shared the stage with Frank Caliendo, Phil Palisoul, Mike Epps, Rick Springfield, The Spinners, The Guess Who, David Sanborn and seven-time Grammy Award winner Al Jarreau.

Tickets, which include dinner and the show, are \$50 for one and \$85 for two. Contact Tyler Gonzales at (785) 250-7563 or Nordhues at (308) 750-2745 for information.

K-State in semifinals

By Dave Skretta

AP Sports Writer

MANHATTAN — Shane Southwell had 16 points to lead four players in double-figure scoring, and the Kansas State men's basketball team rolled over Division II Alabama-Huntsville 87-26 Tuesday night to reach the semi-

finals of the NIT Season Tip-Off.

The Wildcats (3-0), who easily dispatched Lamar in the opening round, will play Delaware next Wednesday at Madison Square Garden for a spot in the championship game.

The Blue Hens beat Virginia earlier in the night.

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