

Butler County Community College

Sweeps 2004 NJCAA Half Marathon Classic Team Titles

— By Kirk Hunter

Led by the front running of Chris George in the men's race and Diane Nukuri in the women's race, host Butler Community College came away with both the men's and women's NJCAA Half Marathon Team titles held on November 21, 2004 in Wichita, Kansas. George, a sophomore from BCC, placed second overall and was followed by BCC freshman Bobby Reyes in fourth place and teammate Bryce Forward in 16th place.

George's time broke the existing Kansas State road racing record that he set during last year's half marathon competition. With only 16 seconds separating first and third place, Calvin Fife of Mesa Community College won the battle between George and El Paso Community College's Joe Munoz.

Johnson County Community College, led by Brian Batliner's fifth-place finish, edged out Mesa Community College for second place. Johnson County placed seven runners in the top 13. In addition to individual national champion Fife, Mesa had strong performances from Chris Deshano (7th) and B. Maxwell, (26th).

The women's race was won by Diane Nukuri, who won this year's NJCAA Cross Country Division I title. Nukuri, a freshman for BCC, broke last year's record by 6:57. Her time also broke the existing Kansas State road racing record for her age group and was the third fastest time ever ran in the state of Kansas. Following Nukuri were teammates Sharon Toroitich and Annie Mosier.

Toroitich also ran under last year's national record time, placing third overall. Mosier rounded out the team scoring, placing seventh in the individual standings. Finishing in second place was Lansing's Megan Swick. Last year's women's team champions, Johnson County Community College came in second this year. JCCC was led by Nicole Porter who placed fourth overall.

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MEN'S TEAM RESULTS

Finish	College, State	Points
1	Butler County Community College, Kan.	19
2	Johnson County Community College, Kan.	22
3	Mesa Community College, Ariz.	29
4	El Paso Community College, Texas	42
5	SUNY-Delhi, N.Y.	49
6	Colby Community College, Kan.	57
7	Iowa Central Community College	59
8	Vincennes University, Ind.	70
9	North Iowa Area Community College	99
10	Lassen College, Calif.	120
11	Garden City Community College, Kan.	124

MEN'S INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

Finish	Name	College, State	Time
1	Calvin Fife *	Mesa Community College, Ariz.	1:11:02
2	Chris George *	Butler County Community College, Kan.	1:11:14
3	Joe Munoz *	El Paso Community College, Texas	1:11:18
4	Bobby Reyes	Butler County Community College, Kan.	1:11:42
5	Brian Batliner	Johnson County Community College, Kan.	1:12:43
6	Bishok Deng	Iowa Central Community College	1:13:30
7	Chris Deshano	Mesa Community College, Ariz.	1:14:19
8	Paul Barrett	Johnson County Community College, Kan.	1:14:30
9	Nick Cole	Johnson County Community College, Kan.	1:14:53
10	Blake Koger	Johnson County Community College, Kan.	1:15:17

WOMEN'S TEAM RESULTS

Finish	College, State	Points
1	Butler County Community College, Kan.	9
2	Johnson County Community College, Kan.	19
3	El Paso Community College, Texas	31
4	Cloud County Community College, Kan.	40
5	Mesa Community College, Ariz.	51
6	Highland Community College, Kan.	61
7	Iowa Central Community College	73
8	Fashion Institute of Technology, N.Y.	84
9	Lassen College, Calif.	104

WOMEN'S INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

Place	Name	College	Time
1	Diane Nukure *	Butler County Community College, Kan.	1:18:31
2	Megan Swick *	Lansing Community College, Mich.	1:22:53
3	Sharon Toroitich *	Butler County Community College, Kan.	1:24:55
4	Nicole Porter	Johnson County Community College, Kan.	1:26:37
5	Katie Forkner	Mesa Community College, Ariz.	1:27:35
6	Jolene Mick	Cloud County Community College, Kan.	1:28:05
7	Annie Mosier	Butler County Community College, Kan.	1:29:28
8	Cassie Blankenship	Johnson County Community College, Kan.	1:30:00
9	Imelda Gonzalez	El Paso Community College, Texas	1:30:57
10	Esther Mathis	Johnson County Community College, Kan.	1:34:12

* First-Team All-American

Full Results Available at: www.njcaa.org