Denver races to top spot at NCAA Skiing Championships

Colorado’s Ketterer completes sweep of alpine titles

Vermont’s Moltzan wins women’s slalom

FRANCONIA, N.H. -- Defending champion University of Denver raced to the top of the overall standings on Day 3 of the NCAA Skiing Championships on Friday, which featured the men’s and women’s slalom races at Cannon Mountain.

Denver tallied the top score in the men’s slalom (83 points) and tied for second in the women’s slalom (71) for a Day-3 best total team score of 154 points that increased the Pioneers’ overall total to 419 points.

Youth was served as freshman David Ketterer (University of Colorado) won the men’s slalom and Paula Moltzan (University of Vermont), another freshman, captured the women’s slalom title.

The University of Utah, which entered the day as the leader, ranks second with 384.5 points. Colorado tallied the third-highest score on Friday (137 points) to hold steady in third place with 377 points.

Dartmouth College recorded the second highest combined score in the slalom (143) to climb into fourth place with 313 points, and the University of Vermont turned in a strong day with 127 points to move into the top five at No. 5 with 279 total points.

The 64th annual NCAA Skiing Championships conclude March 11 with the Nordic freestyle races Jackson Ski Touring Center.

MEN’S SLALOM

Colorado, Dartmouth and Vermont all had two skiers garner All-America status in the men’s slalom and led the way with 80, 71 and 71 points, respectively.

David Ketterer completed a sweep of the men’s alpine individual titles by finishing atop the slalom podium with a two-run aggregate time of 1 minute, 49.23 seconds. Ketterer also bested the giant slalom field on Wednesday.

William St. Germain (Vermont) completed two runs in 1:49.63 for second place and Erik Read (Denver) also earned a spot on the podium with a third-place effort of 1:49.97. Read, who placed fifth in the giant slalom, has four All-America First Team accolades the past two years.
Thomas Woolson (Dartmouth) and Endre Bjertness (Utah) completed the First Team. The Second Team is comprised of Tanguy Nef (Dartmouth), Max Roeisland (Vermont), Max Luukko (Colorado), Rob Cone (Middlebury College) and Guillame Grand (St. Michael’s College).

Roeisland, Luukko and Cone also earned All-America status for the second time this year. Roeisland was a First Team honoree in giant slalom while both Luukko and Cone were both on the GS Second Team.

Woolson was the fastest skier in the second run (53.13 seconds) to ascend to the First Team and Cone had the top clocking in the first run (55.68).

WOMEN’S SLALOM
Denver, Dartmouth and Montana State all placed two skiers on an All-America Team in women’s slalom and were the top scorers with 83, 81 and 60 points, respectively.

Paula Moltzan was one of three skiers with a sub-59 second first run (58.35) and was the only skier to break 58 seconds in the second run (57.66) for a winning aggregate time of 1:56.57.

Andrea Komsic (Denver) became a two-time First Team All-American at the 2017 NCAAs with her second-place effort of 1:57.08 in Friday’s slalom; earlier this week, she finished fifth in the giant slalom.

Foreste Peterson (Dartmouth) placed on the podium with a third-place time of 1:57.46. Monica Hübner (Denver) and Nora Christensen (Colorado) also raced to a spot on the All-America First Team.

The Second Team consists of Alexa Dlouhy (Dartmouth), Benedicte Lyche (Montana State), Roni Remme (Utah), Genevieve Frigon (New Hampshire) and Stephanie Gartner (Montana State).

Hübner, Lyche, Remme and Gartner were All-Americans in the giant slalom; Hübner was on the Second Team while the other three were First Team.

Less than one-tenth-of-a-second separated 10th place from 12th place. Gartner earned that final spot on the Second Team with a strong second run (58.02) and combined time of 1:59.20. Kelly Moore (Dartmouth) completed her two runs in 1:59.27 and Julie Mohagen (Utah) was clocked in 1:59.28.

ALPINE OVERVIEW
Denver recorded the highest alpine team total (giant slalom and slalom) with 287 points, which was bolstered by an NCAA-best 168 points in the women’s disciplines.
**Top 10 Overall**

1. Denver .................. 419
2. Utah .................... 384.5
3. Colorado ................. 377
4. Dartmouth ................ 313
5. Vermont .................. 279
6. Montana State .......... 264
7. New Mexico ............. 155.5
8. Northern Michigan ...... 120
9. Alaska Anchorage ....... 110
10. New Hampshire ...... 108

**Top 10 Women’s Slalom**

1. Denver .................. 83
2. Dartmouth ............... 81
3. Montana State ........... 60
4. Colorado ................ 57
5. Vermont .................. 56
6. Utah ..................... 44
7. New Mexico .............. 43
8. New Hampshire .......... 22
9. Colby ..................... 17
10. Middlebury ............ 17

**Top 10 Men’s Slalom**

1. Colorado ................ 80
2. Denver ................... 71
3. Vermont .................. 71
4. Dartmouth ............... 62
5. Utah ..................... 39
6. St. Michael’s ........... 37
7. Middlebury .............. 29
8. Montana State .......... 27
9. Alaska Anchorage ...... 25
10. New Mexico ............ 21

**Women’s Slalom All-Americans**

Paula Moltzan, Vermont – First Team
Andrea Komsic, Denver – First Team
Foreste Peterson, Dartmouth – First Team
Monica Hübner, Denver – First Team
Nora Christensen, Colorado – First Team
Alexa Dlouhy, Dartmouth – Second Team
Benedicte Lyche, Montana State – Second Team
Roni Remme, Utah – Second Team
Genevieve Frigon, New Hampshire – Second Team
Stephanie Gartner, Montana State – Second Team

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Max Roeisland, Vermont – Second Team
Max Luukko, Colorado – Second Team
Rob Cone, Middlebury – Second Team
Guillaume Grand, St. Michael’s – Second Team