MIDDLEBURY, Vt. – Middlebury won’t have far to travel for the 2017 NCAA Skiing Championships hosted by the University of New Hampshire from March 8-11. Alpine events will take place at Cannon Mountain in Franconia, while the nordic races will be held at the Jackson Ski Touring Center in Jackson.

Seniors Rob Cone (Killington, Vt.) and Colin Hayes (Evergreen, Colo.), along with junior Devon Cardamone (Aspen, Colo.) will represent the men’s alpine team. Sophomore Caroline Bartlett (London, Ont.) and first-year racer Jackie Atkins (Toronto, Ont.) will participate for the Panther women. On the nordic side, sophomore Lewis Nottonson (Acton, Mass.) will race for the men.

Action begins on Wednesday, March 8 with the women’s and men’s giant slalom races, followed by the women’s 5K and men’s 10K classic events on Thursday. On Friday, March 10, the slalom races will take place with the men’s 20K free and women’s 15K free wrapping up the championships on Saturday.

Cone earned All-East honors for the third-consecutive year. He came on strong down the stretch this season, winning three of his final six races, including the slalom title at last weekend’s EISA Championship. An All-American in 2015, Cone is ranked second in the East in both the slalom and giant slalom in 2017. Aside from the EISA slalom title, he earned a slalom win at Middlebury and a GS victory at Dartmouth this season. The 2015 NCAA giant slalom champion has won eight collegiate races over his three years at Middlebury, placing second 11 times. In the 30 races he has completed as a Panther, he has finished in the top-five in 25 of those events.

Hayes was named to the All-East first team after earning second-team honors a year ago. He is ranked fifth in the East in the slalom, while sitting in the 13th spot in the giant slalom. Hayes placed a season-best fourth in the slalom at the Vermont and Middlebury carnivals in 2017. The senior has placed in the top-10 in six of the 10 races he’s finished this year, earning the honor 17 times in his career. Last season, Hayes picked up a win in the slalom at Williams.

Cardamone earned a season-best second-place finish in the GS at the UVM Carnival. He twice placed 12th in the GS, with those efforts coming at St. Lawrence at the EISA Championships at Bates. Cardamone is ranked 14th in the East in the GS.

Bartlett ended the year as the cumulative points leader in the East to earn the top spot in the giant slalom rankings. The sophomore picked up three GS wins this season, opening the year with a victory at St. Lawrence before taking home the crown at Vermont and Middlebury. She placed second in the GS at Middlebury and third at Dartmouth. In her two seasons as a Panther, she has finished in the top 10 on eight different occasions.

Atkins had an impressive rookie season on the slopes for the Panthers. She finished the Eastern circuit ranked 15th in the slalom and 21st in the GS. Atkins placed in the top-13 during six different events, with a season-best 10th-place finish in the GS at the EISA Championships. She opened the year 12th in both races at St. Lawrence, before placing 13th in the GS and 11th in the slalom at UNH.

On the nordic side, Nottonson turned in a season-best sixth-place finish at the Middlebury Carnival, accomplishing the feat in the 20K freestyle. Another quality finish came in the opening
races of the year at St. Lawrence, where he earned an 11th-place finish in the 10K free. Overall, Nottonson earned six top-20 finishes in 2017. He is ranked 12th in the East in the freestyle technique.

Middlebury’s Alpine Qualifiers
Women  Yr.  Hometown/ Previous School
Caroline Bartlett  So.  London, Ont./National Ski Academy
Jackie Atkins  Fr.  Toronto, Ont./National Ski Academy

Men  Yr.  Hometown/Previous School
Devon Cardamone  Jr.  Aspen, Colo./Aspen
Rob Cone  Sr.  Killington, Vt./Burke Mountain Academy
Colin Hayes  Sr.  Evergreen, Colo./Vail Ski & Snowboard Academy

Head Coach: Stever Bartlett (St. Lawrence ’96)
Assistant Coach: Abby Copeland (St. Lawrence ’06)

Middlebury’s Nordic Qualifier
Men  Yr.  Hometown/ Previous School
Lewis Nottonson  So.  Acton, Mass./Acton Boxborough

Head Coach: Andrew Johnson (Middlebury/Utah ’10)
Assistant Coach: Kate Barton (Middlebury ’09)

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Alpine Coach: Stever Bartlett

Bartlett enters his 11th season as the head coach of the Middlebury College Alpine Ski Team. During his tenure, Bartlett has worked hard to continue the success of Middlebury Skiing.

In 2008, Bartlett was awarded the EISA Coach of the Year award and led the team to a fifth-place finish at the 2008 NCAA Championships. The alpine men finished second in the nation in slalom and third in the nation in GS at the event. In 2012, he led the men's slalom team to a national title at the NCAAs. The team repeated the feat the following season when Middlebury hosted the NCAAs. At the NCAA Championship in 2015, Bartlett coached the alpine national champion in Rob Cone '17, while leading the Panthers to the men's team alpine national title.

Bartlett came to Middlebury after working with the U.S. Ski Team in Park City, Utah. He most recently worked as a World Cup assistant coach for the alpine women's team during the winter of 2005-06. Bartlett has also served as the head Europa coach, a Development Team coach and as a strength and conditioning coach with the program. Bartlett was a staff member at the 2006 Torino Winter Olympics, where he worked as a coach for gold medalist Julia Mancuso.

In 2002, Bartlett was awarded the Vermont Alpine Ski Racing Association (VARA) "Coach of the Year" award while working as the head coach of the Killington Mountain School. Bartlett is a 1996 graduate of St. Lawrence University where he was captain and member of the alpine team. He earned his degree in environmental biology with a minor in sports science.

Nordic Coach: Andrew Johnson

Johnson is now in his fourth season Johnson as the head coach of the nordic ski program at Middlebury. The former Panther skier and two-time U.S. Olympian came to Middlebury from the University of Vermont, where he served as an assistant coach for three years, helping the Catamounts to the 2012 NCAA title.

Before joining the Catamounts, Johnson was an assistant nordic coach at the University of Utah during the 2008 and 2009 seasons. While at Utah, he earned a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Studies.

A native of Greensboro, Vermont, Johnson was a member of the U.S. Ski Team from 1999-2007. He competed in the 2002 Olympics in Salt Lake City, Utah, as well as the 2006 Olympics in Torino, Italy. He also competed in the Nordic World Ski Championships in 2003, 2005 and 2007. Johnson was the U.S. National Champion in cross-country skiing in 2005 and 2006.

Johnson began his career at Middlebury College where he was a three-time NCAA All-American from 1997-99 under head coach Terry Aldrich. He was the U.S. Junior National Champion in cross-country skiing in 1996.