



BIG 12 CONFERENCE NEWS

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2008 Big 12 Cross Country Championships - Quotes -

Jon Murray, Texas Tech Head Coach

On team's overall performance:

"We had an incredible, fantastic effort. It was a team effort. We pulled through. The runner who is normally our four or five girl moved up very well. So that was the difference for our team. We weren't even close to being all-conference the last two years, and this year we're all-conference."

On Kipyego's win:

"That whole race was just a trophy to her. The entire time she was never pressured by anybody and that's just how it's been her entire season. It's kind of the way her career has been going as well. I know she has a couple of tough races ahead of her, but doing this for the team and not just herself is what makes her great. For her to come back this year after she could have gone pro proves she really did it for the team. This championship is really a tribute to her."

On competing at the ISU Cross Country Course:

"Iowa State has done a tremendous job on hosting this meet. It's championship style and they really made this a memorable experience for the athletes."

Sally Kipyego, Texas Tech, Sr.

On overall performance:

"It was absolutely great. I mean every time you get to race and you run like that it feels amazing. The crowd really helped me a lot, and they were shouting and screaming and it was great."

On team performance

"That was probably the most exciting feeling ever. I mean I wanted to win as an individual very bad, but I think the team win was even better."

German Fernandez, Oklahoma State, Fr.

On finishing in first-place:

"It feels really good, but I'm more proud of our team and how we ran today. We ran very conservative at first, but we just finished strong, and won the Big 12 championship."

On breaking Colorado's win record:

"It feels great. It is an honor to break Colorado's streak, as I give them a lot of respect."