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Colorado Men and Texas A&M Women Lead After Day One

Boulder, Colo. – The Colorado men are in first place with 33 points on the first day of action at the 2008 Big 12 Outdoor Track & Field Championships, while Texas A&M currently leads the women's field with 24 points.

The Big 12 Outdoor Track & Field Championships is being held May 16-18 at Potts Field in Boulder, Colo. This marks the first time Colorado will host the Championships. The Buffaloes twice hosted Big Eight Outdoor meets, in 1986 and 1993.

Two-time defending hammer throw champion Egor Agafonov (Kansas) followed his Big 12 best performance at last year's championship by winning a third straight title with a mark of 221 feet and 11 inches (67.65 meters). He becomes the second Jayhawk to win three hammer throw titles at the Big 12 Championships after Scott Russell won in 1999-2000 and 2002. On the women's side, Loren Groves of Kansas State beat out her teammate and 2006 Big 12 Champion Laci Heller by nearly 15 feet. Her toss of 212'-04" (64.73m) is the second-farthest distance in Big 12 Championship history. The title becomes K-State's fifth hammer throw win in 12 Big 12 Championships.

With four of the seven events completed, Nebraska's Megan Wheatley leads the women's heptathlon after day one with 3,407 points. She nearly swept all four events by placing first in the high jump, shot put and 200-meter dash and was just edged out in the 100-meter hurdles by teammate Megan Wheatley, who is currently in second.

The men's decathlon is halfway completed and has created a tight race at the top of the standings. With 4,164 points through five events, Nick Adcock (Missouri) holds a one-point lead over Rok Derzanic (Kansas State). Adcock won the 400-meter dash while Derzanic took top honors in the long jump. Texas' Donovan Kilmartin, the 2006 Big 12 Champion, is currently in fourth place.

In the final event of the day, Iowa State's Lisa Koll cruised to her second consecutive 10,000 meter title with a time of 35 minutes, 59.28 seconds. She completed the race 17 seconds ahead of second-place finisher Lara Crofford (Nebraska), who posted a time of 36:16.18. Koll is currently ranked second in the nation behind Sally Kipyego of Texas Tech. The Colorado men dominated the men's 10,000 meter race by placing five of its six competitors in the top five spots. The five Buffs all finished within five seconds of each other with Kenyon Neuman leading the way with a time 30:40.78.

Ticket packages are available online at cubuffs.com. All-Session passes are \$10 while Adult Single Session passes are available for \$6. Senior (55 & up) and Student (13-18) single session tickets are \$5 and youth single session (12 & under) are available for \$2.

For complete results visit the big12sports.com or cubuffs.com.

MEN'S TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Colorado (33), 2. Missouri (20), 3. Kansas (11), 4. Nebraska (7), 5. Iowa State (3), 6. Texas (3) 7. Oklahoma (1)

WOMEN'S TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Texas A&M (24), 2. Kansas State (20), 3. Nebraska (18), 4. Iowa State (16), 5. Missouri (12),
6. Texas Tech (10), 7. Kansas (6), 7. Oklahoma State (6), 9. Oklahoma (3), 10. Baylor (2)

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