

Sports

Cycling team battles mud in Banner Elk

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The Cycling team concluded the mountain bike season at the USA Cycling Collegiate Mountain Bike Championships in Banner Elk, NC this week.

Over 200 cyclists from across the nation descended on this small mountain town to race on a course that competitors described as a "mud hole."

Riders from 30 schools competed in the events of the weekend, which included men's and women's cross country (XC), short track (STXC), downhill (DH), and dual slalom (DS) events in both Division I and II. BC competes in DII.

Men in the 20-mile XC event battled what all contestants described as one of the worst race courses they had ever ridden. The five mile course was built recently, and as a result the surface was



comprised largely of soft dirt that the rains of the previous week had turned into slick, deep mud.

For even the advanced riders something in the neighborhood of 70 to 85

percent of the muddy course was un-rideable. Racer Tristan Cowie stated that he "definitely ran more than [he] rode."

While the course was in poor condition, those conditions treated all competitors equally, and Cowie emerged from the mud with a second place finish in the men's XC, a performance that showed the strength of BC's young cycling team. Matt St. Marie and Gattis Tyler also competed in the XC event.

The men's XC was followed by the women's 15-mile event, with Johanna Tuttle and Nan Pugh representing BC and delivering strong performances.

The Downhill event was held at the nearby Sugar Mountain Ski resort, where a course featuring over 1200 feet of vertical descent over a mile and a half challenged riders with

drops, jumps, and other technical features.

Short track and Dual slalom events were held on the Lees-McRae College campus. The STXC race was held on a 1-mile course, with riders competing head to head for a set amount of time. Cowie and Tuttle again delivered strong performances with top ten finishes in the men's and women's event, respectively.

Dual slalom is much like the skiing event of the same name, with two riders at a time starting from a "gate" and descending a course with banked turns, jumps, bumps, and sometimes other features. Danny Cesare, Tyler, and Tuttle represented competed in the DS race.

While this is the last mountain bike race of the season, the cycling team still has road races later in the year to train for. Team members expect the cycling team to continue grow and become more competitive in the future.

Volleyball aces Queens, falls short against Mars Hill

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Queens was no match for Brevard as they were aced 30-17, 30-24 and 30-19. The leaders of this game were senior Marquessa Chappell with 12 kills and sophomore Brooke Seaman with 9 kills, 1 block and 1 block assist. Jami Perry, a junior had 22 set assists to go along with her

.445 hitting percentage (6 kills).

On the defensive side, senior Brittany Holliday had 11 digs and is now the Brevard College All-Time Career Digs Leader!

However, Mars Hill was not such an easy task for BC. They ended up losing the game 28-30, 30-26, 21-30 and 24-30. The leaders of the game were senior

Marquessa Chappell with 20 kills and sophomore Brooke Seaman with 18 kills. Jami Perry, a junior had 54 set assists. Senior Brittany Holliday and freshman Rebecca Schoonover combined had 46 digs.

The next home game is this Saturday at 3 p.m. Please come out and support our volleyball team.

Intramural Flag Football Update

Dynasty is in 1st place.

Tyler Wilson is the leading Quarterback with 4 touchdown passes.

Tim Colgrove of HUH and Seth Corliss of Dynasty are the leading receivers.

Ryan Toney of the Bandits is the leading rusher thus far.