

# Cycling 'Threeppeat'!

## *BC brings home 3rd straight national mountain bike title*

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BC's Cycling Team dominated the Division II National Championships, bringing home their third consecutive title, placing in every event and taking home titles in nearly every race.

Allison Arensman and Cypress Gorry won the short track cross country as well as the cross country events. Logan Mulally won the men's downhill while Sarah Hill finished second place in the women's downhill race. Walker Shaw took first place in the men's and Hill and Samantha Miranda took second and third respectively in the women's downhill and dual slalom events.

The Tornados were crowned champions in the team relay event, clocking in over a minute before the next competitor, a time that would have placed the team second among all NCAA racers. Notably, Warren Wilson finished fifth and conference foe Mars Hill seventh in DII.

Shaw and Gorry finished with the top two men's Individual Omnium Scores and Hill topped the women's standings. Samantha and Nicole Miranda finished fifth and sixth in the DII standings.

Champions are not made overnight. Preparation for Collegiate MTB Nationals Weekend began over the summer for many on the BC cycling team. The team won the home season opener, which included major DI schools, and have since been developing technique and endurance to culminate in the season finale last weekend in Beech Mountain, NC.

Teamwork is an important part of any sport, although less apparent in cycling, the BC cyclist have embraced the team culture giving them an added advantage over other competitors.

"Whether it was my team mates helping as mechanics and supporters or coaches driving out late at night to ensure we had a delicious breakfast in the morning, the people around us helped keep our stress levels down and our focus on point. All we had to think about was racing the best we could, and I couldn't be more thankful for a team like that," Hill said.

BC Cycling continues to be a powerhouse



Walter Shaw speeds by for the downhill win

Courtesy Weldon Weaver/USA Cycling



Sarah Hill smiles after another strong finish

Courtesy Weldon Weaver/USA Cycling

in the collegiate cycling world. Members of the team have access to train in ideal conditions year round for both mountain and road biking giving the Tornados another advantage over schools in a flat or urban environment.

With most of the team returning next year and their winning streak still going strong, it is hard

not to put the Tornados Cycling team atop any pre-season poll for next year. The road bike season is approaching as well and they will be looking to keep pace with the mountain bikers and bring home another title of their own.

I believe we can safely refer to the BC Cycling Team as a "DYNASTY."