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GOLDEN SUNS CROSS COUNTRY FINISHES 13TH OUT OF 41 TEAMS AT 21ST-ANNUAL MISSOURI SOUTHERN STAMPEDE

JOPLIN, Missouri – Arkansas Tech Women’s Cross Country continued its season here Saturday by finishing 13th out of 41 teams at the 21st-Annual Missouri Southern Stampede held at the MSUU Cross Country Course.

Tech, who is ranked third in the latest USTFCCCA NCAA D-II South Region Poll, scored 446 points to finish nine points in front of 14th place Drury (455 points) and 17 points behind 12th place Oklahoma Baptist (429 points). Tech was 11th among the non-NCAA Division I teams at Saturday’s meet.

University of Arkansas (23 points) as the Lady Razorbacks had its top five runners finish in the Top 10 of the 5,000-meter race to take home the team title. Missouri Southern, the host school, finished second as they scored 45 points and Dallas Baptist scored 136 points to finish in third place.

Bailee Miller (Dover, Ark.), the two-time Gulf South Conference Women’s Cross Country Runner of the Week, continued her impressive freshman campaign for the Golden Suns as she ran a time of 18:08 to finish in 16th place overall. The 18:08 time is the fourth fastest 5,000-meter time in school history and Miller’s fastest time of the season.

Arkansas’ Miranda Walker ran the course in a time of 17:23 to take home first place honors. Walker’s teammate, Alyssa Allison, ran a time of 17:30 to finish in second place and Missouri Southern’s Kimi Shank ran the course in a time of 17:36 to finish in third place.

In addition to Miller, senior **Melissa Pollreis** (Gravette, Ark.) ran the 5,000-meter course in a time of 19:00 to finish 51st overall, while junior **Lauren Karnitz** (DeSoto, Kan.) ran a season-best 5K time of 20:01 to finish in 104th place overall and junior **Michelle Pollreis** (Gravette, Ark.) was the fourth Tech finisher as she ran a time of 20:31 to finish in 148th place. Sophomore **Jenna Siebenmorgen** (Fort Smith, Ark.) ran a season-best time of 20:56 to finish in 183rd place overall and junior **Stormi Richardson** (Lumberton, Texas) ran a time of 21:13 to finish in 213th place.

Tech will now take two weeks off before returning to action on Saturday, Oct. 10, when they travel to Searcy, Ark., to compete in the Harding Bison Stampede.

TECH WOMEN – INDIVIDUAL

Place	Name	Time	Team Points
16	Bailee Miller	18:08	16
51	Melissa Pollreis	19:00	48
104	Lauren Karnitz	20:01	95

148	Michelle Pollreis	20:31	129
183	Jenna Siebenmorgen	20:56	158
213	Stormi Richardson	21:13	179

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