

PLYMOUTH STATE UNIVERSITY



2022 National Collegiate Skiing Championship Notes

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Head Coach Trevor Hamilton



Trevor Hamilton was named the head men's and women's ski coach in August 2019. In his brief time atop the program, the Panthers have seen incredible success. PSU has had 11 skiers qualify for the National Collegiate Skiing Championships in his three seasons, including a full team of six racers in 2021 for the first time in program history.

Hamilton also produced the first two NCAA All-Americans in school history at last year's championship when then-junior Mathilde Nelles finished fifth in the women's GS, and classmate Hunter Watson placed ninth in the men's slalom.

Hamilton's men had at least one top-15 finisher in all but one race this year, with the women appearing in the top-15 in all but two. The women were particularly strong in the slalom at the Colby College Carnival on Jan. 16, when they placed three racers in the top-12 and finished second as a team.

Franny MacDonald

North Vancouver, British Columbia



FRAN-ee / mick-DON-uld

Missed 2021 season recovering from injury ... ranked 13th in SL and 17th in GS in EISA ... PSU's top finisher in five of her eight races ... six top-15 finishes, two top-fives ... fifth in slaloms at EISA

Championship ... fifth in GS at Colby Carnival (Jan. 14) wearing bib 60 ... tenth in SL at Colby Carnival (Jan. 16) ... first championship appearance ... Nursing major ... co-captain

Mathilde Nelles

Malmedy, Belgium



Muh-TILL-duh / NELL-ess

All-American in GS (fifth-place finish) at 2021 Championships ... ranked 9th in SL and 34th in GS in EISA ... PSU's top finisher in five of her ten races ... four top-15 finishes, three top-tens (all in SL) ... fourth in SL at Colby Carnival (Jan.

16) ... seventh in SL at EISA Championships ... ninth in SL at NCAA Qualifier on Feb. 11 ... second championship appearance ... Exercise & Sport Physiology major

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Plymouth State University National Collegiate Skiing Championship History

Giant Slalom (Men)

11th, Hunter Watson (2021)
15th, Cooper Yates (2021)
16th, Hunter Watson (2020)
17th, Karl Kuus (2018)
21st, Karl Kuus (2019)

Slalom (Men)

9th, Hunter Watson (2021)
11th, Karl Kuus (2017)
13th, Cooper Yates (2021)
22nd, Max Martin (2014)
23rd, Dawson Hill (2021)
23rd, Takehiro Watanabe (2015)

Appearances (Men)

4, Karl Kuus (17, 18, 19, 20)
3, Cooper Yates (18, 20, 21)
2, Hunter Watson (20, 21)
2, Max Martin (14, 16)
1, Dawson Hill (21)
1, Takehiro Watanabe (15)

All-America (Men)

Hunter Watson, SL, 2021 (2nd Team)

Giant Slalom (Women)

5th, Mathilde Nelles (2021)
19th, Freydis Einarsdottir (2017)
23rd, Gigi Quimby (2021)
28th, Freydis Einarsdottir (2018)

Slalom (Women)

12th, Freydis Einarsdottir (2016)
15th, Freydis Einarsdottir (2017)
22nd, Carmela Olmo (2021)
26th, Freydis Einarsdottir (2018)

Appearances (Women)

3, Freydis Einarsdottir (16, 17, 18)
2, Mathilde Nelles (21, 22)
1, Franny MacDonald (22)
1, Carmela Olmo (21)
1, Gigi Quimby (21)

All-America (Women)

Mathilde Nelles, GS, 2021 (1st Team)