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There were 188 women in the NAIA Seminole Valley Stampede at Seminole Valley Park in Cedar Rapids Saturday, but none of them could catch Vanessa Cortes of Mount Mercy.

Cortes, a senior from Bakersfield, Calif., blazed to victory in the 5K race in 18 minutes, 41.5 seconds, topping Olivia Couch of Dordt by 7.3 seconds.

Mount Mercy finished a robust second out of 20 teams in the women's race behind Dordt. Kelsi Huhndorf placed 12th for the Mustangs, Andrea Ertz 16th, Emily Erickson 19th and McKenna Johnson 50th.

This was the second major championship in a row for Cortes. She also captured first place in the Fighting Bee Invitational Oct. 12.

The Mount Mercy men's cross country team finished seventh out of 20 teams in their race. Jacob Blackmon led the Mustangs in 28th place in the 8K stampede in 26 minutes, 19.0 seconds.

St. Mary (Kan.) won the men's title. Paul Becker of St. Mary won the race in 24:54.3.

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WOMEN'S RESULTS

Team Standings

1. Dordt 62, 2. Mount Mercy 91, 3. St. Ambrose 116, 4. St. Mary (Kan.) 118, 5. Judson 134, 6. Baker 136, 7. Missouri Baptist 147, 8. Central Methodist 256, 9. Concordia (Mich.) 280, 10. Viterbo 284, 11. Clarke 315, 12. Trinity International 323, 13. Dakota Wesleyan 325, 14. Grand View 381, 15. William Penn 409, 16. Haskell Indian 438, 17. Valley City State 446, 18. Roosevelt 497, 19. Cardinal Stritch 532, 20. Governors State 628.

Mount Mercy - 1. Vanessa Cortes 18:41.5, 12. Kelsi Huhndorf 19:21.6, 16. Andrea Ertz 19:29.1, 19. Emily Erickson 19:33.2, 50. McKenna Johnson 20:39.5, 56. Hallie Kephart 20:48.9, 62. Mady Roth 20:52.8.



MEN'S RESULTS

Team Standings

1. St. Mary (Kan.) 25, 2. Baker 67, 3. Dordt 79, 4. Missouri Valley 130, 5. Central Methodist 182, 6. Grand View 191, 7. Mount Mercy 199, 8. Viterbo 221, 9. Haskell Indian 255, 10. St. Ambrose 255, 11. Missouri Baptist 349, 12. Dakota Wesleyan 356, 13. Waldorf 374, 14. Cardinal Stritch 389, 15. Trinity International 430, 16. Clarke 434, 17. Briar Cliff 467, 18. William Penn 469, 19. Governors State 573, 20. Roosevelt 594.

28. Jacob Blackmon 26:19.0, 34. Cameron Steffens 26:34.0, 48. Aaron Golding 27:08.8, 63. Oscar Lopez 27:41.2, 70. Sayed Opeyany 27:52.8, 87. Chase Kress 28:25.5, 101. Jasper Severn 28:53.1.