

## **MSU CYCLING TEAM DOMINATES BAYLOR RACE WEEKEND**

WACO, Texas -- Midwestern State University cyclists dominated the competition at three races sponsored by Baylor University last weekend.

Sheri Jordan won all three events in the Women's Category B competition as well as the overall title in that category. Bryan Zurlo won two individual events and finished second in another as he captured the overall title in Men's Category C.

Midwestern's Category A Men's team put five riders in the top eight spots in the overall competition in that category. Junior Adam Biwan was second, freshman Jarred Gilker was third, senior Dominic Van Nielen was fourth, senior Todd Campbell was seventh and senior Brian Wyrick finished eighth.

In the women's field, Ivana Miucic, who returned to MSU this fall to pursue a master's degree in biology, finished second overall and was second in each of the three individual races. Miucic was part of two national championship team time trial teams while she was an undergraduate here. Several of MSU's other women did not compete in the Baylor races due to injuries.

"I'm very pleased at the depth that we showed in the Men's Category A race, even though we didn't win the overall title," said Coach Gary Achterberg. "We worked well together as a team, particularly in the last race where we mounted an aggressive effort to move Dominic up in the overall standings.

"I'm also extremely proud of the effort and results that our riders displayed in the entry-level categories," he added. "Sheri and Bryan have been training very hard -- and the results show that their work has paid off."

More than 100 riders from universities across Texas competed in the three-race weekend, which started with a road race Saturday morning in Clifton. That afternoon, riders competed in a 13-mile time trial in Crawford. Sunday's competition was a second road race, this time outside of Moody.

"This is the best turnout of riders for the Category A men that I've seen in my three seasons here," Achterberg said. "While it definitely forces our athletes to rise to the occasion, I'm glad to see the activity and interest in collegiate racing at other schools. It makes the competition better and more fun for everybody."

The other MSU riders who competed last weekend were: Allison Furini, Chris Strader, David Van Akkeren, Greg Saxon, Joseph Solis and Jared Teel.

This was the only road competition on the fall collegiate schedule. The spring promises a full travel schedule, including a number of collegiate events. MSU will sponsor a three-race weekend in the Wichita Falls area, probably sometime in April.