

Nanooks rifle team sets program marks

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FAIRBANKS — For the second time this season, the Alaska Nanooks rifle team has set a new program record. The No. 2 Nanooks shot 4,702 as they beat No. 1 Kentucky Saturday at the E.F. Horton Rifle Range.

The Wildcats shot 4,671 as a team and were handed their first loss of the season.

The Nanooks won smallbore 2,337-2,317 and air rifle 2,365-2,354.

The Nanooks set the previous record of 4,694 on Oct. 13 against then-No. 14 University of Mississippi.

The Nanooks 2,337 in smallbore tied for the high score among all teams this season. West Virginia also shot a 2,337 against Army in October.

In smallbore, the top three Nanooks (5-0) shooters all recorded higher scores than all four Wildcats (5-1) shooters.

“Alaska is a great program. Today’s performance was the first time a team has broken 4,700 this year,” Wildcats head coach Harry Mullins said in a University Kentucky press release. “You can tell from their body language that they’ve been working very hard and seem focused right now. As expected, they’re definitely going to be a strong competitor for the national championship.”

Tim Sherry led the way in smallbore, shooting 588. Mats Eriksson shot 587 and Ryan Anderson shot 582. All three scores were higher than the Wildcats’ top score of 581, shot by Connor Davis.

Lorelie Stanfield also shot 580 in smallbore for the Nanooks.

Tied with Davis for the Wildcats lead in smallbore was Aaron Holsopple, who also shot 581. Emily Holsopple shot 579 and Heather Kirby added a 576 for the Wildcats.

Sonya May shot a 575 for the Wildcats but did not factor into the team score.

Anderson led the Nanooks with a 594 in air rifle, followed closely by Mike Liuzza at 592. Sherry shot a 591 and Eriksson rounded out the Nanooks’ team score with a 588.

Stanfield also shot a 573 in air rifle.

Davis also led the Wildcats in air rifle, shooting a 593. He was followed by Elijah Ellis at 588, Kirby at 586, and May at 587 to round out the team score.

Emily Holsopple shot a 575 for the Wildcats.

The Nanooks and Wildcats are back it today. The shooting begins at 9 a.m. at the E.F Horton Rifle Range in the Patty Center.

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