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Mountain biking off to strong start

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The Milligan College mountain biking squad had a successful opening weekend at East Tennessee State University, posting four top-10 finishes.

"Overall, this weekend was productive," said Buffs coach Brad Hill. "We were shown where we needed to work to improve. As always the team at ETSU did a great job of creating a difficult opening weekend for the conference. We will take the next two weeks to work hard and I expect a strong showing in Georgia in two weeks."

Brandon Jones led the charge with a sixth place finish in the men's "C" short track event. Also in the men's "C" short track event, freshman Corey Smith finished ninth in his Milligan debut.

Ethan Quisenberry opened his sophomore campaign in excellent fashion as he moved to the men's "A" events in downhill and dual slalom. Quisenberry finished 11th in the dual slalom and 20th in the downhill event.

In the men's "B" short-track, Micah Redden and Jared Abel finished 22nd and 24th, respectively.

On the women's side, Kelly Chism finished her first race as a Buffalo in seventh in the women's "B" short-track. Jeanine Vaszari took ninth in the same event.

Milligan returns to action on Sept. 9-10, in Atlanta, Ga.