



2015 BIG WEST CROSS COUNTRY

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Big West At A Glance

A light weekend is in store for Big West cross country as only three clubs are slated for action this weekend.

Cal State Fullerton and UC Irvine will both head north to compete in the Mustang Invitational hosted by The Master's College. Hawai'i is also in action this week at the Sundogger Invitational, the first time UH will head to the mainland this season. The meet, held in Seattle and hosted by Washington, will feature a field that includes Fresno State, Nevada, Oregon State, Portland State, Seattle, Tulane, Washington State and the host Huskies.

- Last weekend's UC Riverside Invitational saw plenty of quality competition, including some top performances by Big West clubs and athletes.

On the women's side, UC Davis was the highest finishing Big West club as it finished second in the 15-team field. The defending Big West champions were led by Christine Hoffman who ran the 6K in 20:40.1. Her teammate Erika Barr gave the Aggies two top 10 finishers with a ninth place showing in 20:57.7. UCD was one of three clubs to finish in the top five as UC Santa Barbara and the host Highlanders finished third and fourth, respectively. The Gauchos' top finisher was Maxine Goyette (22nd - 21:38.8), while UCR was led by Weslie Totten (13th - 21:20.6).

The men's 8K race saw UC Santa Barbara also finish second to lead Big West competition. The Gauchos were a picture of consistency as their five scoring runners finished 11th, 12th, 13th, 16th and 20th. Anthony Ortolan led the contingent with a time of 24:39.6. UC Davis and Long Beach State also recorded top 5 finishes as the Aggies finished fourth led by Trevor Halstead (11th - 24:38.6), while the 49ers were fifth led by Kevin Ramirez (15th - 24:42.9).

- Cal Poly swept the Fresno State Invitational last weekend as the men put up 33 points and the women 37 points for their wins. The men were led by Swapnil Boyal who won the individual crown in the 6K race in 18:08.9. The Mustangs' women contingent was paced by Ashley Windsor who finished third in the 4.2K race in 14:16.6.
- Several Big West clubs are listed among the top teams in the region. On the men's side, UC Santa Barbara leads the way with a ninth place ranking, while Cal Poly comes in at No. 11 and UC Davis at No. 15. The women's regional rankings has UC Davis as the highest ranked Big West team at eighth, with Cal Poly at 11th.
- After thirty-plus years as a coach, including the last dozen with the Highlanders, UC Riverside Director of Cross Country and Track & Field Irv Ray, announced that he is retiring from intercollegiate coaching. Associate Head Coach Nate Browne, who has been with the program since 2003, will take over the program on an interim basis.

Ray was instrumental in UCR's ascension to the top of the Big West as the year prior to Ray's arrival on the Riverside campus, the women's cross country team finished ninth in the conference and the men's team finished eighth. Five years later, the women's team hoisted the 2008 Big West Conference Championship trophy, and the men came within two points of a second place finish. That 2008 women's title was capped by Ray being named the Big West Coach of the Year.

Big West Athletes Of The Week

MEN				WOMEN			
Date	Athlete	School	Year	Date	Athlete	School	Year
9/8	Bryan Guijarro	UC Santa Barbara	Sr.	9/8	Sydney Szabo	Cal Poly	So.
9/15	Cody Jordan	UC Riverside	Sr.	9/15	Christine Hoffman	UC Davis	Sr.
9/22				9/22			
9/29				9/29			
10/6				10/6			
10/13				10/13			
10/20				10/20			
10/27				10/27			



In The Polls

USTFCCCA National Poll (as of September 15, 2015)

Men	Women
1. Colorado (12)	1. New Mexico (8)
2. Stanford	2. Iowa State (3)
3. Syracuse	3. Colorado
4. Wisconsin	4. Michigan State (1)
5. Oklahoma State	5. Georgetown
6. Villanova	6. Stanford
7. Oregon	7. Oregon
8. Iona	8. Providence
9. Virginia	9. Arkansas
10. Indiana	10. Wisconsin
11. Michigan	11. West Virginia
12. Northern Arizona	12. Michigan
13. UCLA	13. William & Mary
14. Brigham Young	14. Washington
15. Mississippi	15. Virginia
16. Georgetown	16. N.C. State
17. Arkansas	17. Syracuse
18. Furman	18. Penn State
19. North Carolina	19. Boise State
20. New Mexico	20. Notre Dame
21. Washington	21. North Carolina
22. Eastern Kentucky	22. Vanderbilt
23. Arizona State	23. Villanova
24. Colorado State	24. Brigham Young
25. Providence	25. Dartmouth
26. Iowa State	26. Minnesota
27. Florida State	27. Texas
28. Michigan State	28. Oklahoma State
29. California	29. Princeton
30. Portland	30. California

USTFCCCA - West Region (as of September 14, 2015)

Men	Women
1. Stanford	1. Stanford
2. Oregon	2. Oregon
3. UCLA	3. Washington
4. Arizona State	4. Boise State
5. Washington	5. California
6. California	6. UCLA
7. Portland	7. Arizona State
8. Boise State	8. UC Davis
9. UC Santa Barbara	9. Portland
10. Cal Poly	10. Gonzaga
11. Gonzaga	11. Cal Poly
12. Washington State	12. Eastern Washington
13. Arizona	13. San Francisco
14. San Jose State	14. Oregon State
15. Saint Mary's	15. Arizona

Big West Conference Cross Country

2015 Big West Cross Country Composite Schedule (as of 9/2/15)

Tuesday, September 1

CSUN at Pepperdine Invitational (Malibu, Calif.)

Friday, September 4

UC Riverside at Nature's Bakery Nevada Twilight Classic (Sparks, Nev.)

Saturday, September 5

Cal Poly at Lagoon Meet (Goleta, Calif.)

Cal State Fullerton at Mark Covert Classic (Brea, Calif.)

CSUN at San Francisco Invitational (San Francisco, Calif.)

Hawai'i at Big Wave Invitational (O'ahu, Hawai'i)

Long Beach State at adidas/UCI Invitational (Irvine, Calif.)

UC Davis at Aggie Open (Davis, Calif.)

UC Irvine at adidas/UCI Invitational (Irvine, Calif.)

UC Santa Barbara at Lagoon Meet (Goleta, Calif.)

Friday, September 11

Cal Poly at Fresno State Invitational (Fresno, Calif.)

Saturday, September 12

CSUN at UC Riverside Invitational (Riverside, Calif.)

Hawai'i at Hawai'i Pacific Invitational (O'ahu, Hawai'i)

Long Beach State at UC Riverside Invitational (Riverside, Calif.)

UC Davis at UC Riverside Invitational (Riverside, Calif.)

UC Riverside at UC Riverside Invitational (Riverside, Calif.)

UC Santa Barbara at UC Riverside Invitational (Riverside, Calif.)

Saturday, September 19

Cal State Fullerton at Mustang Challenge (Santa Clarita, Calif.)

Hawai'i at Sundodger Invitational (Seattle, Wash.)

UC Irvine at Mustang Challenge (Santa Clarita, Calif.)

Saturday, September 26

Cal Poly at Stanford Invitational (Palo Alto, Calif.)

CSUN at Stanford Invitational (Palo Alto, Calif.)

Hawai'i at BYU-Hawai'i Invitational

Long Beach State at Roy Griak Invitational (Falcon Heights, Minn.)

Long Beach State at Coyote Classic (San Bernardino, Calif.)

UC Irvine at Stanford Invitational (Stanford, Calif.)

UC Davis at Stanford Invitational (Palo Alto, Calif.)

UC Riverside at Stanford Invitational (Palo Alto, Calif.)

UC Santa Barbara at Stanford Invitational (Palo Alto, Calif.)

Saturday, October 3

Cal State Fullerton at Pomona-Pitzer Invitational (Claremont, Calif.)

Cal State Fullerton at Rim Rock Farm Classic (Lawrence, Kan.)

Hawai'i at Hornet Jamboree (Sacramento, Calif.)

UC Davis at Hornet Jamboree (Sacramento, Calif.)

Saturday, October 10

Hawai'i at Chaminade Invitational

Saturday, October 17

Cal Poly at Cal Poly Invitational (San Luis Obispo, Calif.)

Cal Poly at Pre-National Invitational (Louisville, Ky.)

Cal State Fullerton at Highlander Invitational (Riverside, Calif.)

CSUN at Highlander Invitational (Riverside, Calif.)

Hawai'i at Bronco Invitational (Boise, Idaho)

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UC Santa Barbara at Pre-National Invitational (Louisville, Ky.)

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Friday, October 23

Cal State Fullerton at Titan Invitational (Fullerton, Calif.)

UC Santa Barbara at Titan Invitational (Fullerton, Calif.)

Saturday, October 31

Big West Conference Championship (Riverside, Calif.)

Saturday, November 7

UC Davis at Doc Adams Open (Davis, Calif.)

Friday, November 13

NCAA West Regional Championship (Seattle, Wash.)

Saturday, November 21

NCAA Championship (Louisville, Ky.)