



2015 BIG WEST CROSS COUNTRY

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Big West At A Glance

The first big race weekend of the 2015 season is coming as several meets will test the early season mettle of the Big West cross country clubs.

Six clubs will participate in the prestigious Stanford Invitational this weekend. Cal Poly, CSUN, UC Irvine, UC Davis and UC Santa Barbara will be among 37 colleges competing in the 42nd annual race. The men will run an 8K, while the women's will participate in a 6K. The competition will be crowded at 3,397 runners have declared for the event.

Long Beach State may not be traveling to the Bay Area but they will compete in another big event in the nation's heartland. The 49er runners will compete in the Roy Griak Invitational, a race hosted by the University of Minnesota. The 30th edition of this race will carry a bit more significance as eight inductees will be honored in the inaugural class of the Roy Griak Hall of Fame. The 49ers will also send a squad to the Coyote Classic in San Bernardino to wrap up a busy weekend.

Don't forget to turn your attention to the islands to catch Hawai'i in action. The 'Bows are in action at the BYU-Hawai'i Invitational. The event will be on the picturesque north shore on the campus of BYU-Hawai'i in La'ie. UH will participate in the women's 5K in their return to competition following a ninth place showing at the Sundodger Invitational in Seattle last weekend.

• Hawai'i earned its first cross country weekly award since 2011 last week as Camille Campos was named the Athlete of the Week. The freshman from Bakersfield finished in 35th at the Sundodger Invitational in 22:14.83, the first 6K she has run in her collegiate career. This marks the first time UH has claimed a weekly honor as a member of the Big West as the previous honor came as a member of the WAC.

• Last week the UC Irvine women came in 10th at the Mustang Invitational, while their counterparts were 15th. The women were led by freshman Lisa Vasquez who completed the 5K in 18:52.02. The 'Eater men finished 15th in the competition led by junior Jake Williams. The junior wrapped up the 8K in 27:08.13 to lead the UCI contingent.

• 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 an 10th place ranking, while Cal Poly comes in at No. 11. 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	Jose Penalosa	Cal State Fullerton	Jr.	9/22	Camille Campos	Hawai'i	Fr.
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 22, 2015)

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

USTFCCCA - West Region (as of September 21, 2015)

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

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)

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

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

UC Santa Barbara at Bronco Invitational (Boise, Idaho)

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.)