



# 2015 BIG WEST CROSS COUNTRY

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### Big West At A Glance

Three clubs will open the October slate this weekend, beginning the stretch run to the Big West Championships at the end of the month.

Cal State Fullerton is slated for double duty this weekend as the Titans will send runners to the Pomona-Pitzer Invitational in Claremont and the Rim Rock Farm Classic in Lawrence, Kan. The other two teams in competition will be going to the same meet as UC Davis and Hawai'i will compete at the Hornet Jamboree in Sacramento.

- The Cal Poly men's and women's teams both earned top-three finishes at the 42nd annual Stanford Cross Country Invitational.

The Mustang men finished third with 97 points, led by junior Swarnjit Boyal's eight place finish after the 8K in 24:01.1. Boyal's time was part of a tight pack of runners in the top 10 as he finished just 54 seconds behind the top finisher. It also marked the third straight race that Boyal finished as Cal Poly's top runner.

On the women's side, Cal Poly's 65 points was second only to nationally-ranked Stanford's 44 points among the 30 teams in action. Freshman Peyton Bilo led the team, and all Big West runners, with a seventh place finish after running the 6K in 20:56.0. She led a pack of runners that also picked up two other top 15 finishers in sophomores Molly Haar (13th - 21:12.7) and Sydney Szabo (14th - 21:14.7).

- There were several other top performances at the Stanford Invitational around the league. In the men's race, UC Riverside's Cody Jordan finished 10th in 24:04.4, the only non-Cal Poly runner to post a top 10 finish. UC Irvine's Isaiah Thompson (12th - 24:08.9) was the only other league runner outside of the Mustangs to post a top 20 finish.

Two Big West runners outside of Cal Poly also finished in the top 20 in the women's 6K. Faith Makau of UC Riverside was 19th in 21:19.3, while UC Davis' Erika Barr came in 20th at 21:22.6.

- 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 an 10th place ranking, while Cal Poly comes in at No. 11 and Long Beach State at No. 14. The women's regional rankings has Cal Poly as the highest ranked Big West team at eighth, with UC Davis at 13th.

- 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 Penalozza	Cal State Fullerton	Jr.	9/22	Camille Campos	Hawai'i	Fr.
9/29	Swarnjit Boyal	Cal Poly	Jr.	9/29	Peyton Bilo	Cal Poly	Fr.
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 29, 2015)

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

#### USTFCCCA - West Region (as of September 28, 2015)

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



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## 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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### 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.)